

In conferring the degree the Presiding officer first represents Cyrus, the King, and afterwards Darius, also Sanhedrim of the Jews on the return of Zerubbabel to Jerusalem.

My great objection to this American degree lies in the O.B., looking upon it as unnecessarily stringent, if not impious, and I therefore never conferred or have taken the O.B. In Ireland and Scotland the O.B. is simply the usual one of secrecy, quite sufficient where there is nothing to conceal.

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