

**Grand Imperial Conclave of the Masonic and  
Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the  
Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St. John the Evangelist for England and Wales  
and its Divisions and Conclaves**

# **Crosses of the Red Cross of Constantine**

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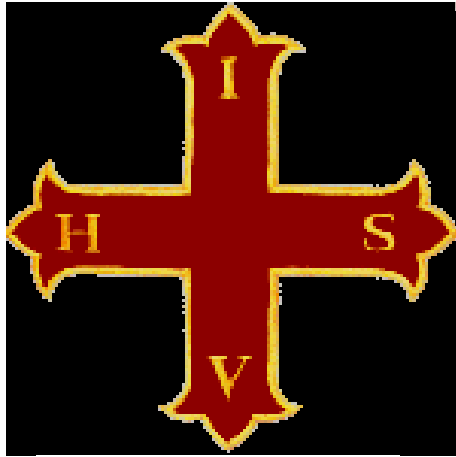
## INTRODUCTION



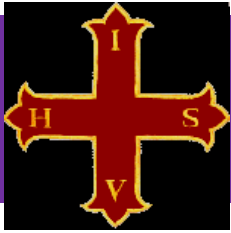




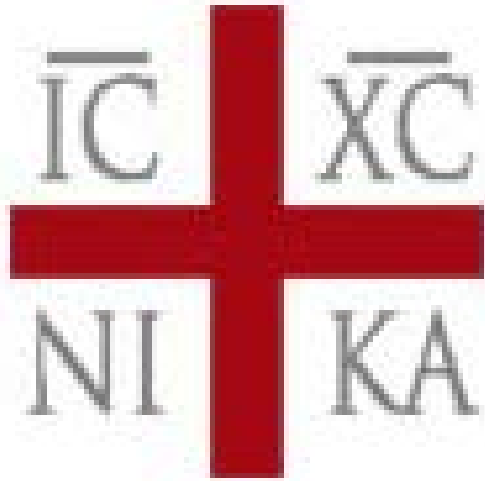
## THE RED CROSS



- Red Cross of Constantine is the **Cross Fleury** - the most associated cross of the Order
- With the Initials of the words 'In Hoc Signo Vinces'
- **Greek Cross** (Cross Imissa – Cross of Earth
- Light and Life  
Greek words for “light” and “life”.
- **Latin Cross**

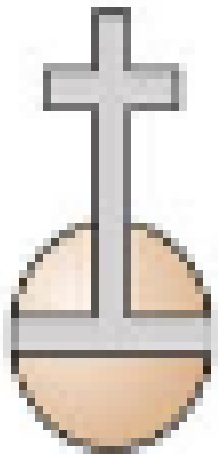


## THE VICTORS CROSS

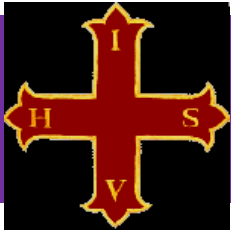


The **Conqueror's** or **Victor's cross** is the Greek cross with the first and last letters of "Jesus" and "Christ" on top, and the Greek word for conquerer, *nika*, on the bottom.

- *Iota* (Ι) and *Sigma* (Σ)
- I & C -The first and last letters of *Jesus* (ΙΗΣΟΥΣ).
- X & C -The first and last letters of *Christ* (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ)



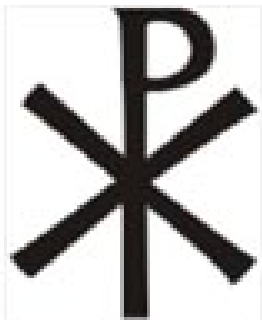
The **Triumphant Cross** is a cross atop an orb. The cross represents Christianity and the orb (often with an equatorial band) represents the world. It symbolises Christ's triumph over the world, and prominent in images of Christ as *Salvator Mundi* - the Saviour of the World.



## THE CHI-RHO CROSS



- The **Chi-Rho** emblem can be viewed as the first Christian Cross.
- As a pre-Christian symbol, the Chi-rho signified good fortune. The Chi rho became an important Christian symbol when adopted by the Roman Emperor Constantine, representing the first two letters in the name of Christ- the Chi, or 'ch,' and Rho, or 'r.'



