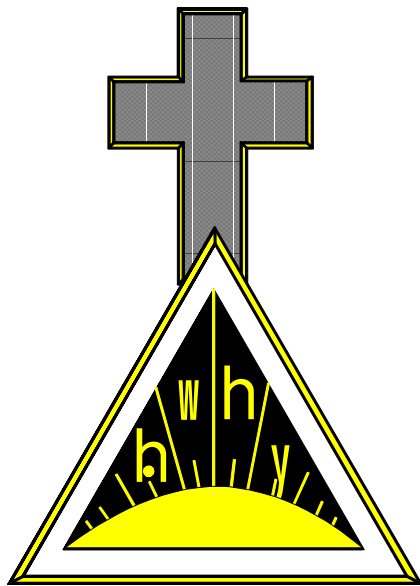
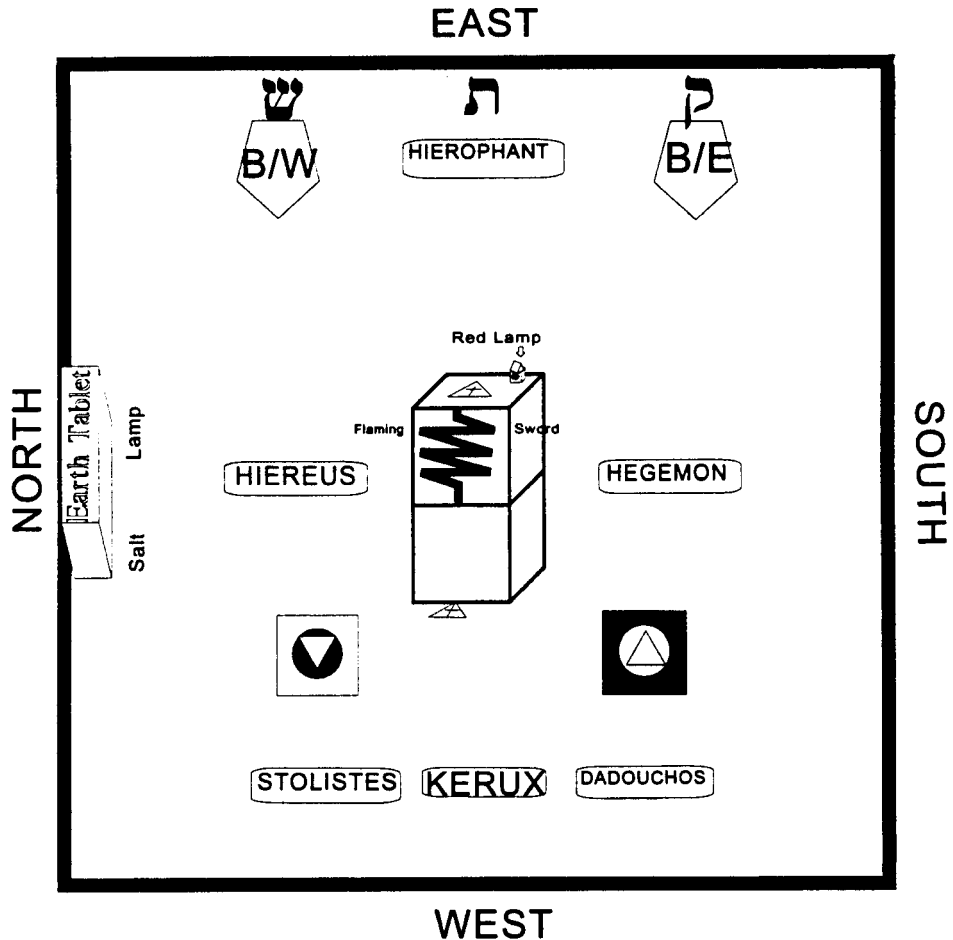


