



HISTORICAL LECTURE

(This lecture may be delivered from behind, or while standing on the north side of the lectern. While delivering the lecture from behind the lectern, it will be necessary to move to the north side of the lectern as directed in Cipher.)

We read in the Holy Writings that it was decreed in the wisdom and counsels of Deity aforetime, that a house should be built, erected to God and dedicated to His holy name. We also learn from the same sacred source that David, King of Israel, desired to build the house, but that, in consequence of his reign having been one of many wars and much bloodshed, that distinguished privilege was denied him. He was not, however, left without hope, for God promised him that out of his loins there should come a man who would be adequate to the performance of so great and glorious an undertaking. That promise was verified in the person and character of Solomon, his son, who ascended the throne, and, after David was gathered to his fathers, wielded the sceptre over Israel at a time when (as the great Jewish historian, Josephus,

informs us) peace and tranquility pervaded the world, and all eyes seemed directed toward Jerusalem, as if to witness the splendid display of the wisdom of Solomon.

About this time King Solomon received a congratulatory letter from Hiram, King of Tyre, desiring to participate, in a small degree at least, in the rich honors which then seemed to be clustering around his throne. In his reciprocations with Hiram of Tyre, King Solomon desired him to furnish a man well skilled in the arts and sciences, and his attention was directed to H A, a wd sn % + trb % Napth, @ we lrn tt lln sent @ hd Hrm brt out % Ty; @ whn + prlmry argmts fr + erct % th bldg were cmpld it ws comncd in + frth yr % + rgn % lln und + ausp % thr grd mst, S K % Is, Hy K % T, @ H A, but m prly und + imd dtn @ insp % H A, t w s, wh ws + arhtc % + wk; @ w hv ths evg, my br, rps a tr. wch c trdtn infms us, actly tk pc whn K S T ws nr its cmpln, @ wh rsltd i + dth % + G M H A: hs dth ws prm. @ t cm atng it wr as flws: Fftn Fcs. seng — T nr its cmpln @ frg tt th wd nt b abl t obt c c s wgs

whn trv in fr cnts, ent int a cnspy t xtrt fm + G
M H A + scts % a (1) (1) or tk hs lf.

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mr dsu int excn, thy acdly sta thsls at + ?, (1) @
E entc to + T a h-t, fr it ws + da cs % + G M H
A, whn th crf wr cl fm tb t rfs, t go int + T @
vw + wk, t c if any imp cd b m, eth f strngth o
omt; aft wch h en + S S o H % H, thr to ofr up h
dvtns to + ev lvg G @ pr fr ws ncsy t enbl hm t
dr dsns upn + trsbd, whb + crft mgt prsu thr tbs.

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tk hs lf, @ on hs thd rfs h smt h ac + tht wth +
twfr in gg. X thn atm t ps ot at + ws gt, wch h
fnd mr clsy gd by Jo, wh als thrc dmd % hm +
scs % a (1) (1) o h wd tk hs lf, @ on hs thd rfs h
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endv to mk hs esc ot at + est gt, wch h fnd stl

mr clsly gr b Jm, wh, seng + ill succs % hs br
asins, dt tt h wd acplsh + hr pr. Æ thfr, thre svl
tms dm % + G M H A + ss % a (1) (1) or h wd tk
hs lf @ on hs thd rfsl h smt hm upn + hd wth
a st ml @ fl hm dd at hs ft.

Th br + bd in + rbs % + Tm @ agrd t mt agn
at lo twl, wch i twl at nt or mdnt. @ conslt as
to wt fth thy wd do wt i. Th mt agrl t ap, cnvd
+ bd a wsl crs fm + Tm @ br it at — br % a hl
nr (1) (1)r, @ pl an aca at + hd % — gr. tt. shd
oc r, thy thsls wd k + sp. Th thn trvl by a crct
rt twd Jpa @ endv t gn a psag ito Eta, bt nt bg
abl t obt on, trnd bk int + cnt @ secr thsls i a
cav nr + plc whr th hd bd + bdy.

