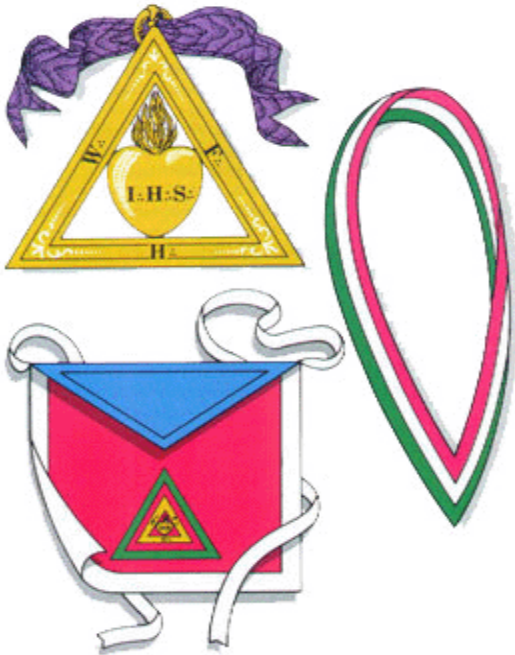


Council of Kadosh

26th Degree - Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian

PRINCE OF MERCY
TWENTY-SIXTH DEGREE



The apron is scarlet, with a wide border of white. In the center is an equilateral triangle formed of green bars. In the center of this is the jewel, embroidered in gold. The flap is sky-blue. The colors green, red and white symbolize the Masonic Trinity. Green is an emblem of the infinite wisdom; red of the supreme energy, force or power; and white, produced by the mingling of all colors, of the divine harmony.

The cordon is a broad tri-colored ribbon, green, white and red, worn from right to left.

The jewel is an equilateral triangle, of gold bars, with a flaming heart of gold in the center. On the heart are the letters 'I', 'H', 'S'; and on the respective sides of the triangle 'W' on the right, 'F' on the left, and 'H' at the bottom. This jewel is suspended from a small collar of a narrow, watered purple ribbon and hangs on the breast. The last three letters stand for wisdom, force and harmony; the first three are traditional Christian initials for Iesus Hominum Salvator (the letters 'J' and 'I' are interchangeable in Latin) but which may also be read as Sapientia, Imperium, Harmonia. Thus, their Masonic meaning is the same meaning as the three upon the bars.

DUTIES

Practice mercy (forgiveness).

Be tolerant.

Be devoted to the teaching and diffusion of the true principles of Masonry.

LESSONS

The trinity of Deity belongs to no single religion.

The truths of Masonry are contained within the religions of the world.

FOR REFLECTION

"What is truth?" (Pontius Pilate, John 18:38)

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

The numbers 3 and 9, triple interlaced triangle (9 pointed star), arrow, tessera or mark, the colors red, green and white.