



LODGE OF PERFECTION LECTURE (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 21 LECTURE)

~~4° THROUGH THE 14°~~

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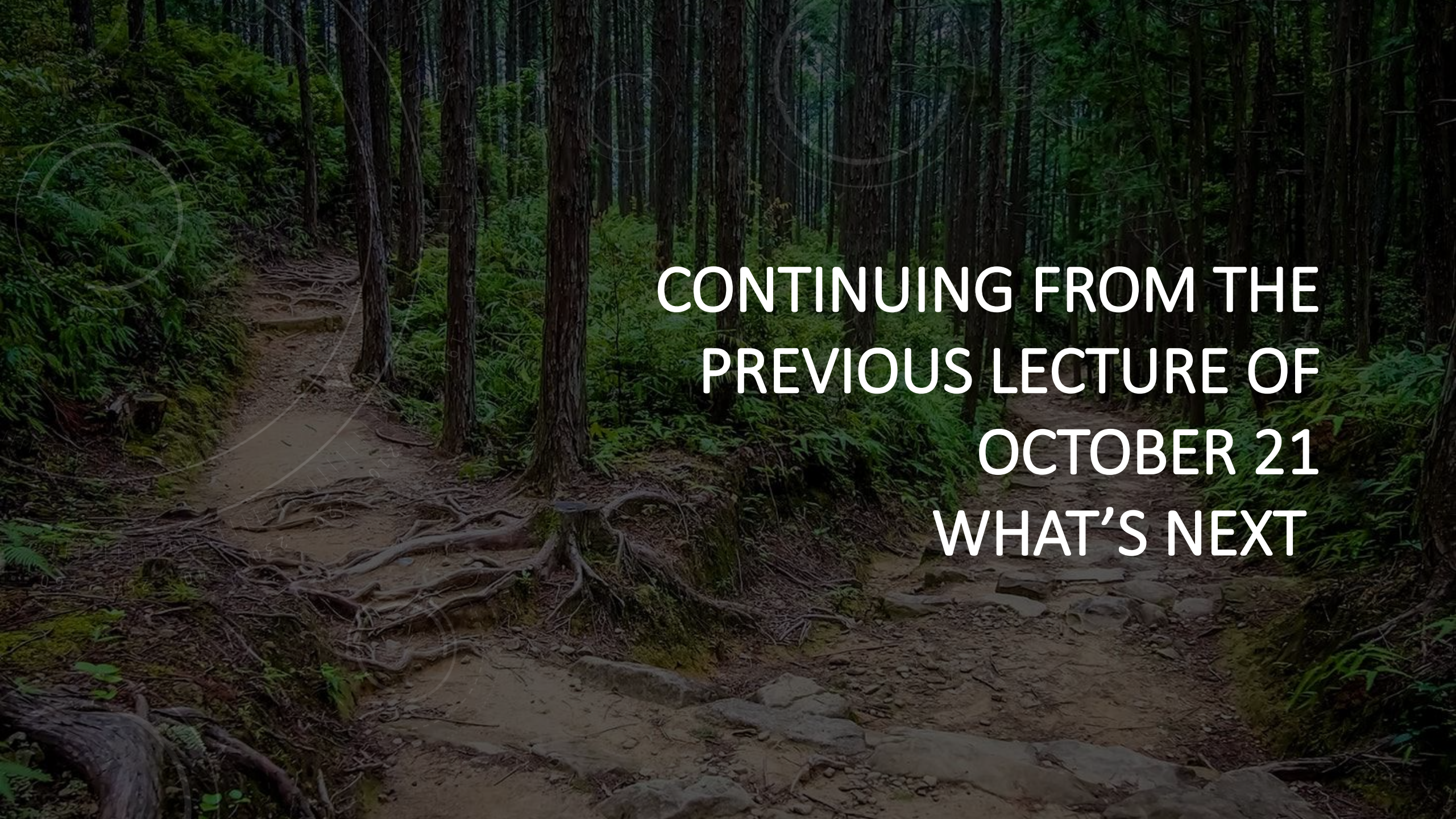
OFFICERS: ELECTED