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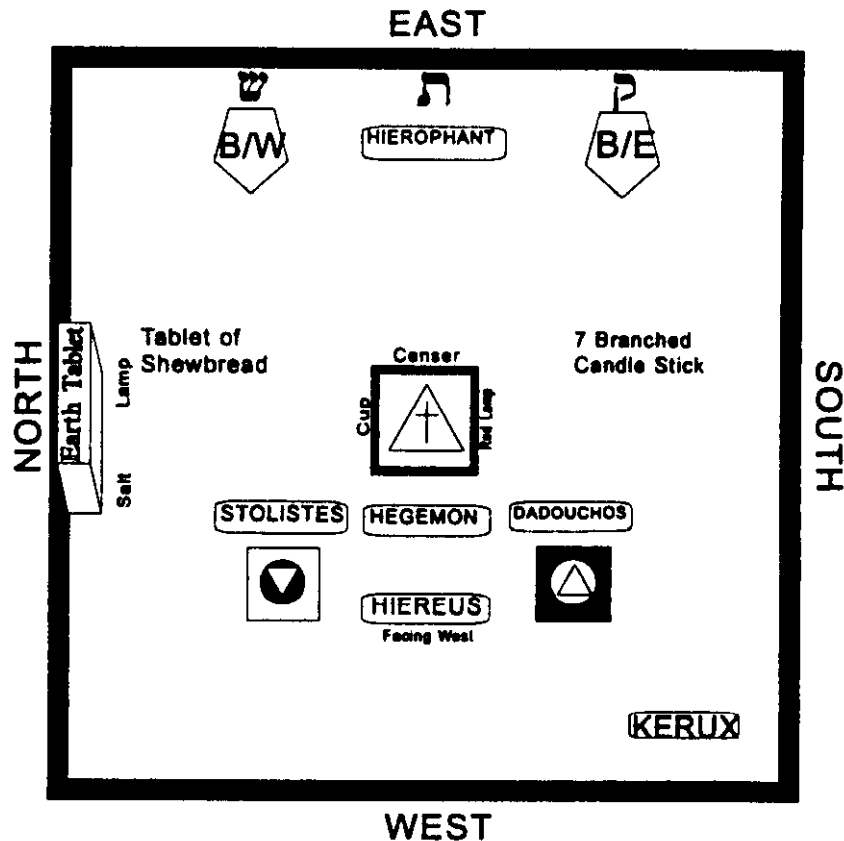
**BASIC TEMPLE  
SYMBOLOLOGY OF THE  
ZELATOR GRADE**



**ZELATOR 1=10**



In examining the diagram, the first thing that you will notice is that the altar is much farther to the east and the pillars are set much farther to the west in the Temple than in the Hall of the Neophyte. The officers in the first part of the Zelator Initiation form a triangle which is symbolical of the Supernal Creation. So, we have the Hierophant, the Hiereus and the Hegemon forming the triangle with the Kerux, Dadouchos and Stolistes as the base to the triangle. The Hierophant stands in the east and also at the apex of the triangle, which is the highest point of the triangle and the position of highest power. Here is an interesting note that you might want to consider; The triangle forms the Fire Triangle. As you know, the symbol of Fire is the upright triangle. This points to a subtle connection between the y, the Fire force, and final h, the Earth force, the Tetragrammaton.



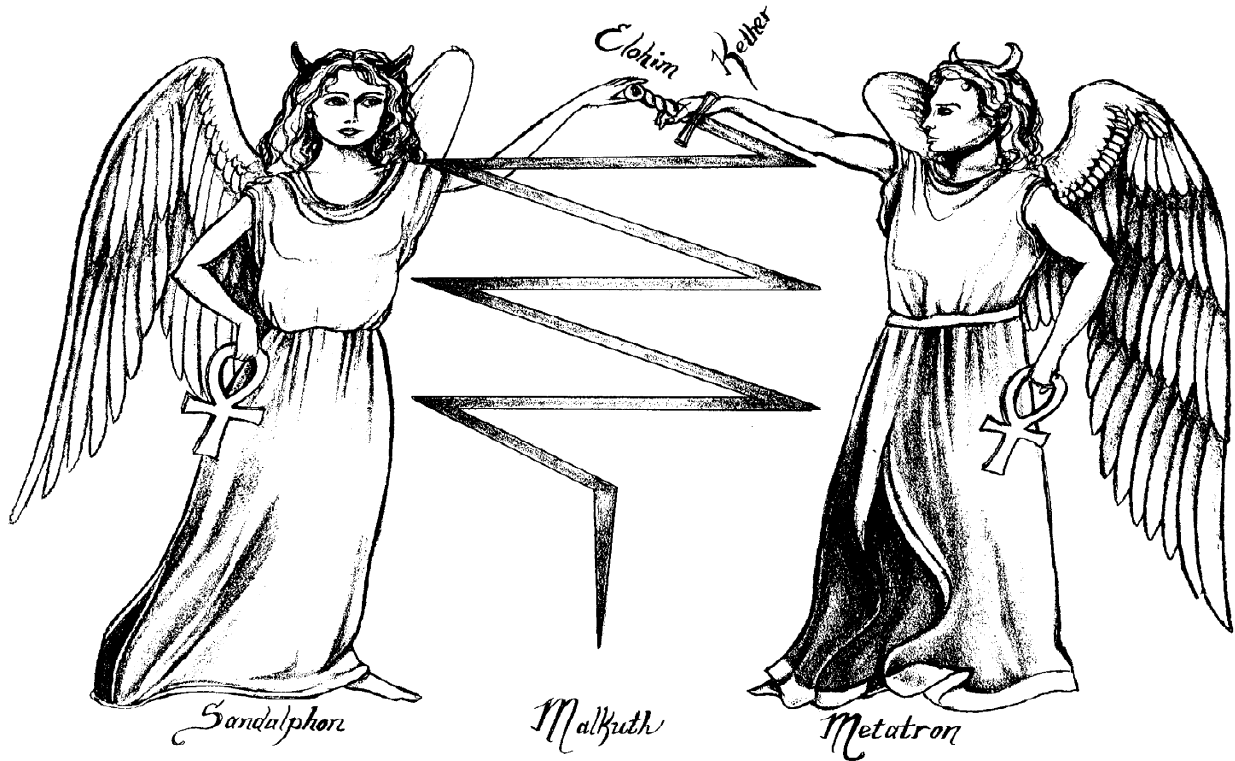
"And the Tetragrammaton placed the Kerubim at the east of the Garden of Eden and a Flaming Sword which turned every way to keep the path of the Tree of Life, for He has created Nature that man being cast out of Eden may not fall into the void. He has bound man with the stars as with a chain. He allures him with scattered fragments of the Divine body in bird and beast and flower, and He laments over him in the wind and in the sea and in the birds. When the times are ended, He will call the Kerubim from the East of the Garden, and all shall be consumed and become Infinite and Holy.

