

## Three Grand Offerings

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In the First Degree Tracing Board Lecture, the Junior Warden tells of “three grand offerings which met with Divine approbation”. What is the significance of this segment in the lecture?

I have not read of anything that explains it, but I have identified a connection. Whether this was the intended connection or not, I don't know but, after reading this article, you can let me know what *you* think.

First, the “ready obedience of Abraham to the will of God, in not refusing to offer up his only son Isaac as a burnt offering...” |In Genesis 22, Abraham is commanded to take Isaac to the land of Moriah, traditionally understood to be Mount Moriah.

Second, “the many pious prayers and ejaculations offered up by King David..... Which stayed a pestilence which then raged among his people, owing to his imprudently having had them numbered.”. As an aside, the term “numbered”, used here, refers to having had the people counted, as in a census.

Third, the “many thanksgivings, burnt sacrifices, and costly offerings , presented by King Solomon at the building, completion, and dedication of the Temple at Jerusalem....”.

In my opinion, these passages are just oblique references to Kings Solomon's Temple.

The first offering takes place on Mount Moriah, which is the supposed site of the Temple of Solomon.

The second offering is made by David, who was, as you know, the father of Solomon.

The third offering is by Solomon, himself.

So, you can see that the references lead to King Solomon's Temple. I cannot, however, find any esoteric meaning here. If there is, I would certainly like to know about it.