**Chi Rho Cross or Constantine's Cross**  
forming a **Warrior's Cross**

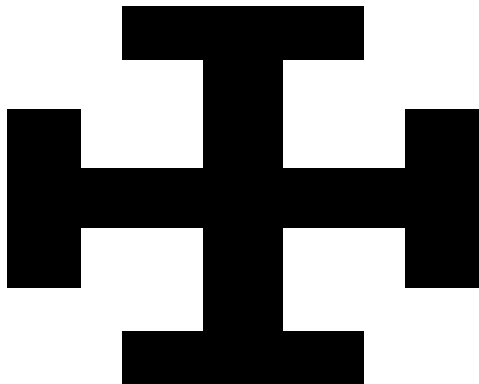




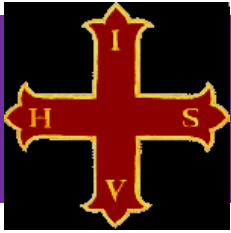
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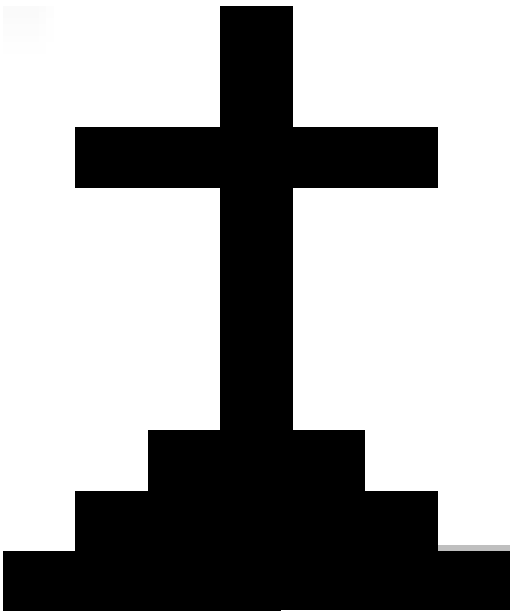
- The **Jerusalem Cross** is also known as the **Crusader's Cross** or **Cantonee Cross**, because it was on the papal banner given to the crusaders by Pope Urban II in the Middle Ages



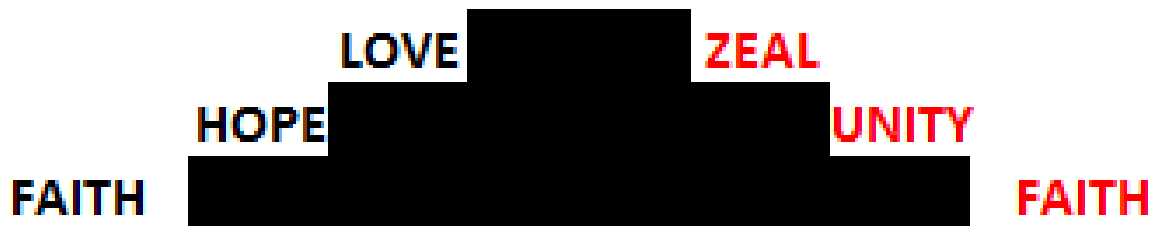
- The **Jerusalem Cross** is sometimes confused with the **Teutonic Cross** (also called 'Cross Potent'), assigned by Pope Innocent III to the Teutonic Knights near the end of the 12th century.



## CALVARY CROSS



- The **Cross of Calvary** or Graded Cross has three steps leading up to it, which can represent the hill of Calvary or faith, hope, and love.







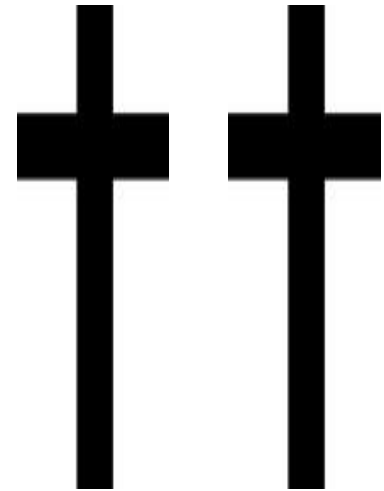
## Crosses of the Ranks



**Sovereigns' Jewel**



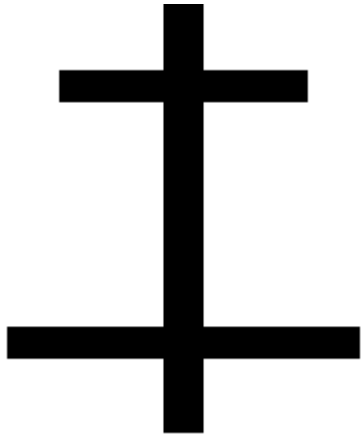
**Worthy Knight**



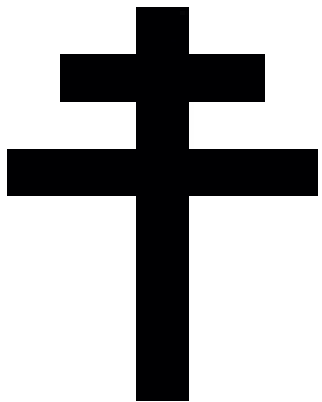
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Viceroy**



