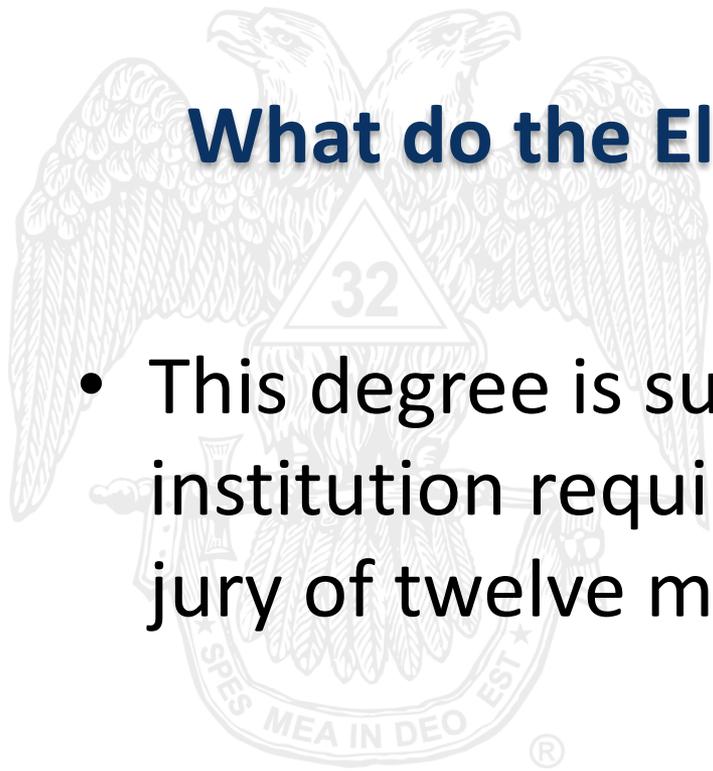


# 11°, Elu of the Twelve

# What do the Elu of the Twelve represent?

- This degree is supposed to represent another institution required for true liberty—a trial by jury of twelve men.

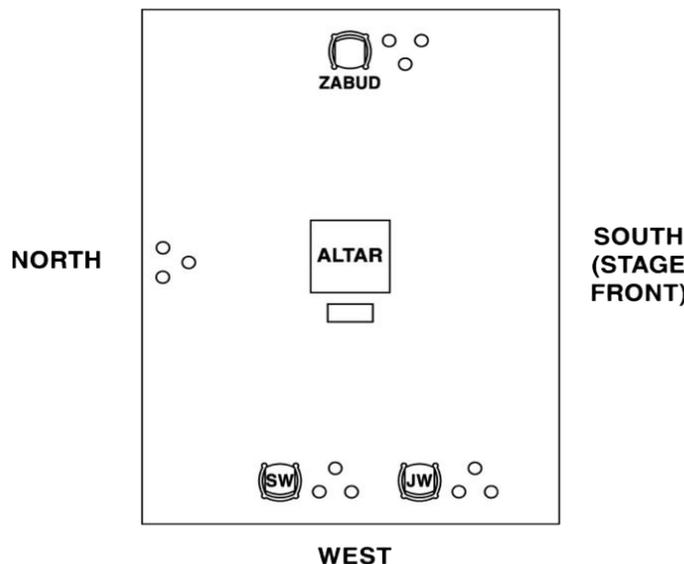


# What is the lesson we should take away from this degree?

- The practice of virtue and the performance of duties required by an Elu of the Twelve should be evident in all spheres of life.
  - This is represented in the lodge decoration with twelve lights in four triangular groups of three in all four quarters on the room: East, West, South, and North.

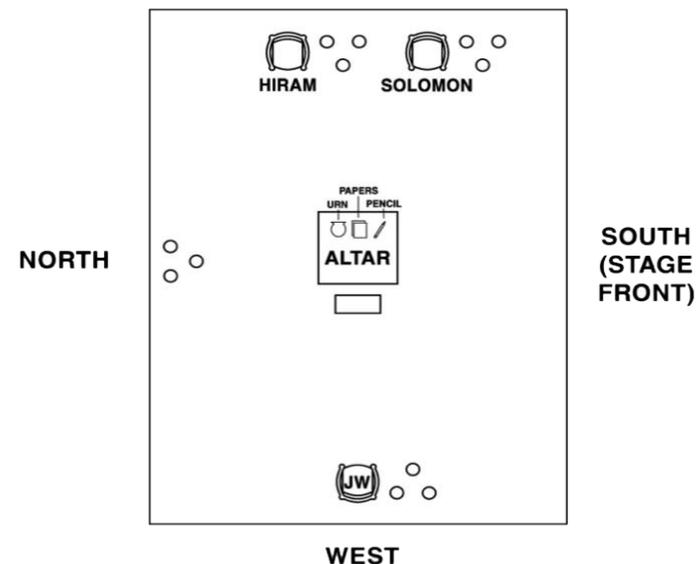
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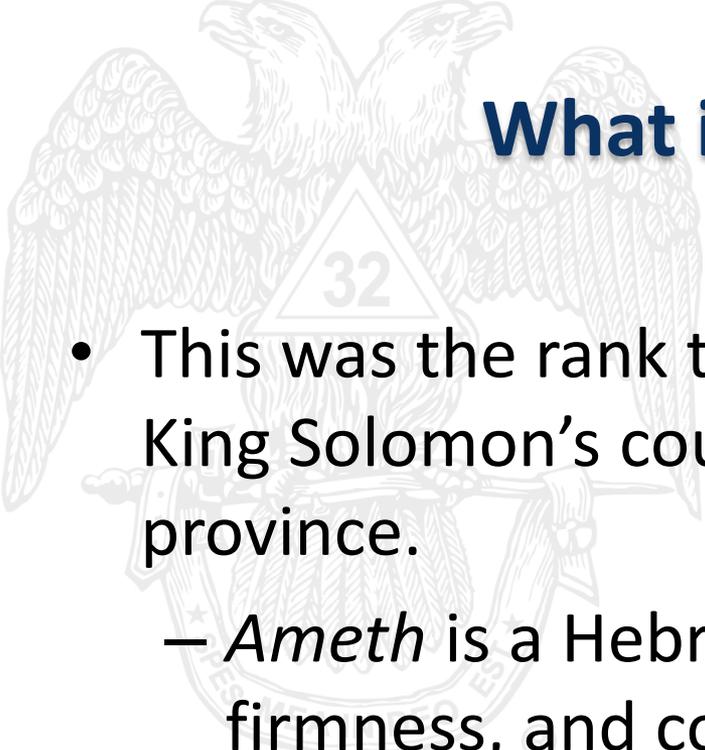
## Scene 2