On + da flng, K S, entg + T @ fdg — crf in
+ utms cnfsn, dmd % H % T + cs, wh infd h tt
+ G M H A ws msg. H inq hw h kn h t b msg @
ld tt thr wr n ds drn upn + trs-bd, whb — crf m
prs th tbs. H thn inqurd hw lng h hd bn msg.

@ was infd s + da bfr, at hi twl.

K S rmkd tt h frd sm acdt hd bfl + G M H A, or at ls tt h mt b srsly indspsd, @ ord dlgt sch t b md in + svl aptm % + T, t c if h cd b fd, @ also to hv + rol % + wkm cld.

Hs ords wr du ex. Dlgd sch w m, wtht efc; bt upn + call % + rol, thr aprd t b thr Fcs msg, nmd Ja, Jo @ Jm, wh, frm +pclrt % thr nms, wr susd t b bros @ mn % Ty.

Twl Fcs thn ap bf K S, cld in wht gls @ aps, in tk % thr inoc, impld hs prd @ cnfs tt th twlv wth thr oths seng + Tm nr its cmpltm @ ferng tt thy wd nt be able to obt (1) (1)s wg whn trvg in fr cns, hd en int a cnspc t ex fm + G M H A + scs % a (1) (1) o tk hs lf; tt th twl hwe, reflctng wth hrr upn + atrc % + intd crm @ dr its ev ccs, hd rptd, bt frd + thr oths hd prstd in ptng the mrds dsu int ex.

Uhrupn K S or ths twl Fcs t trvl, thr est, thr ws, thr no @ thr soth, in sch % + G M H A, @ also + ds frm + Tm.

Hs ord ws du ob. Th thr wh trv on a cs twd Jpa mt wth a wafrg mn % whm thy inq if h hd sn an wkm fm + Tm ps b tt wa. H inf thm h hd, thr, wh wr end t gn a psg int Etho, bt nt bg ab t ob on, hd trn bk int + cntr. Th Fcs rtd t + T @ rptd ths intlgc t K S, whrupn K S ord + Fcs t trvl as bf, bt wth + pstv injc, tt i thy dd nt fnd eth + G M H A o + dsrtrs fm + T, th thmsls wd b dmd mdrs @ sfr acdl; fr i ma b, sd h, tt u hv tkn nt on + lf % + G M H A, bt als + ls % + spd dstrs, + bt t ccl ur on glt.

Hs ord ws dl ob. Th thr wh trv a wsl crs fm + Tm h o t asnd a hl, at + brw % wch on. bng wry @ wrn ou, sat dn t rs @ rfs hmsl. @ on rsg. cgt hl % an acia, wch esl gvg wa, exc his sp. whron h hld hs brn; @ whl consultg upn + spt. + erth hvg b rcly rmv @ it hvng + ap % a gr. th hrd excels isug fm + clfs % + ajc rks. wch th regz as + voc % + dsrs fm + Tm, acusg thsls @ exg on anth; whr on they rsh upn, szd @ bnd thm, @ tk thm bf K S, whr th cnfs thr glt. @ w. b h o, t wht th gts % th cty @ thr sverlly exctd i

acdc wth + imprctns wch hd fln fm thr own ms.

K S thn ord + Fcs t rpr to + plc whr th wr br st dn t rs @ rfs hmsl @ sch fr + bdy % + G M H A, @ if fd, t mk diligt srch, on @ abt it, fr + scs % a (1) (1) or a k thrt.

