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RULING AND DECISION NO. 1

The following question has been raised:

1. What is the proper attire for Lodge Meetings?

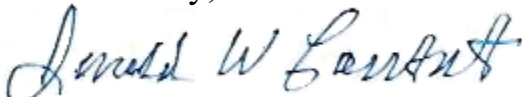
I will refer you to the Masonic Etiquette Book, Page 5, *“Its principle is good taste; its practice is to wear such attire as shows respect to the Brotherhood and expresses the dignity of Masonry”*. As well as the Masonic Leadership Training Manual, Page 138, *“Under no circumstance is it ever proper to attend Lodge in shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, open toe shoes or sandals without socks”*.

Therefore, it is my Ruling and Decision that the proper attire for all Stated and Called Communications of the Particular Lodges shall be in accordance with the Masonic Leadership Training Manual and Masonic Etiquette Book: Coat and Tie is preferred; or at a bare minimum, Long Trousers, and a Collared Shirt, **NO** shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, open toe shoes or sandals without socks, as it is also required for attending the Annual Grand Communication.

Attire of other recognized Allied and Appendant Orders are not proper to be worn in a Stated or Called Communication except that they may be used for honor guards in open installations. Attire of non-recognized groups, associations, clubs etc., will not be allowed without exception.

The violation of this Ruling and Decision shall be subject for Masonic discipline.

Fraternally,



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Grand Master