

GENERAL ATTIRE PROTOCOLS  
FOR  
OFFICERS  
ADMINISTRATORS & OFFICIALS

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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## PREFACE

This document has been drafted to communicate the expectations of the Grand Master as they relate to attire of Elected and Appointed Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Administrators, and Officials of the Grand Lodge of Texas when attending a function of the Grand Lodge, representing the Grand Lodge, or conducting the business of the Grand Lodge.

Business and Formal Attire have fallen out of fashion in society. There is a tendency to dress casually for events that should be dressy or formal occasions. It is the position and the expectation of the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge will not lower its standards simply because the profane world has gone casual. All functions and events of the Grand Lodge of Texas shall be business or formal in nature. This includes workshops, forums, exams, committee meetings, trustees' meetings, lodge meetings where a Grand Lodge Officer is received, events where awards are being presented, or any function in the opinion of the Grand Master that warrants such attire.

Not all lodge functions meet these requirements, therefore there are more relaxed options that are outlined in this document when Grand Lodge officials attend these events when not appearing in an official capacity. Please do not disrespect the Grand Lodge by wearing Grand Lodge Regalia when casually attending these functions.

Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Committee Members, Representatives, Administrators, and other Officials may be denied entry or participation in the Grand Lodge event if the worn attire does not conform to the codes of attire prescribed in this document, or in any attire instructions prescribed by the Grand Master, or by the Grand Marshal or Chief of Staff as the Grand Master's designees.

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## GENERAL NOTES ON ATTIRE

1. A coat (tuxedo coat, suit coat, sport coat, or blazer) will be worn at all Grand Lodge functions, and at all lodge functions where you represent the Grand Master.
2. The coat should always be accented with a pocket square.
3. Lapel pins and name badges are not to be worn with a tuxedo coat.
4. Stick pins shall not be worn with a lapel pin.
5. If wearing shoes (instead of boots) socks must always be worn.
6. Boots are not suitable for White-Tie or Black-Tie events.
7. Do not wear a metal banded wristwatch if wearing a shirt with cufflinks.
8. If an event is identified as *PREFERRED*, that it is preferred that you dress in attire suitable for that category, but the approved attire from the next category down may be worn.
9. All shirts must have a collar, except relaxed casual attire.
10. Shirts must be tucked in at all times, except relaxed casual attire.
11. Denim pants (also known as jeans) are not suitable attire for a Grand Lodge Officer at any Masonic event or function at which he will wear regalia or if the Grand Master is present, unless specified.
12. Casual shoes are not suitable attire for a Grand Lodge Officer at any Masonic event or function unless specified.
13. Casual hats are never to be worn indoors.
14. Formal Highland Dress is suitable for Black Tie and Formal events
15. Business Highland Dress is suitable for Business and Relaxed Business events.
16. Lady's Dress Codes are included and should accent the dress of the Grand Lodge Officer.
17. The Attire Code for Grand Lodge Officers will be provided by the Grand Marshal for all functions, events, or meetings.
18. Remember, you represent the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Grand Master at all times.  
When in doubt ask yourself, "What would the Grand Master wear?"
19. **No Grand Lodge Regalia shall be worn if dressed casual or relaxed casual.**

## WHITE-TIE

- Black tuxedo coat with tails
- Black tuxedo pants
  - White suspenders
- White tuxedo shirt with wingtip collar
  - Button studs/ covers
  - cufflinks
- White waistcoat or formal vest
- White bowtie
- White gloves
- Pocket square (color should accent the ensemble)
- Black socks (solid, no patterns)
- Black leather shoes or wingtip shoes
- NO
  - Name badge
  - Lapel pins
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Unauthorized accessories
- Optional
  - Stick pin
  - Boutonniere
- Top hat: If event is outdoor or if specified in the invitation
- Lady
  - Full length ball gown/ full length formal dress
  - Formal footwear, high or low heels
  - No name badge

