



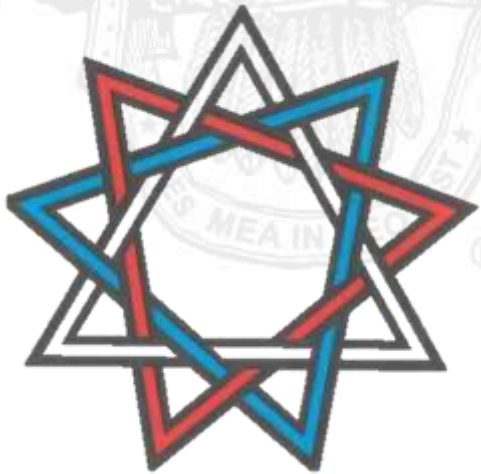
**32°, Master
of the Royal
Secret**

What is the lesson Masons are taught in the 32°?

- This degree really emphasizes and drives home the idea of the human being ever-interlaced with the divine.
 - This idea is exemplified through the symbolism of different stars as well as the greater and lesser tetractyses.

The degree explains further two stars and introduces a third. What are they, and what do they symbolize?

- Nine-pointed star
 - is made up of three interlaced triangles of blue, red, and white.



- Red, for a Master of the Royal Secret, represents the material aspect of man: positively, the virtue of zeal; and negatively, the vice of anger.
- Blue—the spiritual aspect of man reflected in that canopy of all lodges and the earth itself—beckons man’s eyes and thoughts to that divine source.
- White represents the soul itself, reflecting the purity of its original state and demanding of us the highest standards of conduct.

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- Five-pointed star
 - This form of the five-pointed star, interlaced as it is, represents the joining of all the elements—the quintessence of man.
 - The lower four points represent the earthly and the top represent the spiritual.
 - The crossing points show where they come together.



- Seven-pointed star is introduced.
 - The seven-pointed star represents the seven *Amesha Spenta* or “Bountiful Immortals” of the Persian creed, which are said to have been the source of the emanations of Deity termed “The Sephiroth” by the Kabbalists.

What is the symbolism that is given to us by Pike in this degree for the Tetractys?

- We have seen the tetractys used in different ways to symbolize Deity: symbols, shapes, and even the Ineffable Name itself.

- Amongst the Babylonian Magi, the first three rows repeated the last and added another. The fourth represented the four male emanations.
- The greater tetractys elaborated this idea and included all the “Bountiful Immortals.”



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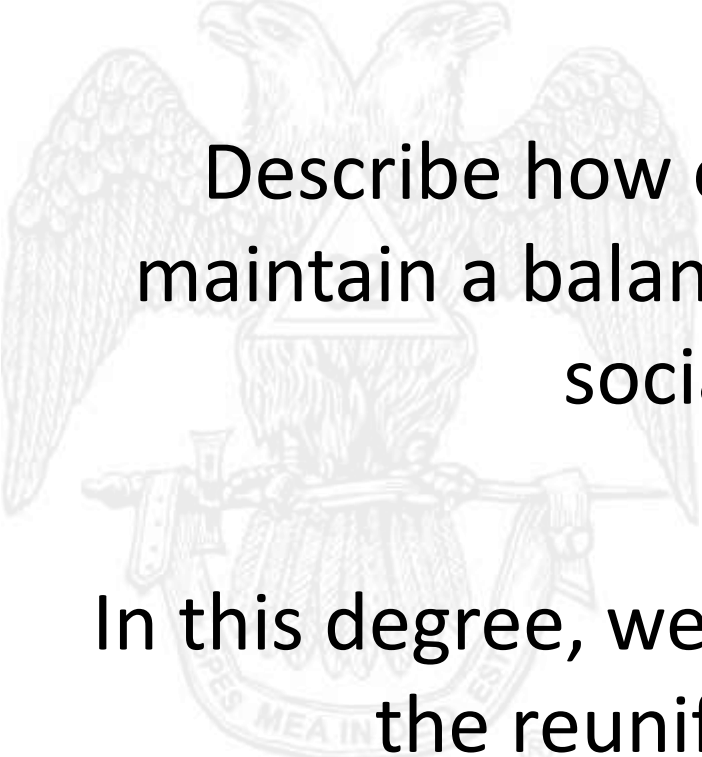
- Each camp seats a certain group of Masons, and each is assigned a letter.
 - The letters under the camp flags are the initials for the French phrase *“Si à L’Invincible Xerxes nous offrinons notre incomparable saint tresor, eventuellement nous gagnerons victorieusement.”*
 - or “If we offer to the invincible Xerxes our incomparable sacred treasure, eventually we shall conquer gloriously.”
- The circle is a new addition to what we have been given in the other degrees.



What does the encampment of the 32° symbolize?

- The triangle, although it has three sides, only has two active camps—Inspectors Inquisitor and Masters of the Royal Secret.
 - The empty camp is reserved for faithful members of the Knights Malta, as we are told in the old ritual.
 - Legend tells us that the possessions of the Knights Templar were given to the Knights Malta after the death of Jacques de Molay generating hostility towards their order.
 - So, the empty camp serves as a reminder of the effects of political and religious tyranny—but even more so of the duty of forgiveness.





Describe how equilibrium is important to maintain a balance in our private, family, and social Masonic lives.

In this degree, we are taught the significance of the reunification of all Masons.

Describe how and why Masonic unity is important in modern society.