

# Lambskin Apron

## Rainbow

“Last, but by no means least, we find this miniature Lambskin Apron, in the center of which is a star. I give it to you as your own. It is a sacred symbol that binds. To your father if he were a mason, the Lambskin Apron was sacred; and though you may never fully know it’s meaning, it will be dear to you because he loved it, and to him it was priceless. Keep it always.”

These words we hear but don’t always know what they mean. Because the lamb has for centuries been considered a symbol of innocence, the apron is traditionally made of lambskin, but most we see today are made of white leather.

This apron is the first gift given to a Freemason, and is to be laid to rest with him when he dies. The triangular flap, with its three equal sides, represents the three persons of God:

- Omniscient, which means having total knowledge of all things;
- Omnipotent, which is having unlimited or universal power, authority or force – a being that is all powerful; and
- Omnipresent, which is the fact of God’s being present everywhere and in all things.
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The four equal sides of the apron represent the four great personal virtues that all masons strive for in their personal lives.

1. The first is temperance, or the exercise of moderation in all things.
2. The second is fortitude, or the strength of mind to tolerate the pressures of life.
3. Next, we have the virtue of prudence, which is the right to freely, but carefully make personal judgments in regard to ones actions.
4. And last, is the virtue of justice, metered out fairly for one and all.

The total of seven sides formed by the Apron and the flap are indicative of the seven liberal arts and sciences that are recognized by all Freemasons. These are:

1. Grammar, as it applies to the rules of an art of science;
2. Rhetoric, as the skill of effective speech;
3. Logic, with its powers of reasoning;
4. Arithmetic, which is the science that deals with real numbers and their computations;
5. Geometry, or the science that deals with measurements and their relationships;
6. Music, that lends melody and harmony of life; and astronomy, or the science of the heavens.

These are the basics on which Freemasonry is founded.

The two string ties represent the practice of equality in that they are equal in length. They also stand for the double tie of God and man; the obligation of God toward Man, his creation; and Man’s obligation to God, his creator.

The Masons wear their apron each time they enter their Lodges to remind them of their Masonic Obligations. Each time we as Rainbow Girls look upon our miniature Lambskin Aprons, we should be reminded of our obligation taken at the “White Altar of Holy Promise” before our Maker, sisters and friends to dedicate our lives to Service as represented by the seven color of the Rainbow, and manifested in a life filled with Faith, Hope and Charity.