

# “Death, Burial & Resurrection in the Masonic Lodge”

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The Legend of Hiram Abif (the Hiram Legend) of the Master Mason degree is the new member’s baptism into the religion of Freemasonry. Because there is no water involved, it is not easily recognized as such.

During his initiation every candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of Freemasonry (Master Mason Degree) plays the role of Hiram Abif, Grand Architect of King Solomon’s temple. Hiram has a secret word and three ruffians kill him for not revealing it. The ruffians bury Hiram who is later resurrected.

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