

Society Rosicruciana in Anglia

Province of the Home Counties

Thomas á Beckett College's 30th Anniversary of Service

Awareness Day

To be held at Wokingham Masonic Centre

The Musings of a Past Celebrant No 15

The Triangle of Perfection



The Fireman's Friend

The candle flame may look romantic but it embraces the principles that all 'Fires' exist and are sustained by three elements. Remove one and the fire is extinguished. To fight a fire, to vanquish and extinguish its force, remove any single element. A fire cannot exist without heat, neither can it exist without material to consume and, finally, fire cannot exist without oxygen. The Fire fighter's plan is simple. Depending on the economics of effort, remove one or more of the elements, remove heat by cooling, remove the material by evacuation or stifle the oxygen by suffocation.

The Spiritual Triangle

The ancestors determined that the human soul resides within a spiritual body. For the basis of intellectual debate they assigned three principal elements. The Divine Spark of Life, The material of the spiritual body and the intellectual element of the independent Self. To further aid in the reasoning to these invisible properties they assigned a number and an animal theme.

Water - Assigned as numeral 2 - Theme is the Bull Ox - The material body.

Fire - Assigned as numeral 3 - Theme is the Lion - Representing delegated power.

Salt - Assigned numerical 4 - Theme is the Camel - Representing Man's character.

The Masonic Square

For a Soul to reside on Earth an additional element is required. "Air". The Soul is encased with the earthly body and thus we have the four sides of the square. This intellectual jigsaw defines that the Salt line of the Triangle should be placed against the Line representing the Earth as they are entwined. The Hebrew Alphabet clearly defines the Beit (b) as being engraved as East, South and West. Thus Air is in the North. This leaves us with the Compass point rotated so that the East is on the left side of the image, the West is on the right and the South is positioned on the top of the image butted against the base of the triangle, the side referred to as Salt.

The ancestors tell us that the earthly body is made up of four active principles, remove any one and the body will die. The Fire of spiritual energy can be fuelled or extinguished by the will of the earthly man.

The body of man (The components of water) can be damaged by the misguidance of the desires of earthly man. The North Air side, the exposed 'Achilles Heel' of man is subject to the will of God, where each of us is tried and tested to enhance or diminish our characters.