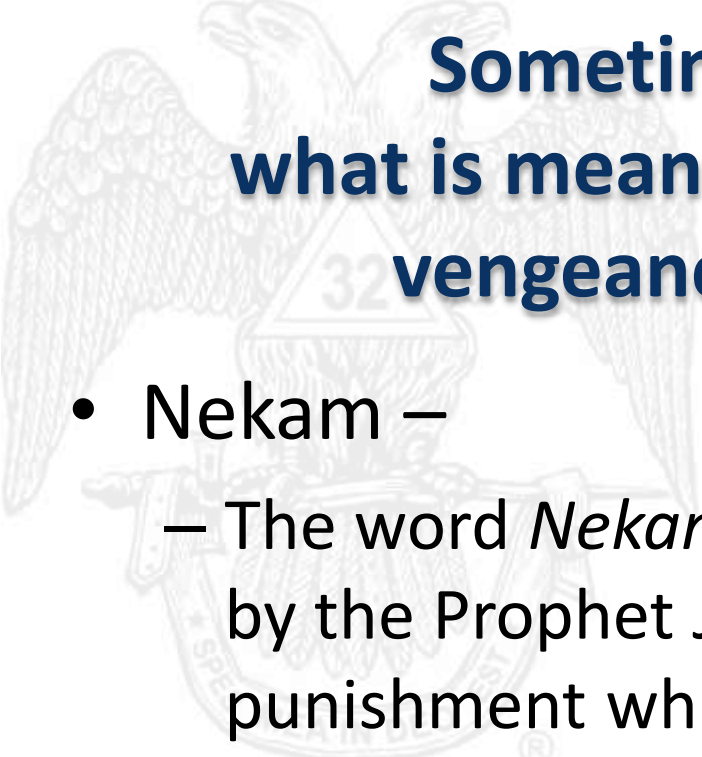


9° & 10°, Elu of the Nine & Elu of the Fifteen



What are the duties of these degrees?

- The duties of these degrees are education, enlightenment, and patriotism.
 - However, education and enlightenment here does not mean simple schooling, no, “We must learn to guard against all forms of tyranny ... [and] we must enlighten our souls as well as our minds in order to do the work of Him that guides us, ministering us to our own self-improvement and the welfare of our nation.”
 - Pike sums up the duties in *Morals & Dogma* saying, “in simple mandate, ‘protect the oppressed against the oppressor; and devote yourself to the honor and interests of your country.’”



Sometimes misunderstood, what is meant by the Hebrew word for vengeance in the 9th degree?

- Nekam –
 - The word *Nekam* used in this degree is also used by the Prophet Jeremiah, when he speaks of the punishment which God will inflict on evil-doers.

What does the regalia of the 9th degree symbolize?



- The candle within the shroud of darkness is meant to remind you of the lighted lamp in the cave found by Satolkin and Yehu-Aber. It represents the feeble light of ignorance, with which the world is shrouded.
- In *A Bridge to Light*, it is stated that, “Masonry moves like a star, dispensing light and knowledge and tolerance, symbolized by the star on the flap.”

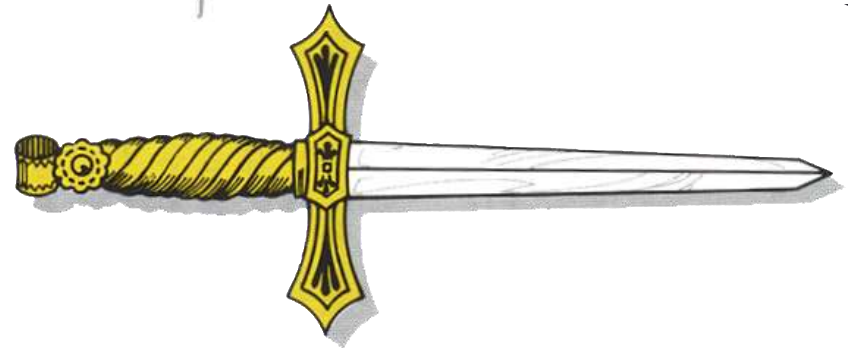
What does the regalia of the 9th degree symbolize?

- The jewel is a dagger with a hilt of gold and blade of silver. These two metals together symbolize the brilliance of the combined light of the sun (gold) and moon (silver). Again, we see the idea of the sun or a star dispensing light.
- The cordon in the 9th degree has nine rosettes—four on either side with one in the middle. These represent the original nine elected by King Solomon.



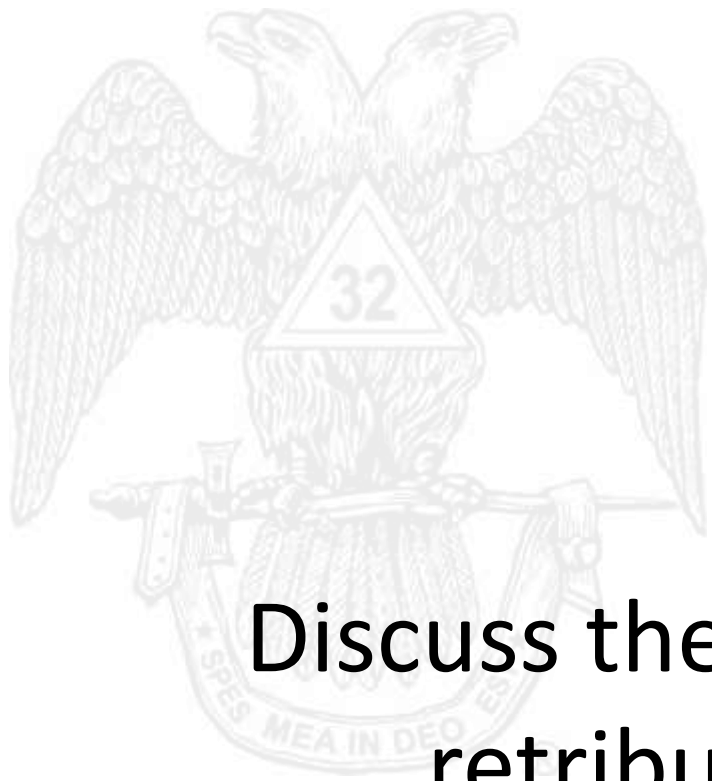
What symbolism can be found on the 10th degree regalia?

- The three gates on the Apron are representative of the three gates South, West, and East in King Solomon's Temple.
- The three rosettes on the apron are representative of the three assassins that killed G.:M.:H.:A. The letters above the rosettes are the initials of the vices that each of the brothers represented and are the chief vices which Masonry is against; Fanaticism, Tyranny, and most of all Ignorance.



What government branch is represented by these two degrees, and how so?

- These two degrees represent the two houses of a free and independent legislative branch.
 - The nine Elus represent the Upper House of wiser, more mature members who are elected for longer terms.
 - The fifteen Elus represent the Lower House, the more numerous and popular branch, which reflects its will and even its fickle and shifting whims.



Discuss the difference between retribution and justice.