

Your Sign

When you become a mason, you get certain words, tokens and signs, so that we can recognize each other. Some signs are also jewelry. Many stories have been told of masons giving aid to distressed masons and their families. These events would not be possible if we could not recognize each other.

I have heard that the old Scottish Masons could recognize each other from across the room. I never learned how they accomplished this. But, in today's society nothing accomplishes this more than a Masonic ring, tie tack, or some form of outer ware.

In the business world, we are taught not to wear any form of signs that might show our personal preferences. In our offices we are also taught to not have anything sitting out that might show our political, religious, or other beliefs. This was something I was taught in many business classes. The thought was someone might be offended.

Many in sales still have bibles and calendars with daily scriptures in their offices. Fortunately, my place of business does not conform to the business etiquette described above. Here in the south, the "Bible Belt" if you will, we can still show our religious beliefs and not worry too much about being politically correct. But, what of our Masonic signs?

I have met many masons, who for some reason did not wear a Masonic "sign." If it were not for my ring, or tie tack, we probably would have never met on "the level." It is not like it's a heavy item that will weigh you down. Maybe it is a habit that they simply got out of. In my line of work, I meet a lot of people, and this happens quite often. I guess I am fortunate because wearing a Masonic emblem; I am not going to miss an opportunity to meet another brother. I can only wonder how many miss opportunities those brothers missed. How many good men might ask you about masonry, and possibly petition if, they only knew you as a mason.