Th Fcs rprd t th spt, @ on rmvng + erth, fd + bd % + G M H A in a gr, dg du es @ ws @ sx ft in dpth. Dlgt srch ws md, on @ abt it, bt th fd nthg exc + jl % hs ofc. Ths thy tk t K S @ prs i wth thr rpt; whupn K S rmkd, ths is in + jl % + G M H A, @ + (1)s wd is ls; wch latr exprsn mt sm t imply t u, m br, tt nn bt + G M H A pssd + wd. Sch, hwev, ws nt + cs. (1)c trdtn infs us tt at + bld % K S T thr wr thr (1) (1)s, S K % Is, H K % T @ H A, w ent int a slm cvnt nt to gv + scs % a (1) (1) untl + T ws cmd, @ thn onl w t thr wr pr @ ag. On % thm bg dd, redd iimps fr + t oths t gv t scs; hnc u wl undrstd + rsn why K S prclm + wd lst, @ als + rsn why + G M H A wd nt gv it whn assaild b + rfns, bt chs rth t la d hs lf thn frft hs intg; an ex, m br, wry % al

imitn. (Stps t N sde of Lctn & m rman thr frst % +
lec o rtn as indcd in + CIPHER.)

K S thn ord H % Ty t tk to hmsl sutbl astnc
@ g wth hm t rs + bdy % + GMHA fr mr dcnt
intr; @ on arvg at + gr, th rsd thr hds thrc ab
thr hds thus (Dn.) exclmg i + umt gr. (Whl gvg
gr hl §.) : O l, m G.

Ths thfr, (Gvs gr hl §.) hs bn adpt as — gr hl
§ % th °, o a ⊕ ⊕ s sgl % dsts, wch u r nv t gv
ex u b in rea dsts, in imnt dng. wthin a ::. or fr
inst @ shd u c ths § gvn. (Gvs gr hl §.) u r t rgd
th prs gv i as a ⊕ ⊕ i ds, @ it wl b ur indspbl
dty to rlv hm s fr as u cn do so wth srs inj to
ursl or thos dpndt upn u.

In adtn t + wds accompnyng + §, thes wds r
also usd: i t n h f + w s, wch r als a sgnl % ds.
t b gvn i + ngt ssn, or, whn + § cnnt b sn. @ t
wch u r t pa lk atn. (My rtn t stn, if s dsrd.)

K S thn ord H % T t rs + bd b + gp % an E
⊕ ⊕, bt ws infd tt + bd cd nt b so rs owg t —
adv st % decmpsn, it hvng bn dd ffrn da. — sk
sld f th fl.

K S thn ord H % T t endv t rs + bd b + gp
% a Fc¹, bt ws infmd tt + bd cd nt b ths rs; fr
lk rs as bf, + fls clav f + bn. Whrpn K S excl:
wh shl w d.

At + sgstn % $\propto$ % T th knl @ prd. Afr pr K
S rmkd, my wr br % T, ur sgstn ws gd @ tml.
Uhn hu stgh @ wsd fail, w shd ev rmbr tt Dvn
astc is vchsfed us thro + md % pr. ¹y md is nw
clr, @ th + sk slp f + fls @ + fl clef f + bn, thr
i yt stn i + ln % + trb % Jda. Uth ur astc, I wl
rs + bd b + st gp o + l p, @ o + fv pt % flshp;
@ + fs wd spkn or utrd af + b is ths rs, shl b +
sbs fr + ls ms wd, unt fu ags m dsc + rt.

This m br, ws + bd % + G M H A rs fm + gr.
It ws cnvd t + T @ br, wch md thr tms; fs, in
+ rbs % + T b + rfns; scdl, at + br % + hl by
+ sm, @ lstly, nr + S S, o H % H, wr ¹c trdtn
infs us, thr ws erc t hs m a mr mt, cnstg % a btfl
clmn brkn; by it a vrgn wpg; an op bk bfr hr,
an aca i hr rt hnd, an urn in hr lf, @ tm stndg at
hr bk, ptly unfldg + rglts % hr hr.

The brkn clm dnts + untml dth % + G M H A;
+ vrgn wpg + unfs stt % + T, + op bk bfr hr, tt

+ mm % hs mny vrtus i sfly rcrd in ev @s hrt;
+ aca i hr-rt hn, + erly dscv % hs grv; + urn in
hr lf, tt + ashs % ths trly dstsg @ wer sfly dpstd;
@ tm, stndg at hr bk ptly unfldg + rglts % hr
hr, dnts tt tm, ptnc @ prsrvc wl acmpl al thgs.

This m br, cnclds + secd scn % + lectur or
hstry, % ths °.