- Thrice Potent Master
- Deputy Master, Hiram of Tyre
- Venerable Senior Warden
- Venerable Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- KSA

OFFICERS: APPOINTED

- Orator
- Master of Ceremonies
- Captain of the Guard
- Hospitaler
- Senior Expert
- Junior Expert
- Organist
- Tyler

- Quorum for this body is 9 Brothers
- Their purpose is to initiate new members
- Responsible for performing the Ring & Cap Ceremony
- 14 Officers (6 elected & 8 appointed)
- Battery – Cover Word – Signs - Bible Verse
- Members refer to each other as brothers in this body
- Engraved Tablets denotes to meeting minutes
- Has no standard or banner
- When a Lodge of perfection is opened, all of the degrees below the fourteenth degree are open in its bosom, and it may pass from work in one degree to work in another without any formalities. except a declaration that it does so,
- A Lodge of Perfection in opening may use the opening ceremonies of ANY degree from Fourth to the Fourteenth.

A photograph of a forest path. The path is made of dirt and rocks, winding through a dense forest. Large tree roots are exposed on the ground. The forest is filled with tall trees and lush green ferns. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

CONTINUING FROM THE
PREVIOUS LECTURE OF
OCTOBER 21
WHAT'S NEXT

LET'S TALK ABOUT HIRAM



4° SECRET MASTER

- During the previous lecture, we discussed that:
- Hiram was the guardian of the sacred furniture
- King Solomon Appointed 7 workmen who were experts to fill the vacancy that left by Hiram
- Key with a Z



4° SECRET MASTER – NEW LESSON

This degree is said to have originated as a result of the assassination of Grand Master Hiram Abiff. King Solomon gathered the Princes of Israel at the Sanctum Sanctorum or Holy of Holies and there he selected seven expert workmen or Secret Masters to guard the Holy Chamber. In time these seven workmen were promoted for their fidelity and seven more selected to take their place.

The Lesson

This degree is intended to remind us of the tragic death of our Grand Master Hiram Abiff. The lodge should be draped in black with silver tears, emblematical of our mourning at the loss of so great a man. It should also remind us of the loss of the True Word, for which each of us searches. Since all work has been suspended, no working tools are seen. The peculiar lesson taught in this degree is that of Secrecy and Silence. The penalty for violating the obligation of Secrecy and Silence is to have your lips sealed in everlasting silence.

Homework: Psalm 141:3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth. Keep watch over the door of my lips!

- Taken from page 6 of the Syllabus is the sign of silence (Place the 1st fingers over the right hand over the lips. Answer: Place the fingers of left hand over lips.

The Symbolism

With Wisdom, Strength, Prudence and Fortitude, may we soon obtain the favor of an entrance into the secret vault. The ivory key is an emblem of fidelity, innocence and prudence. On the key is a symbol that teaches us to keep a tongue of good report; it is also an emblem of silence and refers to the silence which distinguishes a Secret Master.

- The letter Z and its significance here is of an esoteric nature. "It is the initial of the password of this degree.





5° PERFECT MASTER

During the previous lecture, we discussed that:

- Hiram remains were brought back to the temple
- Jewish Tradition
- Only Perfect Master knew the final resting place of Hiram

5° PERFECT MASTER – NEW LESSON



This degree is said to have been originally established as a grateful tribute of respect to the memory of a departed Brother. After the body of the murdered Hiram Abiff had been found it was brought to the Temple for interment. However, it being against the Jewish law to bury the dead within the walls of the city, the place of interment was known only to a faithful few who were termed Perfect Masters. The degree was originated for their special benefit.

The Lesson

This degree is intended to illustrate that while the lodge is no longer in deep mourning over the death of Master Train is still in sorrow as indicated by the black cloth and silver to over the altar. "The ceremony takes place on the anniversary of the death of the Master Hiram. This annual tribute, according to legend, was ordered by King Solomon and re-enacts the burial of that Perfect Master". The penalty for violating the obligation of a Perfect Master is to be smitten on the temple with a gavel.