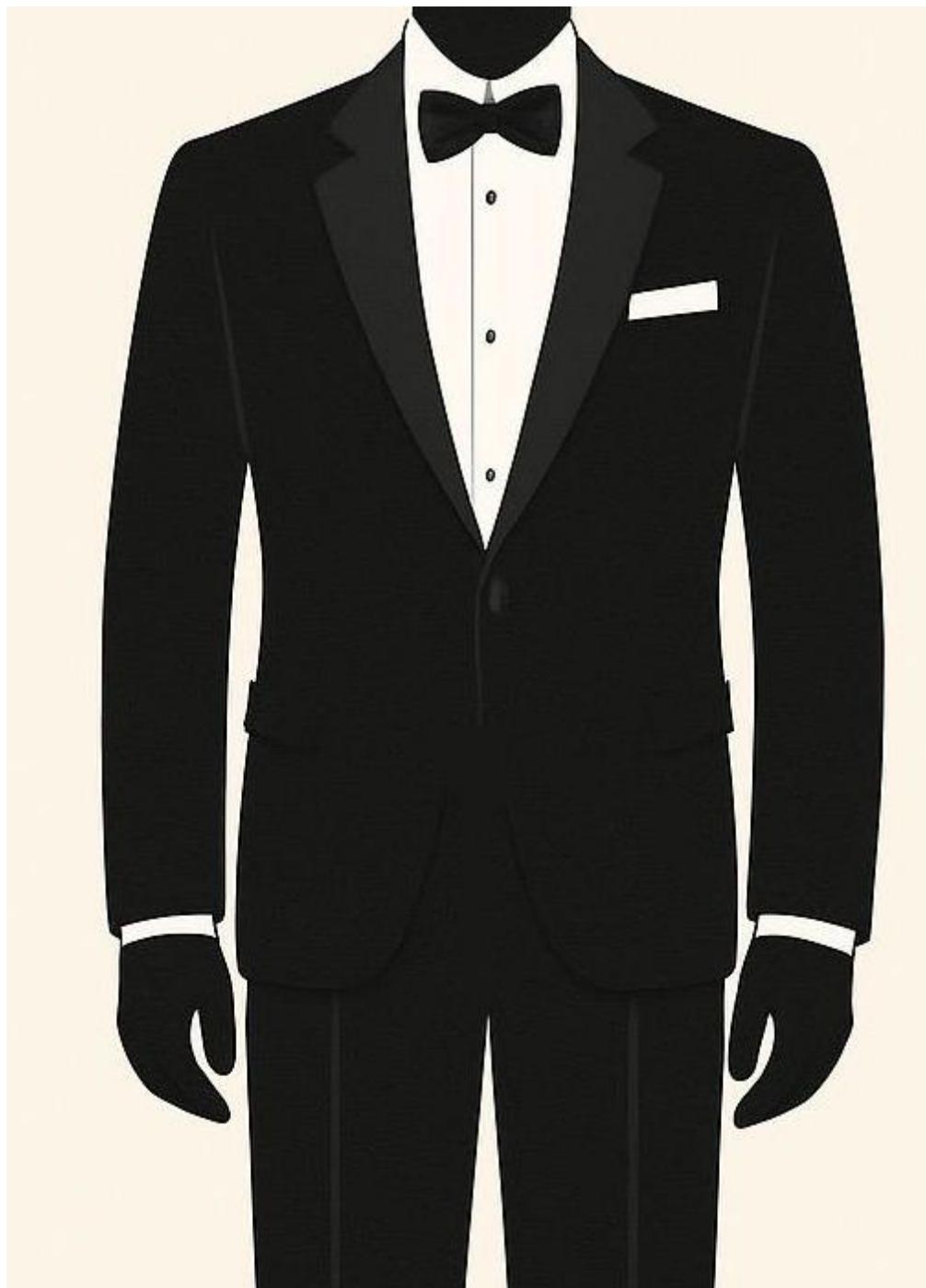




## **BLACK-TIE**

- Black tuxedo coat (no tails)
- Black tuxedo pants
  - Black suspenders
- White tuxedo shirt
  - Button studs/ covers
  - Cufflinks
- Black cummerbund, waistcoat, or formal vest
- Black bowtie
- Pocket square (color should accent the ensemble)
- Black socks (solid, no patterns)
- Black leather shoes
- NO
  - Name badge
  - Lapel pins
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Unauthorized accessories
- Optional
  - White gloves
  - Stick pin
  - Boutonniere
  - Formal hat: If event is outdoor or if specified in the invitation
- Lady
  - Evening gown or long formal dress
  - Formal footwear, high or low heels
  - No name badge

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## FORMAL

- Tuxedo coat (color of choosing)
- Tuxedo pants (color of choosing)
  - Suspenders
- Tuxedo shirt (should contrast the coat and pants)
  - Button studs/ covers
  - Cufflinks
- Formal vest, waistcoat, or cummerbund (color of choosing)
  - If vest or waistcoat
    - Bowtie or long tie (color should match or accent vest)
  - If cummerbund
    - Bowtie (color should match or accent cummerbund)
- Pocket square (color should match or accent tie)
- Socks (color should match or accent ensemble)
- Black Shoes or boots
- NO
  - Name badge
  - Lapel pins
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Unauthorized accessories
- Optional
  - White gloves
  - Stick pin
  - Boutonniere
  - Formal hat: If event is outdoor or if specified in the invitation
- Lady
  - Formal dress, evening gown, or dressy cocktail dress
  - Formal footwear, high or low heels
  - No name badge

