

*Grand stewards.*—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver, and silver tassels.

*Grand officers of the grand lodge, past and present.*—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold, and gold tassels, with the emblems of their offices, in gold or blue, in the centre.

The apron of the grand master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the deputy grand master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

In the grand lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals, where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand officers wear chains of gold or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions, collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the grand lodge are, in the grand lodge or at any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars, and in private lodges, collars either embroidered or plain.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge, and be transmitted to the grand secretary, to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the grand master may issue a dispensation, authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the grand lodge.

The following is the form of petition :—