



Sash

Date

1700-1800

Medium

Silk

Description

Freemason's sash. Blue decorated with pink diamonds, and a red and blue fringe. It fastens with a cream triangle with a gold border containing a Masonic symbol embroidered in gold. Freemasonry is recorded as far back as the 17th century but probably came from the master stone mason guilds long before that. Freemasons now focus on charitable works and social activities but in the past played an important role in male professional networking, useful for contacts, for gaining acceptance and for potential advancement. The ritualistic and "secret" side of Freemasonry meant it was often negatively viewed.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 965 x 120 mm