Good day Worthy Knights,

In this part 59, Various Crosses.   (Wikipedia)

The cross is a symbol widely recognized around the world, and certainly the most instantly recognizable symbol in Christianity, due to its meaning in the crucifixion of Jesus. It has been used symbolically for almost 2000 years by Christians all over the world and can be used in architecture, jewellery, literature and worship.

There are many different types and different styles of crosses.

The words 'cross' and 'crucifix' are often used nowadays to mean the same thing. However, there is a difference. A crucifix is a cross with Jesus embodied on it, symbolizing the crucifixion, compared to a plain cross by itself.

The cross can also have many different connotations, depending on the different branches of Christianity. From Catholics or Protestants, to Orthodox Christians, there are many different styles of crosses used in jewellery, each with its own special meaning.

Jesus Cross

The image of Jesus on the cross, or the crucifix, is one of the most famous versions of the cross to be used in art, architecture and jewellery. The crucifix is meant to emphasize Jesus' sacrifice and is prominently used by the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches as a holy icon. It is most often used on cross necklaces.

Celtic Cross

The Celtic cross is a version of the cross that developed in England, Ireland and Scotland during the 5th century. It features a cross with a circle behind a cross to represent a halo ring. It is one of the most popular types of crosses to be used in jewellery and fashion and is seen as a symbol for those with Irish, or Celtic, heritage.

Upside Down Cross
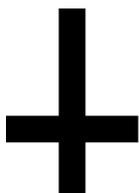
The upside down cross, or the Cross of Saint Peter, is a cross symbol that has seen a modern revival. The origin of the symbol comes from the Catholic tradition that Peter, one of the apostles of Jesus, was crucified upside down. It is often seen in gothic fashion or heavy metal, and is a symbol of humility.

Christian Cross

The Christian cross, or Latin cross, is perhaps the most famous and instantly recognizable cross. Also known as the High cross, the base of the cross is longer than its three arms. It is a plain and simple cross that is symbol of faith. It is believed to bring the wearer protection, as a religious symbol and has huge spiritual meaning, bringing the wearer comfort and peace.

Wooden Cross

The wooden cross is a beautiful, understated version of the cross that is worn on necklaces. Its simplicity underlies its spiritual meaning in the belief that Jesus was crucified on a wooden cross, and the wooden cross is used as an icon all around the world.

Russian Orthodox Cross

There are a few different versions of the Orthodox cross, or slanted cross. The most popular is the Russian Orthodox cross that features three horizontal beams instead of the more common two. Used in art and paintings for over 1000 years, the Orthodox cross is one of the most beautiful to be used in jewellery.

Jerusalem Cross

The Jerusalem cross, also known as the Five-fold cross, is a form of a heraldic cross surrounded by four smaller Greek crosses. The heraldic cross developed in the Middle Ages on the shields and family emblems of Europe's noble families. The Jerusalem cross was the symbol of the Kingdom of Jerusalem from the 1280s.

Coptic cross

The Coptic cross is often shown with its arms dividing into three points, usually made of flowers, to make a beautiful and decorative style of cross. The Coptic cross has 12 points altogether, meant to symbolize the 12 Apostles. Used by Coptic Christians, the Coptic cross is an extravagant emblem used in jewellery and architecture throughout northern Africa.

Templar Cross
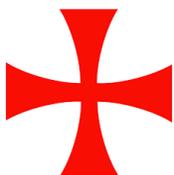
The Templar cross is a famous image used by the Knights Templar It has narrow arms in the centre that flare out as the branches of the cross extend. The cross that the Templars wore on their robes was a symbol of martyrdom. For a knight, martyrdom was considered a great honour that assured a place in heaven. It is similar to a cross pattée.

Tau Cross
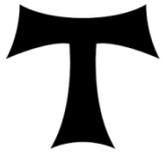
The Tau cross is a T-shaped cross where all three ends of the cross extend. It resembles the letter T and is named after the Greek letter Tau. Its religious significance goes back 2000 years. It is a beautiful cross that is one of the most popular crosses used in necklaces and jewellery around the world.

Cross fleury

A cross whose arms end in fleurs-de-lys. In heraldry, a cross fleury (or flory) is a cross adorned at the ends with flowers. It generally contains trefoils, etc.

Cross potent

Also known as a crutch cross, is a form of heraldic cross with crossbars at the four ends. In French, it is known as croix potencée, in German as a Kruckenkreuz, all translating to "crutch cross". Potent is an old word for a crutch, from a late Middle English alteration of Old French "potence "crutch.

Cross bottony

A cross with the ends of the arms bottony (or botonny, i.e. "furnished with knobs or buttons"), i.e. shaped like a trefoil and so it is sometimes called a cross trefly. In early armory it is not always distinguished from a cross crosslet.

Cross of the Order of St John

The Maltese cross is a cross symbol, consisting of four "V" or arrowhead shaped concave quadrilaterals converging at a central vertex at right angles, two tips pointing outward symmetrically. It is a heraldic cross variant which developed from earlier forms of eight-pointed crosses in the 16th century. Although chiefly associated with the Knights Hospitaller (Order of St. John, now the Sovereign Military Order of Malta), and by extension with the island of Malta,

Cross of the Order of Christ

A form of cross which resembling a mix between a cross pattée or the cross potent. Also known as a "Portuguese Cross", it is associated with the Portuguese discoveries and it is fairly common in Portuguese and Brazilian heraldry. The Cross of the Portuguese Order of Christ (Portuguese Cruz da Ordem de Cristo), originates in the foundation of the Order in 1319.

Homework: which type of cross is this one ?