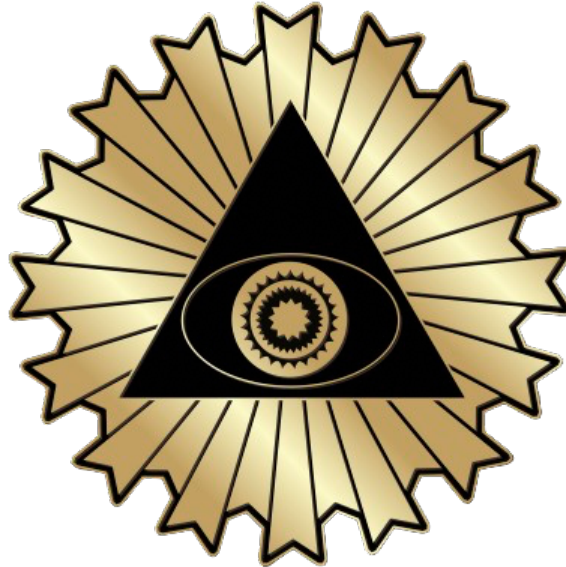


Explanation of the Grand Master's Pin

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It was my pleasure to commission a pin for 2025 that is highly symbolic. The following bullet points detail the meaning of the pin, from center to edge:

- Innermost circle, 12 points – refers to the 12 Fellowcrafts and the celestial signs of the zodiac. This represents the mysteries of our Craft and is the **Circle of Mystery**.
- Second circle, 30 points – refers to the second order Pythagorean triple: 5, 12, and 13. The 5 and 12 combine for 17, representing Ohio as the 17th State. The 13 represents our country's original colonies. This is the **Circle of Freedom**.
- Third circle, 25 points – refers to our 25 Districts in Ohio. This is the **Circle of Unity**.
- The oval, or ellipse – refers to the path of the initiate as he circumambulates, as well as the path of our earth around the sun. This represents **The Journey**.
- The triangle – refers to the first geometric element of structure and area, as well as completion. This completes the All-Seeing Eye and represents **The Divine**.
- The 32 rays of emanation – refers to my personal journey in the Scottish Rite, and that seeking further enlightenment within the Craft should be the constant endeavor of a Mason that will result in his **Inner Light** shining forth into the world.

NOTE: This pin was purposely designed so that Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts could also wear it without controversy. This aligns with my belief that if we SAY an Entered Apprentice stands as a just and upright Mason, we should treat him as such.

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