

THE SPECIAL MASONIC 5-POINTED "FLAMING STAR"
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(Above: Jeton of Mt. Sinai Masonic Lodge in France)

The 5-Pointed Star is itself a Masonic emblem. However, the 5-Pointed "FLAMING STAR" is probably an even more special symbol to Masons. I must give credit to LODGE LUZ DO ORIENTE #80, a legal (Regular) Lodge working in Portugal. {Author's disclaimer: I am not claiming that this Lodge is regular nor that it may possibly be considered clandestine in some Jurisdictions. Its mention, here, is solely for reference to worthy topics only}.

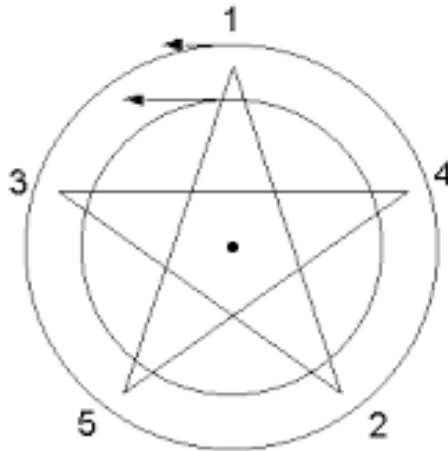
"The Flaming Star is one of the essential symbols of the Fellow Craft in Masonry. Its arms represent the 5 directions of research "encouraged for further study" by this Degree. It also represents the number of Fellow Crafts needed to be present; and thus formulates the necessary quorum for that day. Upon completion, it reflects the candidate's wish to someday "aspire to be received as a Master Mason."

In ancient Egypt, folklore suggests it referred to the Sun, "but some time later it guided the 3 kings to Bethlehem. The Star represents the HARMONY that surrounds Man." The Flaming Star is the Polestar of the Fellowcraft, as it shows them that they are invited to several journeys."

In the Masonic Lodge room, it is hung in the East, over the Worshipful Master's pedestal. {often with the letter 'G'} As the Flaming Star has 5 arms, the Letter G has 5 meanings: gravitation, geometry, generation, genie {by that, it alludes what we in America might casually refer to as a guardian-angel, giving us human encouragement via mutual-aid, sympathy, advice or comfort}, and the most important meaning: God-given guidance of how to conduct our lives".



Flaming Star



I would draw attention to readers to the "dot" or "point." This point is within the 5-Pointed Star-- yet the Star itself is within a Circle. "The Point within a Circle" alludes to Almighty God being at the center of the Universe of all mankind. Hence, the "Star" ultimately represents God being in the center of our lives.

Sources / References / Exhibits /Recommended Readings:

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