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“One may understand the Cosmos, but never the ego; the self is more distant than any star.” Gilbert K. Chesterton

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“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.” Babe Ruth

Sometimes Masons need a reminder. I needed reminder to put in a plug for one of the better research Lodges a Mason can become a member of; it's the Southern California Research Lodge. I got this reminder from my good friend and Brother Milt Youmans, Secretary and Editor of "Ye Olde Ozark Traveler," the newsletter for the Harry S. Truman Chapter of the National Sojourners. Brother Milt puts out an excellent newsletter, and I'm always glad to see it my mail box. In the August 2009 edition there was a paper from Worshipful Brother A.R. "Tim" Brown, P.G.I. G. Brother Brown presented the paper to the research Lodge of Ruapehu #444 in New Zealand. The copy Milt included in the 'Ozark Traveler was from the Southern California Research Lodge, who reprinted it and sent it out to its members. You can join the S.C. R.L. for just \$20 a year by sending it to Brother Norman Leeper 2097 Smokewood Ave Fullerton, Ca 92831 Leepsan@aol.com I enjoy the publications I get from them, and I'm glad Brother Milt included the one below in his newsletter.

Over the years many Masons have wondered about the 5 Pointed Star. Many critics have made all sorts of accusations about the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Easter Star because of their interpretation of the 5 Pointed Star. As you read the paper below you will see that the star has been used over the centuries by various groups as a symbol. Just because someone interprets a 5 Pointed Star as satanic does not mean it is, at least not for everyone; some things are just not looked at the same way by everyone everywhere. The paper below will shed some important light on the 5 Pointed Star, so we Masons are better informed. Enjoy. – Ed

“Becoming a star may not be your destiny, but being the best that you can be is a goal that you can set for yourselves.” Bryan Lindsay

History of the Five Pointed Star

By W. Bro. A. R. "Tim" Brown

The Five Pointed Star originated with the Priests of the Temple of Isis thousands of years before the Christian era, and is the recognized badge of those connected with medicine.

The priests devoted their lives to the pursuit of knowledge of the secret arts and sciences (occult and mystic), the healing properties of herbs, and the various methods of combating disease, in conjunction with keen ethnological study. The High Priest with his chief officers and servants constantly in attendance upon the Pharaohs, and ruling kings of Egypt, an office of no little importance in those days, whilst those priests of lower or inferior degree after undergoing a severe training of some years, were sent in all directions amongst various tribes, educating them, teaching, healing the sick, halt and the lame; seeking and taking knowledge of men and strange herbs, etc., which were collected, classified, and forwarded to their Brethren of the Temple for further examination and investigation. Thus the Priests of Isis became a powerful body in the land; revered and made especially welcome wherever they sojourned, trusted by all, they were the recipients of many strange secrets, and a great factor for good, more especially in controlling the many Nomadic tribes peculiar to Egypt and Arabia at that period.

To secure the admission of reliable and worthy men alone into this Order of Priesthood, Oaths of Allegiance were required and sworn upon a representation of a Five-Pointed Star, which was considered

Each point of the Star was of peculiar import, representing Volition, Fidelity, or Intellect, and were explained to the candidate for admission as follows:

1. The Hand; 2. Foot; 3. Knee; 4. Breast; and 5. Head or Intellect.

Any breach of faith, or departure from the law governing this body brought instant and excessively severe punishment upon the offender, usually the loss of a limb, but sometimes even death was the penalty.

A portion of the Oath administered was as follows:

The Hand:

That my hand shall be ever extended to help, comfort, and relieve the sick and suffering.

The Foot:

That my feet shall not falter, loiter or linger when journeying to alleviate the suffering of the sick.

The Knee:

That my knee shall bow in supplication to the Almighty Creator Ra for guidance and aid in my endeavor to succor and relieve the sick and suffering

The Breast:

That my breast shall be a safe and sacred repository of any secrets entrusted to me; or divulged during the sickness, or delirium, or otherwise obtained

The Head:

That I will constantly pursue the study of the secret arts; that I will exercise my knowledge to the benefit of those suffering mental or bodily distress, and that I will disseminate such knowledge among others that my preceptors may Authorize and direct.

Extract from - "The N.Z. [New Zealand] Nurses Training Manual".

The Origin of the Five Pointed Star:

'The five-pointed star, which has always been the symbol of St. James, was selected by Mrs. Grace Neil as the design of our New Zealand Nurses' medal. The star was also intended to represent the Southern Cross

The five points represent service with head, heart, hands, feet and knees. Symbol '+' the cross: Representing blood, pain and suffering; White background: Charity with purity of heart, mind and service; Blue: Honor, Hope to crown our effort. Faith; Red: Armour for fighting disease, despair, and dishonor.

The red, white and blue: represents loyalty to self, patients, hospital, doctors, and all in authority. Each of these colors has its circle of gold, the emblem of charity, mercy and kindness for the relief of suffering.

The Bar signifies that skilled knowledge which enables the New Zealand Registered nurse to wear this emblem of her profession.

Words to live by: "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars." Casey Kasem

From volumes of Sacred Law:

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell {Me,} if you have understanding, Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Job 38:4-7 NASB Tanakh (Old Testament)

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 1 Corinthians 15:41 NASB (New Testament)

GOD is the light of the heavens and the earth. The allegory of His light is that of a concave mirror behind a lamp that is placed inside a glass container. The glass container is like a bright, pearl-like star. The fuel thereof is supplied from a blessed oil-producing tree, that is neither eastern, nor western. Its oil is almost self-radiating; needs no fire to ignite it. Light upon light. GOD guides to His light whoever wills (to be guided). GOD thus cites the parables for the people. GOD is fully aware of all things. Qur'an 024:035 Khalifa Translation

“Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon or star.” Confucius

Please remember: if you would like to participate in the latest Masonic Monday Question, please go to <http://www.lodgebuilder.org> and click on the Lodge Education forum. When you have an answer send it to masonicmonday@gmail.com the Masonic Monday Question for the week of 03/01/10 is: **Aside from the conferring of degrees; what is the purpose of the Masonic ritual?**

“Ideals are like the stars: we never reach them, but like the mariners of the sea, we chart our course by them.” Carl Schurz

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“What no wife of a writer can ever understand is that a writer is working when he's staring out of the window.” Burton Rascoe

A new Video of our Education committee has been posted on You Tube by Brother Ian Luhm on 2/26; it can be viewed by clicking on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua0fqk3HGsc> Also you can check out our videos at any time by going to www.youtube.com and typing in glmned, our videos should then come up. Some of Ed's papers can be read at: <http://www.mn-masons.org>

TFS & Masonic Matters can also be read on Ed's Face Book page; <http://www.facebook.com/ed.halpaus>

Please remember – Ed's new email address is erhmasonic@gmail.com the old one is going away.

With “Brotherly Love”,
Ed Halpaus
Grand Lodge Education Officer

**Seek to mentor a Brother Mason:
It's good for him, it's good for you, and it's good for Freemasonry!**