SYMBOLIC  
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# Why does King Solomon make the Elus governors of the twelve tribes?

- King Solomon received complaints that the tax collectors were being bribed not to collect from the wealthy and making up the deficiency by levying more taxes on the poor, also they were taking more from the people than they were contributing to Solomon's treasury.
- The Elus were then placed as governors and given sovereign power over their provinces as Solomon's direct representatives.



## What is a Prince Ameth?

- This was the rank these twelve Elus were given in King Solomon's court, as sovereign governors in their province.
  - *Ameth* is a Hebrew word meaning, “truth, fidelity, firmness, and constancy” in keeping one's promises.

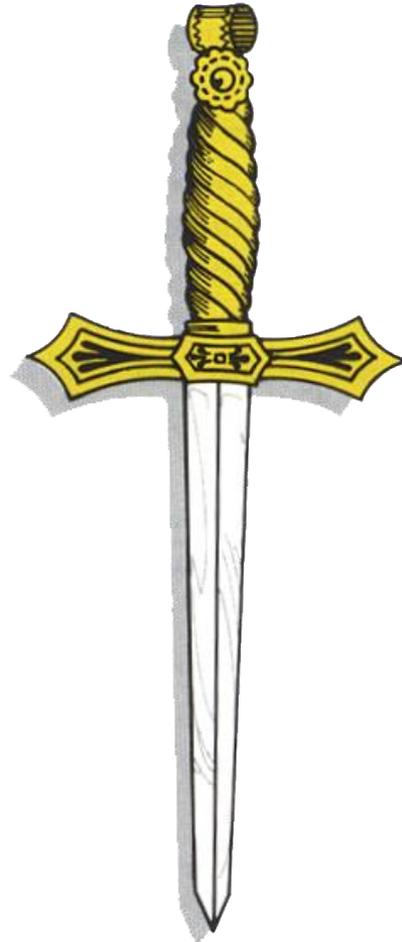
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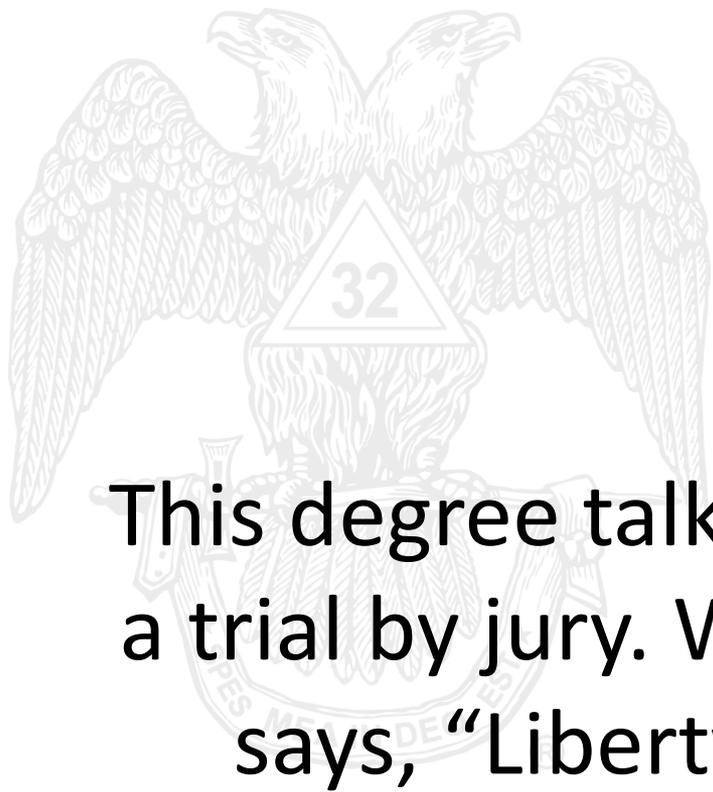
- The flaming heart upon the apron is a symbol of zeal and devotedness that [should] animate all Masons ... that have in all ages suffered and sacrificed themselves for their fellows or their country.



# What is the symbolism of the regalia in this degree?

- The cordon of the Elu of the Twelve also has a flaming heart on it that shares the same symbolism as the apron. Above the heart on the cordon is the motto of this degree, “Vincere aut Mori,” literally, “Either Conquer or Die.”
  - “This motto is a solemn pledge that one would rather die than betray the cause of the people.”
- The jewel is a sword of gold that represents truth. This also represents the title of Prince Ameth, or Prince of Truth.
- “Truth is sharper than any two-edged sword.” (Hebrews 4:12)





This degree talks about the importance of a trial by jury. What does it mean when it says, “Liberty ‘often be but a name’ without trial by jury?”