Receive, now, the secrets of this grade. The grade sign is given thus, by raising the right hand to an angle of forty-five degrees and stepping out approximately six inches with the left foot (Shows it). It is the position in which the Hierophant interposed for you between the Hiereus and the Hegemon. The Grand Word of this grade is Adonai ha-Aretz, and means Adonai, the Lord of the Earth, to which element this grade is allotted. The Mystic Number is fifty-five, and from it is formed the Password h n. It means "ornament", and when given, is lettered separately. The badge of this grade is the complete cross and triangle with 1=10 in red and two white stripes outlining the sash.

The three portals facing you in the east are the gates of the paths leading to the three further grades, which with the Zelator and the Neophyte forms the first and lowest

Order of our Fraternity. Furthermore, they represent the paths which connect the tenth sephira of Malkuth with the other sephiroth. The letters t, q, and c make the word Quesheth, a bow, the reflection of the rainbow of promise stretched over our Earth, and which is about the Throne of God."

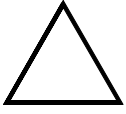
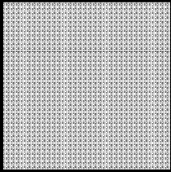
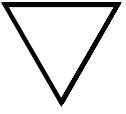
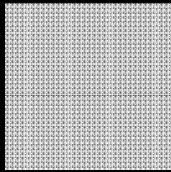
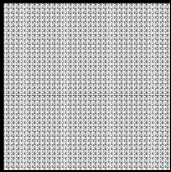
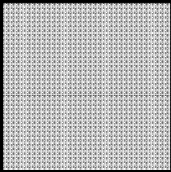
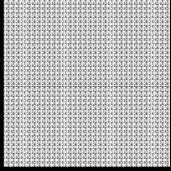
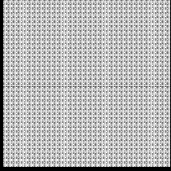
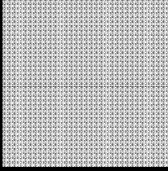

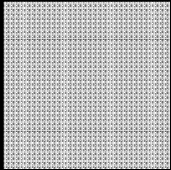
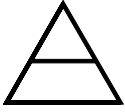
This drawing of the Flaming Sword of the Kerubim is a representation of the Guardians of the Gates of Eden, just as the Hieres and Hegemon symbolize the two paths of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil."