5° PERFECT MASTER – NEW LESSON (CONTINUED)



The Symbolism

"The cube (stone) represents the finite universe and the three circles symbolize the wisdom, power and beneficence of God, the great trinity of His attributes". The letter J is the Hebrew name of God.

"The jewel is the compasses, opened to sixty degrees, the points on a graduated arc. Masonic compasses are opened to sixty degrees because this is the number of degrees in each of the three angles of an equilateral triangle, always a symbol of Deity. It is suspended from a broad grass-green watered ribbon worn from the right shoulder to the left hip"

Moral - That we should learn to pay due respect to the memory of a deceased worthy brother.

6° INTIMATE SECRETARY

During the previous lecture, we discussed that:

- King of Tyre and his disappointment
- The agreement
- Eavesdropper
- Resolution & promotion



6° INTIMATE SECRETARY— NEW LESSON

The Origin

The drama of this degree centers on the incident during a dispute between Hiram, King of Tyre and Solomon, King of Israel. When Hiram agreed to assist Solomon in building the Temple at Jerusalem, it was stipulated that Solomon should give Hiram as reward for his labors and for the timber hewn from the forests of Lebanon and the stones hewn from the quarries of Tyre a certain number of measures of oil, honey and wheat, besides twenty cities. Upon reparing to the cities, instead of finding them populous and well provisioned, Hiram found barren and worthless soil, inhabited only by a rude, uncultivated people. He was much disappointed, and returned to Jerusalem. Arriving at the palace, in his anger he rushed past the guard in search of Solomon. The guard not recognizing Hiram, followed him, and upon arriving at the audience chambers and hearing the stranger angrily upbraiding Solomon and charging him with perfidy and deception, and fearing that he intended Solomon bodily harm, secreted himself behind a curtain to be at hand to render assistance in case of violence. Hiram discovered the man lurking there, and thinking him an eavesdropper, seized him and was about to put him to death, when Solomon recognized in the supposed offender his faithful servant, Joabert. After mutual explanations the misunderstandings were adjusted and Joabert, for his fidelity and zeal was selected to fill the place of Confidential or Intimate Secretary, made vacant by the death of Hiram Abiff.

The Lesson

The lesson is that as Intimate Secretary, we are taught to be zealous and faithful, to be disinterested and benevolent, to act the peacemaker in case of disputes and quarrels among our brethren - and to beware of eavesdropping. The penalty for violating the obligation of Intimate Secretary is to have the body cut diagonally in twain.

