

The Worshipful Master's Collar

All Past Masters are reminded that the Worshipful Master's collar is to be worn only by the WM, he is the only one entitled to wear it. If the W.M. is absent, the I.P.M. or P.M. or Warden, who presides in his stead, does not wear the collar and jewel of the W.M. (This would also apply to the apron of the WM, if it contains the jewel of his office on the front)

Also, a W.M. only wears his collar:

- 1) Within his own lodge.
- 2) When conducting a Divine Service.
- 3) When conducting a Memorial Service.
- 4) When attending a Grand Lodge Communication.
- 5) When attending an Official Visit with the DDGM in the district to which each belongs.
- 6) When attending a Divine Service conducted by the DDGM.

The collar is not worn in the banquet room, or when visiting another lodge for any purpose not listed above, (e.g. Installations, Degree Teams, etc.).

(Protocol & Etiquette Essentials Issue No. 32)

If a Past Grand Lodge Officer is elected to the Office of WM - he is invested with the collar of office, having divested himself of the Grand Lodge collar. Collars should never be "stacked" and there is no "symbolic investiture."

(Ceremony of Installation & Investiture of Officers of a Lodge 2019, p.120)

"7. The Worshipful Master does not surrender the collar and the jewel of his office when he vacates the chair for part of a meeting."

"8. If the W.M. is absent, the I.P.M. or P.M. or Warden who presides in his stead does not wear the collar and jewel of the W.M."

"9. The W.M. does not wear his collar and jewel outside his Lodge, except when conducting a Memorial Service or for a Divine Service, also for Grand Lodge or

District functions convened by the G.M., D.G.M. or the D.D.G.M. (This includes the official visits of the D.D.G.M.)

(Meeting the Challenge, pp.93-94)

As the WM of your Lodge, there are only a few instances in which you can wear the WM's collar outside of your lodge. Take advantage of those situations and wear your collar to those events, this visibly shows your support of the DDGM and/or the occasion, to the brethren in the room.

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