THIRD SECTION

(During the delivery of the long-form lecture, a second brother, already seated in the East and anywhere north of the Master, may continue the long-form lecture at this point. If this option is used, the first lecturer will introduce the second lecturer as follows: "Brother (or Worshipful Brother) C will continue the lecture.")

The third section illustrates certain hieroglyphical emblems well calculated to increase knowledge and promote virtue. In it, also, many particulars relative to the building of King Solomon's Temple are noticed. That famous fabric, as I before informed you, was commenced in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon, on the second day of the month Zif, being the second month of the sacred year. It was located on Mount Moriah, near the place where Abraham was about to offer up his son Isaac, and where David met and appeased the destroying angel.

It was supported by fourteen hundred and fifty-three columns and two thousand nine hundred and six pilasters, all hewn from the finest Parian marble. There were employed in its erection three Grand Masters, three thousand three hundred Masters or Overseers of the work, eighty thousand Fellow Crafts or hewers on the mountains and in the quarries, and seventy thousand Entered Apprentices or bearers of burdens; and these were all so classed and arranged by the wisdom of Solomon that neither envy, discord, nor confusion was suffered to interrupt or disturb the peace and good fellowship which prevailed among the workmen;

exc i + singl instnc wch w hv ts evng rprsntd
@ wch rsultd in + dth % + G M H A,

and, as a striking evidence of the approbation and interposition of Divine Providence, we are informed by the great Jewish historian Josephus that, although more than seven years were occupied in its building. yet during the whole term it did not rain in the day time, but in the night season only,

that the workmen might not be obstructed from their labors. From sacred history we also learn that there was not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron in the house while it was building, it having been put together in the manner described to you in a preceeding degree.

E ☿s asmbld on + gr fl % K S T, @ thr ::s cns % nt ls thn sv; on ☿r, + ot ☿s. Fcs hld thr mtgs i + M C % K S T, @ thr ::s cnstd % nt ls thn fv; to ☿sts, + oths Fcs; ☿☿s mt i + S S, o H % H, @ thr :: cnstd % thr; @ a :: % ☿ ☿s i nw sd t b sprtd by thr grt plrs, dntd wsd, strg @ buty, wch plrs r sd t rps o fs thr Ms E G ☿s, S K % Is, H K % T, @ H A. Th pl % ws i sd t rps S K % Is, as it ws by hs ws the mty edfc ws erctd wch imrtlzd hs nm; + plr % stg is sd to rps H K % T, who md an egmt wth K S t pa + cft thr wgs, if an b du, tt nn mt g aw dsf, hr bg + st @ spt % al s, es % o; @ + pl % bt is sd t rps H A, + wd sn, wh ws + archt % + wk, @ whs dt i ws t cl + crf fm tb t rfs at hi twl, wch i th bt @ glr % th da.

EMBLEMS

The hieroglyphical emblems explained in this degree are –

The Three Steps:

The Pot of Incense:

The Bee-Hive:

The Book of Constitutions, guarded by the Tyler's Sword:

The Sword, pointing to a Naked Heart, and the All-Seeing Eye:

The Anchor and Ark:

The forty-seventh Problem of Euclid: and

The Hour glass and Scythe.

(The next paragraph is not said if optional long form lecture is to be given.)

The explanation of these is to be found in the monitor which has been adopted by the Fraternity as a text book and with which it is hoped that you will soon make yourself familiar.

[The Three Steps usually delineated upon the Master's carpet, are emblematical of the three principal stages of human life: *Youth, Manhood, and*

Age. In *Youth*, as Entered Apprentices, we ought industriously to occupy our minds in the attainments of useful knowledge; in *Manhood*, as Fellow Crafts we should apply our knowledge to the discharge of our respective duties to God, our neighbor, and ourselves; that so, in *Age*, as Master Masons, we may enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality.

The Pot of Incense is an emblem of a pure heart, which is always an acceptable sacrifice to the Deity; and, as this glows with fervent heat, so should our hearts continually glow with gratitude to the great and beneficent Author of our existence, for the manifold blessings and comforts we enjoy.

