


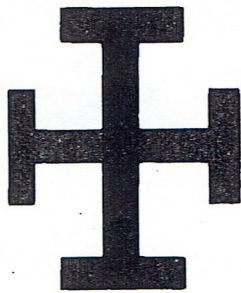
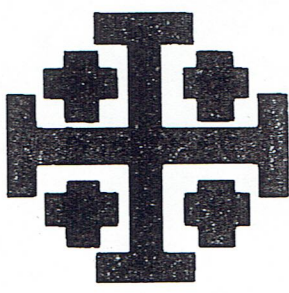
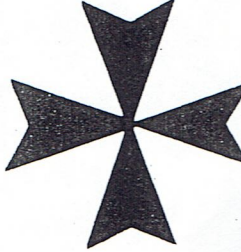





The Cross

The cross, symbolic of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, is the principal symbol in Christianity. Crosses are found atop almost every church in the world. When a Christian dies, a cross is often placed over the person's grave.

Holly oak was the wood of the original cross, though today crosses are fashioned from many different materials. Throughout history, there have been many variations of the cross. They reflect different time periods, positions of authority, and Christian beliefs. Here are several of them.

 <p>1. Plain Latin</p>	 <p>2. Russian Orthodox</p>	 <p>3. Papal, or pertaining to the Pope</p>
 <p>4. Cross of Jerusalem</p>	 <p>5. Five fold cross</p>	 <p>6. Maltese cross</p>
 <p>7. Cross with lilies, symbolic of death</p>	 <p>8. Cross with 3 steps: faith, hope, and charity</p>	 <p>9. Crucifix of Christ dying</p>