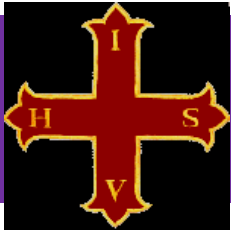
## CROSSES OF THE RANKS



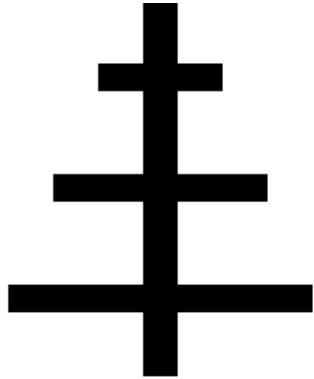
- Sovereign – Most Puissant Knight
- The **Patriarchal Cross** (French/heraldic: *Patriarcale*), with or without a Corpus, is a cross (such as a **Latin Cross** or **Budded Cross**) with an additional cross-beam.



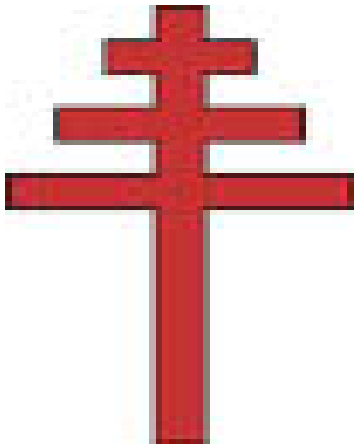
- The **Cross of Lorraine** consists of one vertical and two evenly spaced horizontal bars. It is a heraldic cross, used by the Dukes of Lorraine (previously known as the Dukes of Anjou).



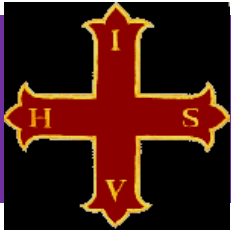
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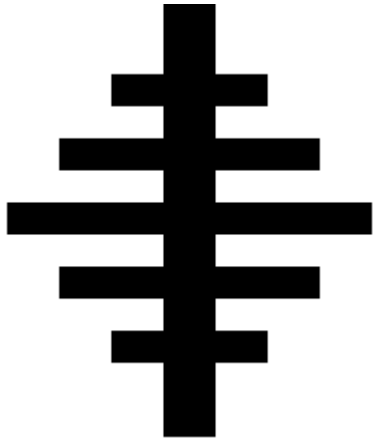
- Intendant-General – Right Illustrious Knight



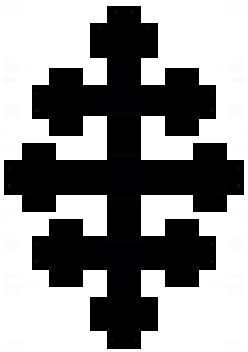
- The **papal cross** is the official symbol of the papacy, and may be used only by the Pope. The three bars of the cross most likely represent the three realms of the Pope's authority: the church, the world, and heaven.



## CROSSES OF THE RANKS



- Grand Sovereign – Most Illustrious Knight



- **Salem Cross**- Like the three-barred Papal Cross signifies the ultimate rank of the bearer.



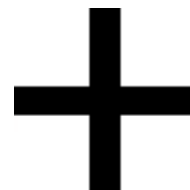
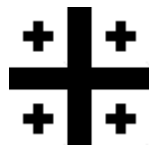
**Seal of the United  
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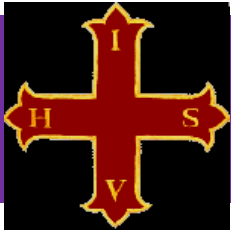


## SUMMARY

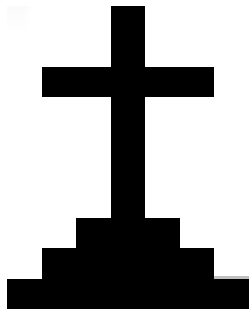
- [crux immissa](#) †
- [crux commissa](#) T
- [crux simplex](#) L
- [crux decussata](#) X

- There are 1700 recognised crosses, most are or have religious symbolism attached, the rest are chivalric or heraldry crosses with their own historical symbolism enshrined.
- Tonight we have just given you an insight into those associated with **the Red Cross of Constantine**



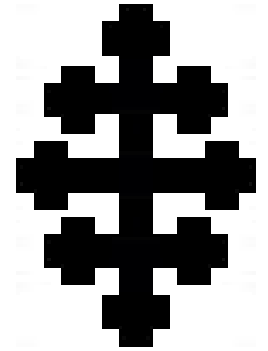


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On behalf of us both, we thank you for your indulgence in listening to us and for your attention.



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