

Bro. this badge, like the first you received, we still regard as the emblem of purity, the bond of friendship and peace.

It is adorned with blue in allusion to the regal sapphire K.S. bestowed on the craft, as we are told that our ancient brethren, like those of the present day, never clothed or adorned themselves except in the royal colours of blue, red, purple and scarlet.

It is enriched with silver in allusion to the password leading to this degree. T.C. was, as you are no doubt aware, the F.A. in M. and it is said that his greatest boon to mankind was when he made the first plough share.

These two lengths of ribbon are to shew all M.M. that you have passed through the pillars of stability and are now in possession of the full secrets of a M.M. duly raised to that degree on the F.P.O.F.

The three rosettes represent the three who rule a Lodge, the five points, one at each corner and one at the peak of the flap, represent the five who hold a Lodge, and the seven who make it perfect are here represented by the seven strands of your tassels.

The triangular position of the rosettes is to remind you of the equal position of our three G.M's who are now represented by the W.M. and his W's as triune rulers, whose position and duties are separate from each other and yet as the points of a triangle, each pointing in a different direction, are united in forming a perfect figure so are the W.M. and his W's equally zealous in the well ruling and governing of the Lodge.