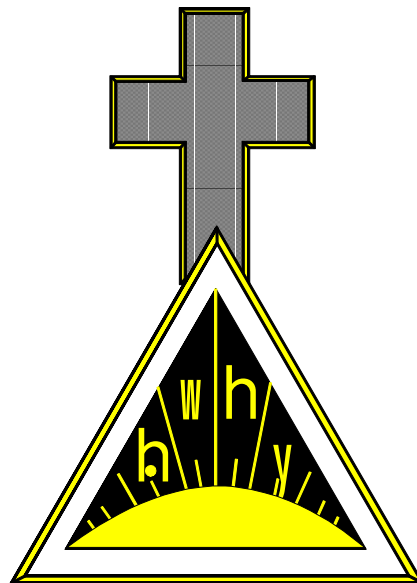


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**PHILOSOPHUS GRADE SIGN**



**PHILOSOPHUS 4=7**

The Sign of the Philosophus grade is given by raising the hands to the forehead and placing the thumbs and index fingers to form a triangle with the apex upwards. Please see the drawing on this page.



This represents the element of Fire to which this grade is allotted. This also is a symbol of the  $\text{\textbackslash}hl a j \text{\textbackslash}r$ , or the Spirit which moved upon the Waters at the dawn of creation.

The Philosophus should practice making this Grade Sign before and after all ritual work is done and before any meditation that deals with the element of Fire. As a matter of fact, at this point in the Philosophus magical studies, any elemental work should be preceded by the elemental Grade Sign. In other words, any Earth workings or meditation would be preceded by the Zelator Grade Sign, any Air workings or meditations would be preceded by the Theoricus Grade Sign, any Water workings could be preceded by the Practicus Grade Sign, and lastly, any of those attributed to Fire should be preceded by the Philosophus Grade Sign. It's also a good idea if the Philosophus is doing any kind of circle work where he is facing the four elements, that as he faces each Archangel and communes with him, that he give the Grade Sign of that particular element.