The Symbolism

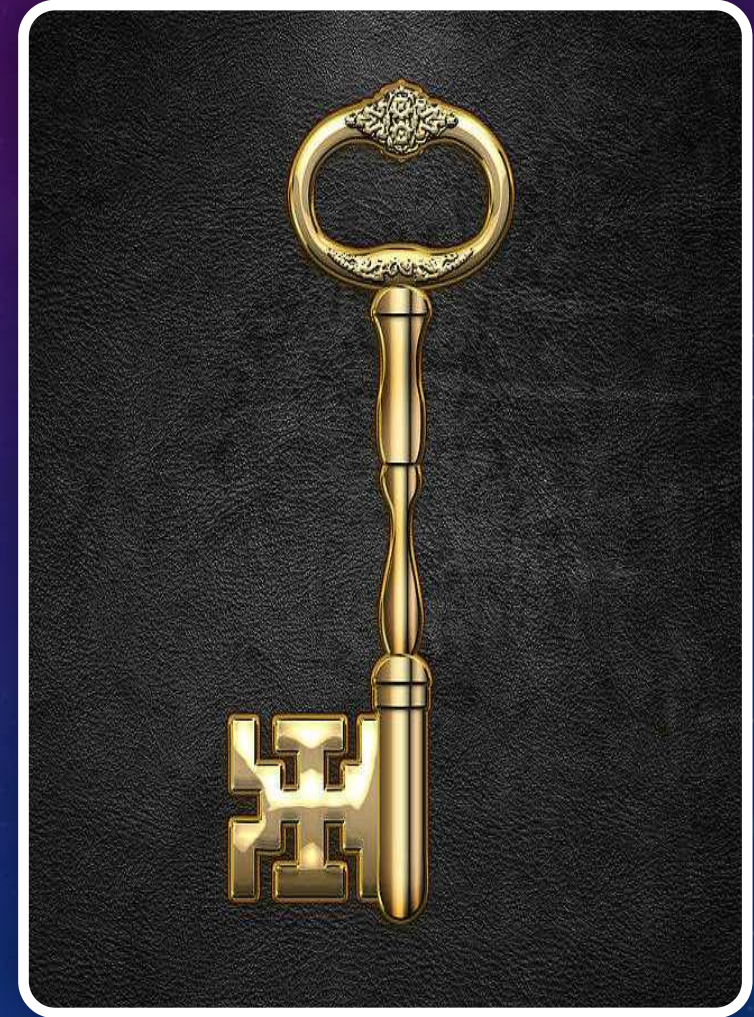
The triangle of the jewel is emblematical of several virtues. It is emblematical of law and justice, truth and peace, without which no compact can exist. It is further emblematical of the wisdom of the three virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity.



7° PROVOST AND JUDGE

During the previous lecture, we discussed that:

- Vacancy left by Hiram
- Working man's man
- Creation of tribunal (7 judges appointed)



7° PROVOST AND JUDGE- NEW LESSON

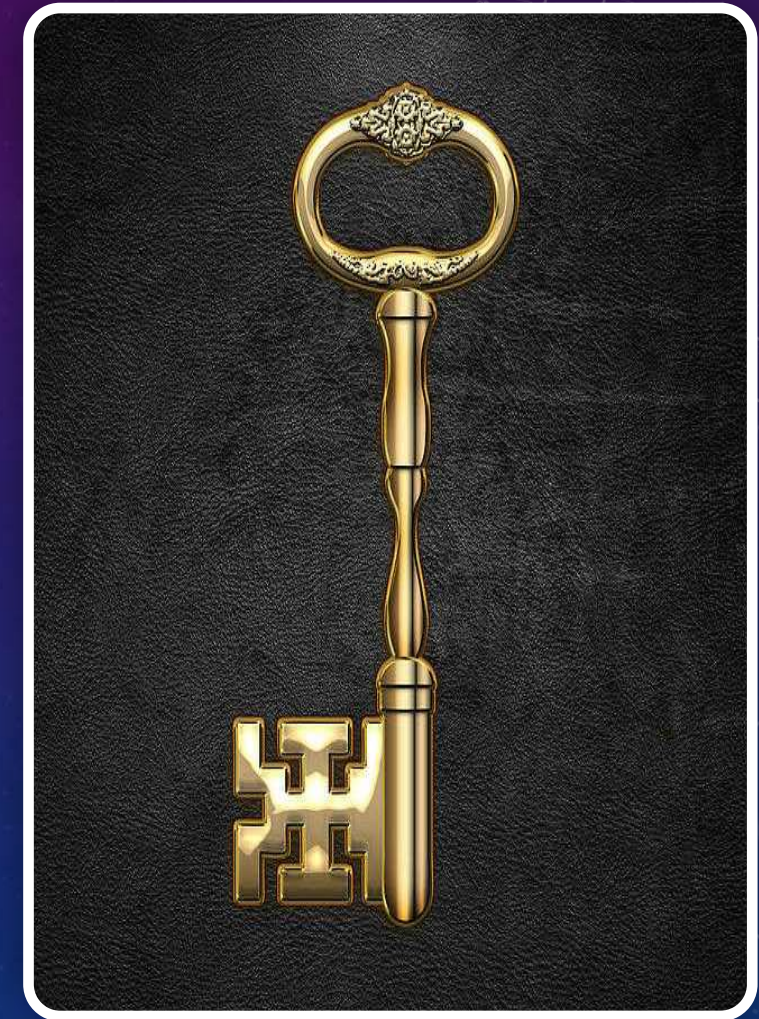
This degree originated as a consequence of the Grand Master Hiram Abiff. King Solomon, after the death of Hiram, found it necessary to appoint seven Judges in order that justice might be administered among the temple workmen - Hebrew and Phoenician alike. and that their complaints might be heard and their disputes decided. This duty had previously been Hiram Abiff's. King Solomon now saw fit to appoint Tito and his associates to listen to and adjust the complaints of the workmen of the temple.