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## **HIGHLAND DRESS - FORMAL**

- Tartan kilt
- Jacket and Waistcoat
  - Prince Charlie
  - Sheriffmuir
- White tuxedo shirt
  - Button studs/ covers
  - Cufflinks
- Bowtie (color should match or accent ensemble)
- Kilt hose or socks (color should match or accent ensemble)
- Black shoes
- Black belt
- White gloves
- NO
  - Name badge
  - Lapel pins
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Unauthorized accessories
- Optional
  - Pocket watch
  - Stick pin
  - Boutonniere
  - Balmoral, Glengarry or similar; if event is outdoor or if specified in the invitation
  - Sporran
- Lady
  - Formal dress, evening gown, or dressy cocktail dress
  - Formal footwear, high or low heels
  - No name badge

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## BUSINESS

- Business suit (black, gray, or blue)
- Light colored dress shirt with collar
- Belt or suspenders
- Grand Lodge tie
  - If Grand Master is present: bowtie or long tie
  - If Grand Master is not present: bowtie, long tie, or bolo tie
- Grand Lodge pocket square
- Dark shoes or boots
  - If shoes: socks must be worn and should accent the ensemble
- Name badge
- Grand Lodge lapel pin
- NO
  - Stick pin
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Unauthorized accessories
  - Untucked shirts
  - Canvas, elastic, or cloth based belts
  - Button studs/ covers
- Optional
  - Vest
  - Pocket watch (if wearing vest)
  - Boutonniere
  - Cufflinks (if wearing French-cuffed shirt)
  - Formal hat: If event is outdoor or if specified in the invitation
- Lady
  - Business style dress
  - Pant suit/ skirt suit
  - Business footwear, high or low heels
  - Optional
    - name badge
    - stockings
    - jacket (if wearing dress)
  - No casual shoes, flip flops, or tennis shoes
  - No jeans, tights, leggings, yoga pants

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## **RELAXED BUSINESS**

- Slacks
- Sport coat or blazer
- Belt (matches footwear)
- Dress shirt with collar
- Grand Lodge tie
  - If Grand Master is present: bowtie or long tie
  - If Grand Master is not present: bowtie, long tie, or bolo tie
- Grand Lodge pocket square
- Dark shoes or boots
  - If shoes: socks must be worn and should accent the ensemble
- Name badge
- DDGM lapel pin
- NO
  - Stick pin
  - Khakis
  - Denim pants
  - Casual shoes
  - Unauthorized accessories
  - Untucked shirts
  - Canvas, elastic, or cloth-based belts
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Ball caps, sombreros, or casual hats
- Optional
  - Vest
  - Pocket watch (if wearing vest)
  - Boutonniere
  - Cufflinks (if wearing French-cuffed shirt)
  - Hat: If event is outdoor
- Lady
  - Sunday/Church attire
  - No jeans, yoga pants, tights, or shorts
  - No casual shoes, flip flops, or tennis shoes
  - Optional name badge

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## **HIGHLAND DRESS – BUSINESS**

- Tartan kilt
- Black Argyle Coat
- Black Argyle Vest
- White dress shirt
- Bowtie or long tie (color should match or accent ensemble)
- Kilt hose or socks (color should match or accent ensemble)
- Black shoes
- Black belt
- NO
  - Name badge
  - Lapel pins
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Unauthorized accessories
- Optional
  - Cufflinks
  - Pocket watch
  - Stick pin
  - Boutonniere
  - Balmoral, Glengarry or similar; if event is outdoor or if specified in the invitation
  - Sporran
- Lady
  - Business style dress
  - Pant suit/ skirt suit
  - Business footwear, high or low heels
  - Optional
    - name badge
    - stockings
    - jacket (if wearing dress)
  - No casual shoes, flip flops, or tennis shoes
  - No jeans, tights, leggings, yoga pants



## **BUSINESS CASUAL**

- Khakis or slacks
- Sport coat or blazer
- Belt (match footwear)
- Collared shirt (dress shirt or polo)
- Grand Lodge pocket square
- Dark shoes or boots
  - If shoes: socks must be worn and should accent the ensemble
- Name badge
- DDGM lapel pin
- NO
  - Stick pin
  - Denim pants
  - Casual shirts
  - Untucked shirts
  - Casual shoes
  - Unauthorized accessories
  - Canvas, elastic, or cloth-based belts
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Ball caps, sombreros, or casual hats
- Optional
  - Grand Lodge bolo tie (if wearing a dress shirt)
  - Vest (if wearing a dress shirt)
  - Pocket watch (if wearing vest)
  - Boutonniere
  - Ascot (if not wearing a bolo tie): should accent the pocket square
  - Cufflinks (if wearing French-cuffed shirt)
  - Hat: If event is outdoor
    - No ballcaps, sombreros, or humorous casual hats
- Lady
  - Sunday/Church attire
    - Dress,
    - Skirt with a dressy top
    - Dressy pants outfit
  - No jeans, yoga pants, tights, or shorts
  - No flip flops or tennis shoes
  - Optional name badge

