

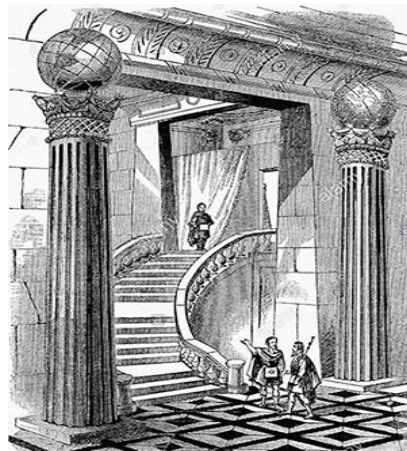
## The Logical Next Step

Logic is our next topic and is the final piece of the Trivium or lower division of the liberal arts in medieval education. Logic along with Rhetoric and Grammar provide the foundation for the quadrivium which are the next steps we will be taking. As we previously discussed, grammar is the mechanics of language and rhetoric is the means of applying language to instruct or persuade, this final piece is the mechanics of thought and analysis which when applied develop factual knowledge that can be trusted.

Put another way, Grammar is the art of inventing symbols and combining them to express thoughts and ideas, logic is the art of thinking these thoughts and turning them into true knowledge, and rhetoric is the art of conveying these thoughts outward as wisdom to others.

While we learn in the Fellowcraft degree that Geometry is vital to masonry for obvious reasons, let us not forget these other arts and sciences that the accomplished scholar or mason should dilate upon. This Trivium of sciences is also vital in its own way for without these three elements we would never be able to transmit our ritual in an effective manner. Grammar provides the words that we can understand, Rhetoric is the method of passing information from mouth to ear, but logic is what allows us to truly think about the information and achieve that knowledge that is vital to our growth and refinement in our journey towards being better men.

My next installment is about Arithmetic, so I hope it adds some insight for you, or at least makes a difference.



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