The Lesson

The lesson taught is that as a Provost and Judge we must always be impartial, rendering the same justice to all; we must be cautious in our decisions, merciful and of pure morals. We must remember that only a false judge pardons errors in himself and not others. If he is unjust in his judgment, he will be smitten by God. Finally, unless we are willing to stand under the judgment, we must judge not. The penalty for violating the obligation of Provost and Judge is to have the nose smitten the face.

The Symbolism

The pocket in the middle of the apron is intended to hold the key of the box wherein is contained the plans and records of the Tribunal. It teaches us to lock carefully in our hearts the secrets of Masonry, and to keep the key ever in our possession. It is especially emblematical of that justice and uprightness that alone can unlock to use the mysteries contained in the higher degrees and enable us to advance toward perfection.



8° INTENDANT OF THE BUILDING

During the previous lecture, we discussed that:

- Confusion
- KS appointed a commission of 5 experts



8° INTENDANT OF THE BUILDING- NEW LESSON

Following the death of Grand Master Hiram Abiff, the construction of the Temple of King Solomon was halted for want of someone who could continue the complex designs of its structure. This threw the workmen into confusion. Solomon's concern brings him to seek the counsel of Zadoc, a trusted friend, as to how he should resolve this dilemma. Now, Grand Master Hiram Abiff was very fond of the society of the young, he delighted in communicating to them the arts and sciences which he had studied in the East and Egypt. He spoke often of five scholars in particular, saying that if he were taken away, they would be able to fill his place. It was no surprise then that these five expert workmen be selected as Intendants of the Building. But it is Ahishas, governor of King Solomon's house, who endorses the selection of Adoniram, to whom is given the responsibility of the superintendence of the whole work; to Joabert, who is the Chief artificer in brass; to Stolkin, who is the chief of workers in wood; to Selec, who is the chief of stone masons; and to Gareb, who is the chief of the workmen in silver and gold, and the engravers. Such was the makeup of the Intendants of the Building who were tasked to complete the Temple of King Solomon



8° INTENDANT OF THE BUILDING- NEW LESSON (CONTINUED)

The Lesson

There are several lessons taught in this degree. "One of the more subtle lessons taught is the importance of the transmission of knowledge. That which a man knows, dies with him. Civilization is based upon human progress, which itself depends upon knowledge acquired in one generation being transmitted to subsequent generations. How well the Master Hiram knew this, teaching his skills to those best fitted to receive them" (p.51).

Since we no longer work in the operative art of masonry, we as Intendants of the Building, must labor in human quarries promoting works of charity and benevolence. The penalty for violating the obligation of this degree is that of being deprived



8° INTENDANT OF THE BUILDING- NEW LESSON (CONTINUED)

The Symbolism

The color crimson is emblematical of that zeal which should characterize us as Intendants of the Building; green symbolizes the hope that we will honor and advance the Craft, and supply so far as lies in us the power, the place of our late Grand Master Hiram. The numbers five and nine are significant. The number five is symbolic first of the five points of fellowship; next of the five pointed star which shines in the East, with the Hebrew letter (Yod) thrice repeated in the center, which is to remind us of the threefold essence of Deity and of the three sacred words of this degree; and lastly of the five workmen who assumed the duties of our Grand Master Hiram Abiff. The ancient Pythagorean numerologists saw the number nine, and all multiples of nine, as particularly mystical. The multiples of nine are unique in that their digits sum to nine:

$$9 \times 2 = 18 \quad (1 + 8 = 9)$$

$$9 \times 3 = 27 \quad (2 + 7 = 9)$$

$$9 \times 4 = 36 \quad (3 + 6 = 9)$$

this continues to $9 \times 9 = 81$ ($8 + 1 = 9$). The number 27 is also the cube of 3, the Pythagorean number of Deity.



