

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA



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To

The Secretaries of all daughter Lodges

Dear Sir and R/V/W/Brother,

During his various visits to the meetings of daughter Lodges and the Regional Grand Lodges, M.W. The Grand Master has observed some inappropriate wearing of regalia as follows:-

- 1) Lodge Officers wearing Grand/Regional Apron with Lodge Officer's Collar or Grand/Regional Officers Collar with Lodge Apron.
- 2) Lodge Officers wearing Lodge Officer's Collar on top of the Grand/Regional Collar.
- 3) Lodge Officers being invested with Lodge Officer's Collar while wearing a Grand/Regional Apron.
- 4) Regional Grand Lodge Officers wearing Grand Officer's collar along with Regional Grand Lodge Apron or vice versa.

The Grand Lodge is of the opinion that this is inappropriate and that the collar should always match the Apron one is wearing. The Grand Lodge, therefore, directs all Lodges, Regional Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Lodge Officers Past and Active as follows:

1. If a Brother holding Grand or Regional rank is getting any office in the Lodge, he should either wear a Past Master's Apron while being invested with the Lodge Officer's Collar, or if he is wearing Grand/Regional regalia at the time of investiture, he should receive the Lodge Officer's Collar in hand, as in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, wearing of a Lodge Officer's Collar on top of a Grand or Regional Collar means disrespect to the Grand/Regional Grand Lodge.

2. Regional Grand Lodge Officers attending Regional Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge or Lodge Meetings should wear the Apron and Collar of the Region only. It is not permitted for the Regional Grand Lodge Officers to wear the Apron of the Region and the Collar of the Grand Lodge or vice versa.
3. Similarly no brother is entitled to wear his Lodge Apron with the Regional or the Grand Lodge Collar.
4. In other words, the Apron and the Collar of a Brother should match each other in all respects.
5. Active Regional and Grand Lodge Officers must wear the Apron and Collar/Chain appropriate to the Office or the Rank to which the Collar or the Chain relates and no other. In other words, the Grand Secretary will wear the Collar of his office and not the Chain of being the Past Dy. Grand Master, while attending any meeting in his official capacity as such.

This Circular should be read in toto in the First Rising for the next 2 meetings as well as circulated by e-mail/post so that no brother pleads ignorance thereof. The same should also be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge Meetings.

With Greetings,

Yours Fraternaly,



VISHAL BAKSHI
Grand Secretary

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 All Board Members
 All Regional Grand Secretaries
 All Active Grand Officers