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**CASUAL NOT SUITABLE FOR GRAND LODGE EVENTS**

- Khakis or denim pants (no holes, rips, or stains)
- Belt (match footwear)
- Collared shirt (dress shirt, casual buttoned shirt or polo)
- Shoes or boots
  - If shoes: socks must be worn and should accent the ensemble
- NO
  - Casual shirts, T-shirts, or Untucked Shirts
  - Shorts
  - Flip flops, sandals, tennis shoes
  - Canvas, elastic, or cloth-based belts
  - Non-religious head coverings if event is indoor
  - Ball caps, sombreros, or casual hats
- Optional
  - Hat: If event is outdoor
    - No ballcaps, sombreros, or humorous casual hats
- Lady
  - Casual dress: khakis, denim pants (no holes), sundress, skirt, casual blouse, capri pants
  - No yoga pants, tights, or shorts
  - No flip flops

**GRAND LODGE REGALIA ADVISORY:**

**Grand Lodge regalia including but not limited to aprons, collars, name badges, officer lapel pins, or officer ties are NOT to be worn if wearing Casual Attire.**

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***RELAXED CASUAL NOT SUITABLE FOR GRAND LODGE EVENTS***

- Cargo pants
- Shorts
- Jeans
- T-Shirt
- Relaxed, untucked shirt
- Casual footwear
- Casual belts
- Casual headwear

**GRAND LODGE REGALIA ADVISORY:**

**Grand Lodge regalia including but not limited to aprons, collars, name badges, officer lapel pins, or officer ties are NOT to be worn if wearing Relaxed Casual Attire.**

## **PREScribed PROTOCOLS**

*The following protocols shall be observed unless other specified.*

1. Grand Lodge Annual Communication
  - a. Business Dress Preferred
2. Grand Lodge Installation
  - a. Grand Lodge Officers
    - i. White Tie
  - b. DDGMs
    - i. Business Dress – Formal Attire Optional
3. Official Visits of the Grand Master
  - a. Business Dress
4. Grand Master's Conferences
  - a. Business Dress Preferred
5. Grand Master's Gala
  - a. White Tie Preferred
6. Cornerstone Ceremonies
  - a. Business Dress
7. District Workshops
  - a. Relaxed Business
8. MWSA Meetings
  - a. Relaxed Business
9. Official Visits of the District Deputy Grand Master
  - a. Business Dress Preferred
10. Lodge Meetings (not official visit, not home lodge)
  - a. Relaxed Business Preferred
11. Lodge Installations
  - a. If serving on the installation team
    - i. Business Dress Preferred
  - b. If attending
    - i. Relaxed Business Preferred
12. Home Lodge Meetings (not official visit)
  - a. Officer Judgement, Relaxed Business Preferred
    - i. Regalia restrictions apply if casual.
13. Degrees
  - a. Indoor Degrees:
    - i. If working in degree: Relaxed Business
    - ii. If attending: Relaxed Business Preferred
  - b. Outdoor Degrees:
    - i. If working in degree: Relaxed Business Preferred
    - ii. If attending: Business Casual

- 14. Lodge Anniversaries**
  - a. Business Dress Preferred**
- 15. Masonic Funerals**
  - a. Business Dress Preferred**
- 16. Historic Observances**
  - a. Business Dress Preferred**
- 17. Mediation Meetings**
  - a. Business Dress Preferred**
- 18. Trials/ Disciplinary Proceedings**
  - a. Business Dress**
- 19. Award Presentations**
  - a. Business Dress Preferred**
- 20. Grand Lodge Committee Meetings**
  - a. Business Casual**
- 21. Grand Lodge Trustees' Meetings**
  - a. Relaxed Business**
- 22. Midyear Briefing**
  - a. Business Casual**
- 23. Masonic Oak Picnic**
  - a. Casual**
- 24. Masonic Family Day**
  - a. Casual**
- 25. Forums and/or Exams**
  - a. Officers and DDGMS**
    - i. Relaxed Business**
  - b. Committee on Work Members**
    - i. Business Dress Preferred**
- 26. Officer Leadership Trainings**
  - a. Officers**
    - i. Business Dress**
  - b. Education Committee Members**
    - i. Business Dress**
- 27. Appendant Body Meetings**
  - a. If you are going to be introduced as an Officer of the Grand Lodge of Texas:**
    - i. Relaxed Business Preferred**
  - b. Otherwise, refer to the dress codes for those respective bodies**