The Bee Hive is an emblem of industry, and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings, from the highest seraph in heaven, to the lowest reptile of the dust. It teaches us, that as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our powers

to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves.

When we take a survey of nature, we view man in his infancy, more helpless and indigent than the brute creation; he lies languishing for days, months, and years, totally incapable of providing sustenance for himself, of guarding against the attack of the wild beasts of the field, or sheltering himself from the inclemencies of the weather. It might have pleased the great Creator of heaven and earth, to have made man independent of all other beings; but as dependence is one of the strongest bonds of society, mankind were made dependent on each other for protection and security, as they thereby enjoy better opportunities of fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed a *drone* in the *hive* of nature, a useless member of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons.

The Book of Constitutions, Guarded by the Tyler's Sword, reminds us that we should be ever watchful and guarded in our thoughts, words, and actions, particularly when before the enemies of Masonry; ever bearing in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, *silence* and *circumspection*.

The Sword, Pointing to a Naked Heart, demonstrates that justice will sooner or later overtake us; and although our thoughts, words, and actions may be hidden from the eyes of man, yet that All-seeing Eye, whom the *Sun*, *Moon* and *Stars* obey, and under whose watchful care, even *Comets* perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human *Heart*, and will reward us according to our merits.

The Anchor and Ark are emblems of a well-grounded *hope*, and a well-spent life. They are emblematical of that divine *ark* which safely wafts us over this tempestuous sea of troubles, and that *anchor* which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary shall find rest.

The Forty-seventh Problem of Euclid was an invention of our ancient friend and brother, the great PYTHAGORAS, who, in his travels through Asia, Africa and Europe, was initiated into several orders of Priesthood, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This wise philosopher enriched his mind abundantly in a general knowledge of things, and more especially in Geometry, or Masonry. On this subject he drew out many problems and theorems; and among the most distinguished, he erected this, which, in the joy of his heart, he called *Eureka*, in the Grecian language signifying *I have found it*; and upon the discovery of which he is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb. It teaches Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences.

The Hour-Glass is an emblem of human life. Behold! how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! We cannot without astonishment behold the little particles which are contained in this machine; how they pass away almost imperceptibly and yet, to our surprise, in the short space of an hour they are all exhausted.

Thus wastes man! Today, he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; tomorrow, blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth.

The Scythe is an emblem of time, which cuts the brittle thread of life, and launches us into eternity. Behold what havoc the Scythe of Time makes among the human race! If by chance we should escape numerous evils incident to childhood and youth and, with health and vigor arrive to the years of manhood, yet withal we must soon be cut down by the all-devouring Scythe of Time and be gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us.]

Ther i a cls % mblms wch s nt mtrl, + expln thr% b cnfdd only t + rpty o f bs. It cnst % + st ml, + sp, + cfn @ + aca. Th fs thr r embls % mrtlty; + ls i a em % imrtlt. By + st ml, w r rmdd % + inst b wch it is sd + G M H A ws sln; b + sp, % tt wch dg hs gr; @ b + cfn, % tt

wh rec hs rmns. Thes to + rtl tkg md r calctd t prdc srs @ mlnc rflctns; bt, whn w lk frwd t + aca, wch budd @ bloomd at th hd % th gr, w r rmdd % + imrtl prt + spt or sol % mn, wch wl lv wn tm shl b n mr.

It is the inspiration of that great Divinity whom we adore, and bears the nearest resemblance or affinity to that Supreme Intelligence which pervades all nature, and which will never, never, never die. Hence, my brother, how important it is that we should endeavor to imitate t G M H A in his truly exalted and exemplary character, in his unfeigned piety to God, and in his inflexible fidelity to his trust; that we may be prepared to welcome death, not as a grim tyrant, but as a kind messenger sent to translate us from this imperfect to that all-perfect, glorious, and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe forever presides.

Ths, my bro, cncls th lectr % ts °. If u wl rs, Br X wl dlvr u th chg.