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DECISION No. 3 - 2026

QUESTION: When a Master Mason's Lodge has been opened for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree on two or more candidates, can the lambskin apron be presented to multiple degree candidates at the same time.

DECISION: Yes. Article 431 specifies that the lecture and charge of the degree may be given to more than one candidate but is silent on the presentation of the lambskin apron. This portion of the degree was not in the original 1858 degree and was formalized in the early ages of the twentieth century. This ceremony occurs after the lecture and charge, which can be given to all candidates, therefore it is proper to make the presentation of the lambskin apron to all candidates at the same time.

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Jim Rumsey
Grand Master



Shrine



Scottish Rite



Grotto



Masonic Lodge



Chapter



Council



Commandery

Masons All