



OBJECT ID	2016.3.1
OBJECT NAME	Fez
DATE CREATED	1920s
MATERIAL	Cotton; Plastic
OBJECT ENTITIES	Gemsco Co, New York (created by) Tailor, Paul (owned by)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

The fez is a maroon felt hat with AHEPA in yellow on the front over the symbol of a bird over a blue cross with green leaves in a circle around it. There are two swords crossing behind the cross and yellow lines coming out of the cross. On the inside along the bottom edge is a brown hard fabric and a tag stitched in it. The tag reads "Gemsco 692 Broadway, New York City Registered. Manufacturers of Fezzes, Badges, Banners, Flags, Aprons, Initiation, Stunts, Collars, Lodge Jewelry. Supplies for Lodges-Schools-Churches-Organizations". There is a long light blue and white tassel coming from the top of the hat.

The fez also has a red bag which holds it. The bag has a gold rope to cinch the top of the bag. Stamped on the bottom in yellow ink reads "7 1/2" (the size of the hat).

ORIGIN

AHEPA Fez circa 1920s. Belonged to Paul J. Tailor of Mason City, Iowa.

Paul was born in Visa (Vize?) Turkey and emigrated to the United States before World War I. He served in the United States and after he was discharged, he emigrated to Mason City, Iowa. In Mason City, Iowa, he was in the restaurant business.

Paul died in 1962.

CITATION

Fez, 1920s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/03/24.