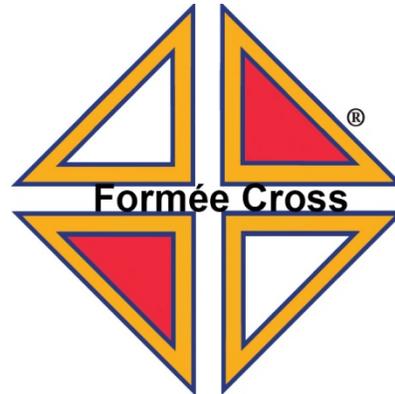


All Brother Knights are entrusted with the Emblem of the Order. But do you as a knight understand its symbolism?



The emblem of the Order, which dates to 1883, consists of a blue shield mounted on top a red and white Formée Cross. The shield is associated with a medieval Knight, and the Formée Cross represents the Cross of Christ, which represents the Catholic spirit of our Order.

**Blue Shield**



**Formée Cross**

Mounted on the shield are three objects: (1) a fasces (which is a bundle of wooden sticks with a protruding medieval ax); (2) an anchor; and (3) a short sword.

**a fasces**

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**an anchor**

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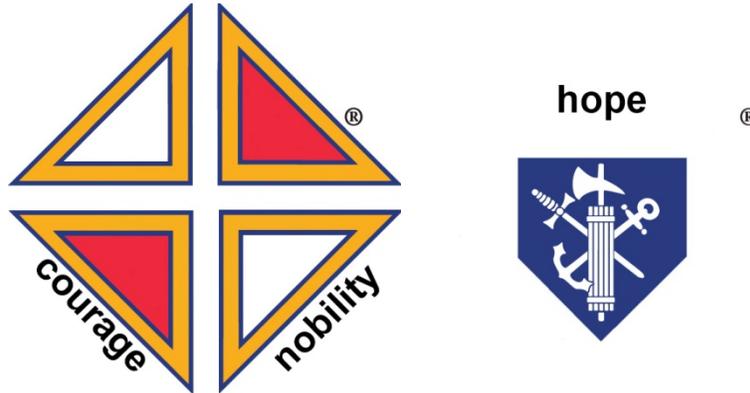
**a short sword**

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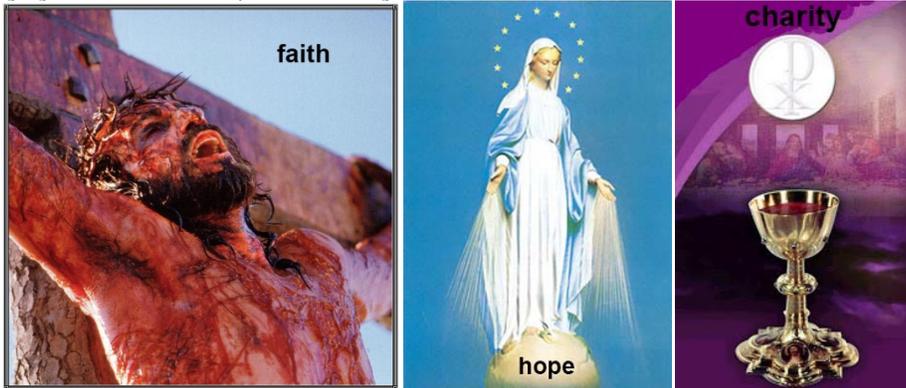


Dating to Roman times, the fasces is symbolic of authority, which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficient organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, the patron of our Order, and the sword was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield and its objects express Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action.

The red, white and blue found on the Emblem are the colors of our country. Red is the symbol of courage. Blue is the symbol of hope, and white is the symbol of nobility.



More importantly, red is also the color of Christ's blood, and the symbol of our faith in Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, and the symbol of Charity. And blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, and the symbol of Hope. Thus, they symbolize Faith, Hope and Charity.



Always wear the Emblem of the Order with Pride, Dignity, and Honor, and be inspired to live the virtues it proclaims.



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