



**16°,
Prince of
Jerusalem**

Where is a Prince of Jerusalem expected to rebuild the temple?

- In Pike's lecture, he states, "the whole world is God's temple, as is every upright heart."
 - From this, a Prince of Jerusalem (and Masonry in general) is to build the symbolic temple all over the world and in every upright heart using the special tools in this degree, but not forgetting the tools of the other degrees.

What do the colors of the veils to the tabernacle represent?

- White
 - represents purity of life and rectitude of conduct.
- Blue
 - universal friendship, benevolence and fidelity.
- Red
 - signifies zeal, fervency and war.
- Purple
 - assumes an ancient meaning of constancy in battle; represented by purple being both blue and red, fidelity and war.

What duties and lessons does this degree teach us to perform?

- Direct and aid those who labor to build the symbolic temple.
- Judge with equality and fairness.
- Provide aid of whatever kind to fellow Princes of Jerusalem.
- Keep faith in the justice and beneficence of God.
- Press forward with hope for the persecuted and oppressed.

What does the apron of a Prince of Jerusalem symbolize?

- The red signifies zeal and faith in God, the border is of the color of dawn to denote the dawn of hope.
- The balanced scales held by the hand of Justice denotes our duty to judge equitably and fairly.
- The second temple is a representation of what Zerubbabel completed.
- The sword and buckler are symbols of your profession as a knight.



What does the apron of a Prince of Jerusalem symbolize?

- The triangle and square are symbols of your character as a Mason.
- Lastly, the Samaritan letters are the first letter of the months Tebeth and Adar; the Israelites re-entered Jerusalem on the 20th day of Tebeth and completed the temple on the 20th day of Adar (in the 6th year of Darius).



What does a Prince of Jerusalem's cordon symbolize?



- The color symbolizes dawn, just as on the apron.
- The upright dagger represents the blade that Ehud used to kill Eglon, King of Moab.
- The five stars around the dagger represent the five Princes of Jerusalem.
- The Balance reminds us again of our duty.

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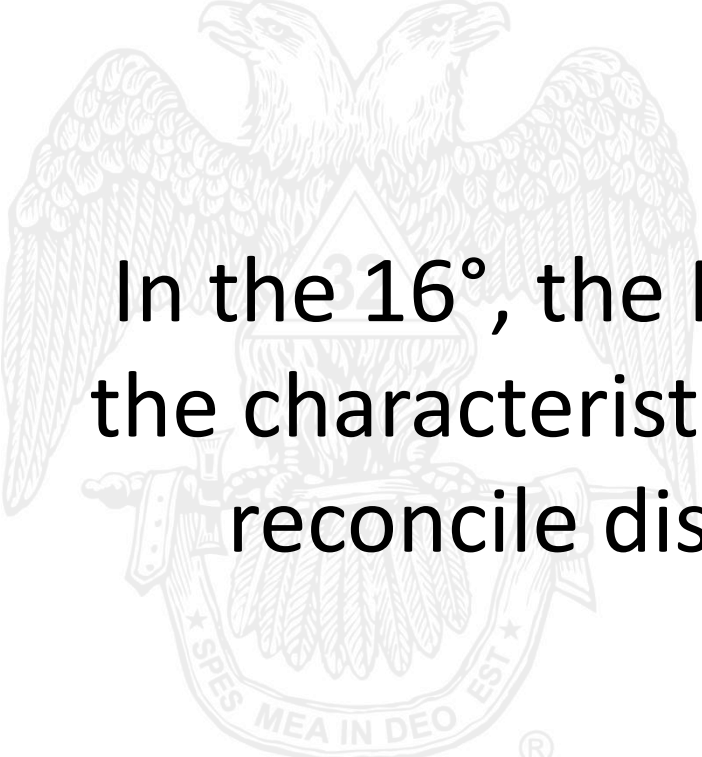


- The two crowns symbolize those which were to be given to Zerubbabel and Joshua as the civil and religious authority.
- The hand holding the sword reminds us of the severity that sometimes is needed to repress crime.
- The trowel is the symbol of the Masons who rebuilt the temple.

What is the significance of the jewel?



- On one side of this two-sided coin are the scales being held by the hand of Justice, again to remind us of our duties.
- On the reverse you have the dagger and five stars again holding the same symbolism as they do on the cordon.
- The initials “D” and “Z” are for Darius and Zerubbabel.



In the 16th, the Princes of Jerusalem used the characteristics of justice and equity to reconcile disputes and bring peace.

Discuss examples of how these characteristics could be used to resolve problems today.