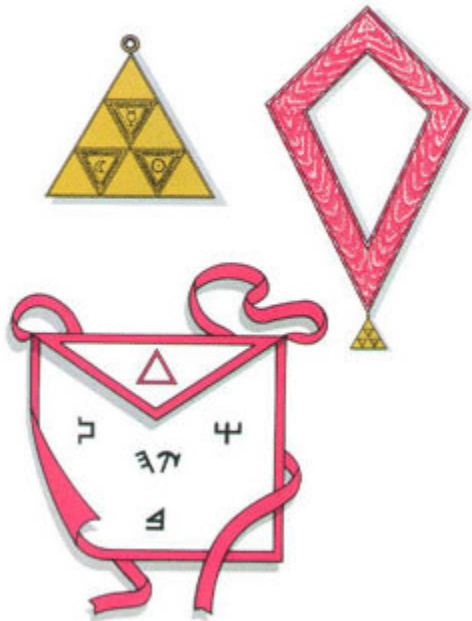


# The Lodge of Perfection

## 6th Degree - Intimate Secretary

INTIMATE SECRETARY  
SIXTH DEGREE



The apron is of white lambskin bordered in bright crimson; on the flap is an embroidered equilateral triangle. The designs on the flap are Phoenician letters; in the center are the two letters which are on the apron of the 5th Degree. Three additional letters at the upper corners and one at the center near the bottom are represented in English by 'B', 'N' and 'Sh'. These are the initials of words meaning a covenant, agreement or Divine Law; a vow; and, completion, performance, an offering in accomplishment of a vow, perfect, salvation. The Phoenician characters serve to remind us that the Master Hiram, though of a Jewish mother, was himself considered a Phoenician. He served a Phoenician king and presumably worshiped the Phoenician expression of the Deity.

The jewel is a triple-delta superimposed upon an equilateral triangle of gold. Each delta has a center design composed of one of the astrological signs for the Sun, Moon and Mercury. As explained in the degree summary, the form of the jewel is utterly derived from Pike's favorite source of Masonic Symbolism, the Pythagorean Tetractys.

The cordon is a broad watered crimson ribbon, worn from right to left, or a collar of similar material, with the jewel suspended from it.

### DUTIES

Be zealous, faithful, disinterested and benevolent.  
Act the peacemaker.

### LESSONS

Zeal and fidelity to duty are always rewarded.

### FOR REFLECTION

Why act the peacemaker?

### IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

Triple-delta, King Solomon, King Hiram, the color crimson.