

# The Lodge of Perfection

## 12th Degree - Master Architect

MASTER ARCHITECT  
TWELFTH DEGREE



The apron is white, lined and bordered with blue, and fringed with gold. On the flap is embroidered a protractor; and in the middle of the body a plain scale, a sector and the compasses, arranged to form a triangle. The colors are to remind us of the degrees of the Symbolic Lodge, the foundation of Masonry.

The cordon is a broad, blue watered ribbon, worn from the left shoulder to the right hip.

The jewel is a heptagonal medal of gold. On one side, in each angle is a five pointed star, enclosed by a semicircle. In the center, on the same side, is an equilateral triangle, formed by arcs of circles. On the reverse side are five columns, representing the different orders of architecture, arranged from left to right, with the initial of the proper order below each, in old English letters - [T]uscan, [D]oric, [I]onic, [C]orinthian, [C]omposite. Above these columns are a sector and a slide-rule; below them, the three kinds of compasses, the plain scale and the parallel ruler. Between the second and third and the third and fourth columns are Phoenician letters equivalent to the English or Roman letters 'R' and 'B'. These letters have two meanings, one exoteric and the other esoteric. The exoteric meaning all may know; it is simply the initials of *Rab Benaim*, the Semitic name for the degree. You should pay particular attention to the symbolic meanings of the jewel and

its designs in the ritual.

### DUTIES

Seek wisdom through knowledge.

### LESSONS

Wisdom is a gift from God and should be preferred over riches.

Wisdom and knowledge bring honor, discretion and understanding.

Wisdom teaches the knowledge of God.

Wisdom enables immortality.

### FOR REFLECTION

Are you in control of your life?

### IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

Architects Tools.