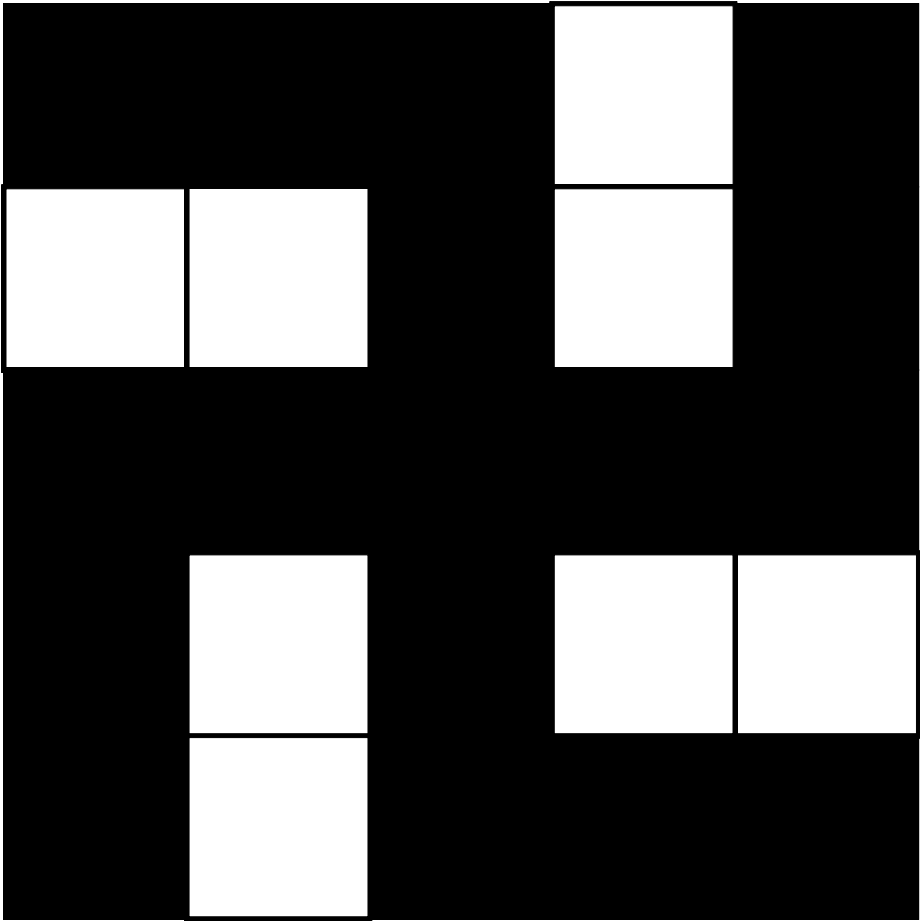


The admission badge of the grade of Zelator is the Fylfot Cross. This cross is formed of seventeen squares out of a square of twenty-five lesser squares. Again, we see another subtle connection to that of Fire, in that twenty-five is also the number of the Kamea of Mars. A kamea is a magical mathematical symbol.

This ritual is broken down into two points. After the first point is accomplished, the candidate quits the Temple. Upon his return, the second point begins. In the second point of the ritual, we have a cross formed by the positions of the Officers. The shaft of this cross itself is created by the three Chief Officers, the Hierophant, Hegemon and the Hieres in alignment with the altar. The lesser officers of Stolistes and Dadouchos will serve to create the cross bars of this cross. Considering that the cross is symbolically the tool for the path of  $t$  and also a symbol of equilibrium, it is very appropriate for this particular grade. It is also essentially appropriate because it relates directly to the sephira of Malkuth where the four elements come together. In addition, we have five officers now forming the cross, and not six. The number five has always had occult symbologies referring to the fifth sephira of  $hrwbg$ . In this particular case it refers to the symbol of  $hrwbg$ , which is the pentagram. The pentagram is also the symbol of the Microprosopus. It is called the Signet Star of the Microprosopus. Essentially, the Microprosopus is man himself, or in this case, the initiate.

Please study the initiation of the Zelator grade along with this lesson to better understand the nature of the grade. This is a foundational grade and extremely important for building upon. Remember, knowledge is power, and it is quoted from the Zelator grade, "Unless Adonai build the house, the house will fall." So understanding the nature of the symbology of the grade is important to your understanding of the Golden Dawn System.

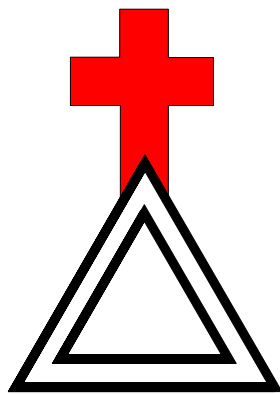
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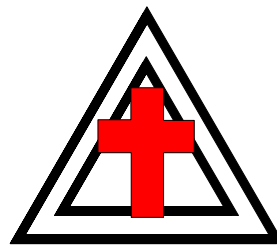
## The Cross and Triangle

In Neophyte, the Red Cross was above the White Triangle. In Zelator, the cross is now placed within the triangle. Read now the monologue of the Hieres concerning this symbol:

"In this grade, the Red Cross is placed within the White Triangle upon the altar, and it is thus the symbol of the Banner of the West. The triangle refers to the three paths, and the Cross to the Hidden Knowledge. The cross and the triangle together represent Life and Light."



Neophyte



Zelator