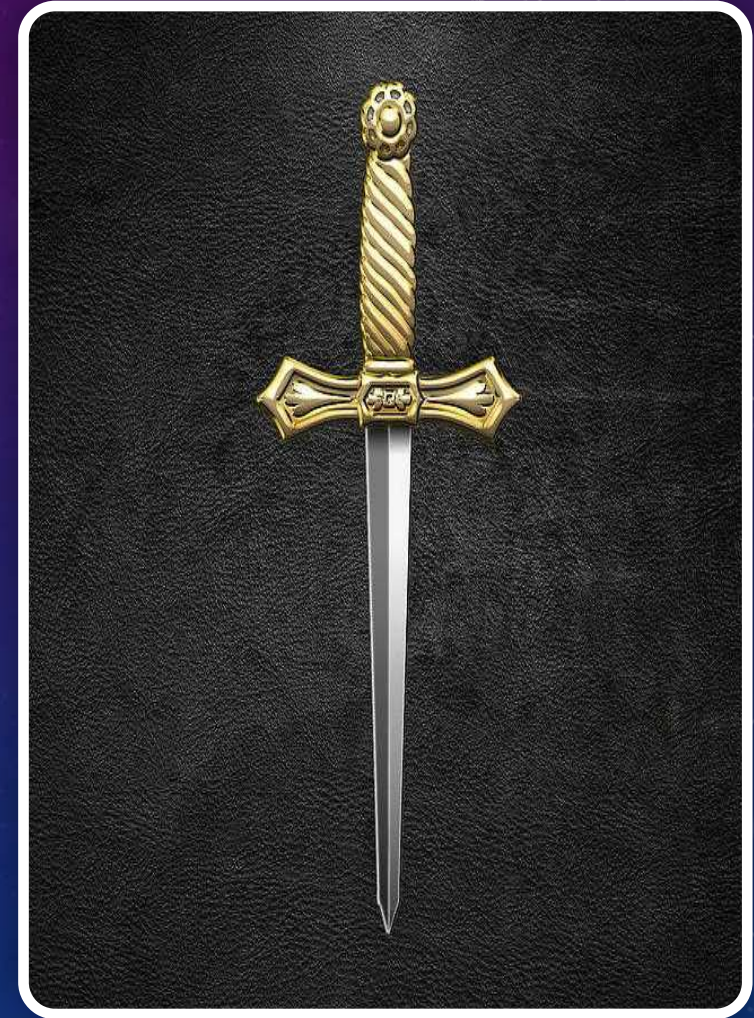
9° ELECT OF NINE



- Honoring the fellowcrafts for their zeal & fidelity
- A different kind of Drama

10° ELECT OF FIFTEEN

- Continuation of proceeding degree
- Two ruffians found in Gath working in a quarry

