

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 8

The Language of Numbers – Part 3

No 4 is the Mystic Number — and indicates the operative influence of the four elements. Under this number or the geometrical square, Pythagoras communicated the ineffable Name of God to his chosen disciples.

The Square is actually the three dimensional Cube. Life made visible. Thus we see that the Cube represents life in the third dimension. It represents the soul's life on Earth. The Letter is (C) 'Gimmal' was given the animal name of the Camel, the beast of burden that carries man on his journey. The mystic knowledge declares life is about choice. Each soul is free to move as it requires.

In Masonic terms the Mason is a soul who works with the Ashlar (the square or cube) to improve his lot, and that of his family, his friends, and his country. The way of the righteous man is called the way of the Camel.

Thus man is born and the teleology indicates that the goal is evolution. The Royal Arch Chapter depicts this element as a Man. Masonry marks this association with the Master's place in the East to inspire learning. The Senior Warden, who provides every brother with his due according to his work, places himself in the West. The Junior Warden, the Steward who challenges all who would enter, represents the individual soul, and his place is in the South.

No. 5 is The Emblem of Health and Safety — It is also denominated the Occult Number. The Pentagram was a famous talisman; it represents Spirit and the four Elements. Some even call this the evil number. The Letter is the (D) 'Dalet' it represents the Doorway. It is the fourth 'North' side of the square which is exposed. This Element is called Air.

Evil is the teacher's word for caution, for this is where the university staff, the agents of high spirit, (*the water*) force upon you the traumas of your life. The animal theme is assigned to the Eagle. The Royal Arch declares this as "the swiftness speed and celerity", in which the will of God (and/or his agents) is always applied.

The Masonic tradition declares that all your actions are known and have consequences. The Mark degree declares that you go to the West to receive your due, for good or ill. If you are a sword bearer you will know that the sword point is laid down with its point to the North. If you are a Mark Mason you will know that the sharp end of the Chisel, as it lays on the bible, is always pointing to the North. "Evil comes from the North" is the teacher's way of saying. Your words and actions create your Karma, what goes around comes around. You are in charge of your life's vehicle. Proceed with caution. The uneducated soul flounders in the darkness, an educated soul makes choices.

Thus we have the Four Beasts bowing before God as described by St John the Divine: The Ox, The Lion, The Camel-(Man) and The Eagle.

The very foundation for all life.