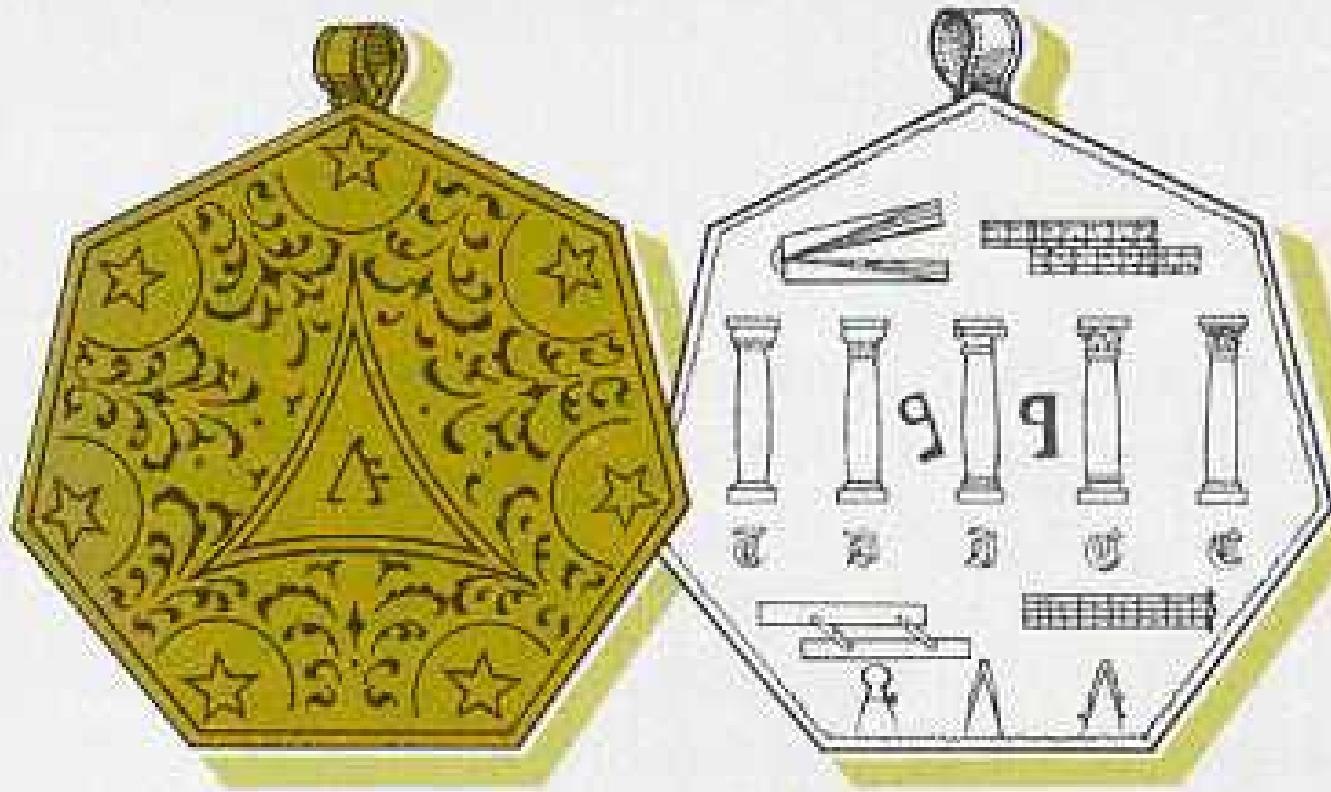




11° SUBLIME ELECT OF TWELVE

- The last of the honorary degree for this group of craftsmen
- Selection and promotion
- Given command of what?

12° GRAND MASTER ARCHITECT



- After the dust settle
- Triple alliance was still needed
- Adoniram
- Superior skills

A NEW DIRECTION



13° ROYAL ARCH OF ENOCH

- R-S-R-ST-P-S-R-I-A-J-S: *“in the reign of Solomon, wisest of kings, Adoniram, Yehu-Aber, Satolkin found under the ruins the most precious treasurer”*
- Year of Enoch or “in the reign of Solomon”
- Findings
- Brass and Granite
- Noah finding
- Future location Ineffable





14° GRAND ELECT, PERFECT AND SUBLIME MASON

- Fast forward from the ancient temple of Enoch
- Workmen findings
- KS, KT, HA discovery
- Ages of Masonry

MASONIC RINGS

- Right ring finger
- Constitution date
- Motto: Virtus junxit, Mors non separabit
- Symbol
- Who can wear this ring





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