

Examples of heraldic shield divisions



Defense or protection



Protection



Rule and authority



Faith and protection



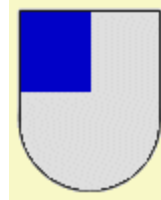
Military strips or Belt of Valor



Military strength or bravery.



Stands for military strength or fortitude.



Honor



Protection

Dividing lines



represents Earth & Country



Represents the sea or water



Represents clouds and air





Represents fire, or the walls of a fortress or city















Represents the radiation the sun. symbolizes also fame and glory

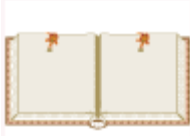






Colors	Sample	Suggested Meanings
Or (Gold)		Generosity and elevation of the mind
Argent (White/Silver)		Peace and sincerity
Gules (Red)		Warrior or martyr; Military strength and magnanimity
Azure (Blue)		Truth and loyalty
Vert (Green)		Hope, joy, and loyalty in love
Sable (Black)		Constancy or grief
Purple (Purple)		Royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice








Tenne (Orange)		Worthy ambition
Sanguine (Maroon)		Patient in battle, and yet victorious








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Charges:	Suggested Meanings:
Acacia Branch 	Eternal and affectionate remembrance both for the living and the dead.
Acorn 	Life, immortality and perseverance
Anchor 	Christian emblem of hope and refuge; awarded to sea warriors for special feats performed Also signifies steadfastness and stability. In seafaring nations, the anchor is a symbol of good luck, of safety, and of security
Annulet 	Emblem of fidelity; Also a mark of Cadency of the fifth son
Antelope 	Represents action, agility and sacrifice and a very worthy guardian that is not easily provoked, but can be fierce when challenged
Antlers 	Strength and fortitude





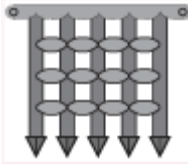


<p>Anvil</p> 	<p>Honour and strength; chief emblem of the smith's trade</p>
<p>Arrow</p> 	<p>Readiness; if with a cross it denotes affliction; a bow and arrow signifies a man resolved to abide the uttermost hazard of battle.</p>
<p>Beacon</p> 	<p>one who is watchful, or who gave the signal in time of danger The modern sybol for this would be a lighthouse.</p>
<p>Bear</p> 	<p>symbol of the great warrior</p>
<p>Bee</p> 	<p>Well-governed industry, resurrection, steadfastness and obedience</p>
<p>Boar</p> 	<p>Strength, courage, and ferocity</p>
<p>Boar Head</p> 	<p>Strength, courage, and ferocity</p>








<p>Book</p> 	<p>If open, symbolizes manifestation; if closed, counsel</p>
<p>Buckle</p> 	<p>Honourable bearing signifying affiliation, and victorious fidelity in authority</p>
<p>Bull</p> 	<p>Symbol of valour and magnanimity represents male fertility, a fiery temperament, and a role as the dedicated father.</p>
<p>Bull Head</p> 	<p>Symbol of courage, strength and magnanimity represents a fiery temperament, and a role as the dedicated father.</p>
<p>Castle</p> 	<p>The emblem of grandeur and society, and has been granted sometimes to one who has faithfully held one for his king, or who has captured one by force or strategy</p>
<p>Catherinewheel</p> 	<p>Emblem of one who is prepared to undergo great trials for the Christian faith. It is a universal symbol of martyrdom.</p>
<p>Crane</p> 	<p>Representative of long life, fidelity, grace, prosperity and peace.</p>





<p>Crosier</p> 	<p>The shepherd's watchfulness; Christian faith; pastoral authority; also Episcopal jurisdiction; service in the Crusades.</p>
<p>Cross</p> 	<p>Represents the Christian faith and the gospel</p>
<p>Dagger</p> 	<p>A symbol of power, justice, valour and military honour.</p>
<p>Dolphin</p> 	<p>charity and affection towards children and kindred. Also often used as a symbol for Christ</p>
<p>Eagle</p> 	<p>noble device signifying a person of action, ever more occupied in high and weighty affairs, and one of lofty spirit, ingenious, speedy in apprehension, and judicious in matters of ambiguity; true magnanimity and fortitude of mind; a symbol of power and sovereignty. The Eagle also symbolizes courage, freedom, and immortality.</p>
<p>Eagle (Two Headed)</p> 	<p>See Eagle</p>
<p>Elephant</p> 	<p>Great strength, greater wit and greatest ambition.</p>






<p>Escarbuncle</p> 	<p>Supremacy and dominence.</p>
<p>Falcon</p> 	<p>A venerable symbol of majesty and power, heraldic writers add that the Falcon denotes someone eager, or hot in the pursuit of an object much desired; if seated on its 'rest' or perch it may signify a bearer who is ready and serviceable for high affairs.</p>
<p>Fox</p> 	<p>Signifies one who will use all that he may possess of wisdom and wit in his own defence, and denotes one of strategic talents and fertility of resources.</p>
<p>Garb</p> 	<p>The harvest of one's hopes had been secured. Also a symbol of hospitality and prosperity.</p>
<p>Greyhound</p> 	<p>Denotes majesty, courage, vigilance, swiftness and loyalty, and they were emblematic of nobility.</p>
<p>Goat</p> 	<p>One who wins through politics and wit rather than war and confrontation; Perseverance and vitality</p>
<p>Griffin</p> 	<p>Ideal combination of swiftness, strength and intelligence. Historically the Griffin has been emblematic of valour, vigilance and death defying bravery.</p>

<p>Holly</p> 	<p>Indicates directed balance and vigour to fight if the cause is just; symbol of truth.</p>
<p>Horse</p> 	<p>Symbol of strength, virility and lust; Also a symbol for loyalty and devotion, such as the faith it has with its master; warrior spirit, bravery and courage.</p>
<p>Lamb</p> 	<p>An emblem of the Redeemer; symbolizes gentleness, innocence, and purity; sacrifice. In Christian symbolism, the lamb represents Jesus, "the lamb of God". Standing with a banner, the lamb represents the risen Christ triumphant over death (see Paschal Lamb). It is said when the lamb is resting on a book, it represents the judgment of Christ.</p>
<p>Laurel Branch</p>	<p>Peace and quietness</p>
<p>Leopard</p> 	<p>represents those brave and generous warriors who have performed some bold enterprise with force, courage, promptitude, and activity.</p>
<p>Lion</p> 	<p>Emblem of majesty, strength, and justice, military might and deathless courage</p>
<p>Paschal Lamb</p> 	<p>Holy lamb is depicted passant, carrying a flag charged with the cross of St. George, and a circle of glory over its head. It is a symbol of faith, innocence, bravery, gentleness, purity, and resolute spirit.</p>

<p>Pegasus</p> 	<p>Symbolic of poetic genius and inspiration, vision and refinement.</p>
<p>Pelican</p> 	<p>Christian symbol of charity and sacrifice. if shown feeding her young ("in her piety"), it symbolizes filial love.</p>
<p>Pheasant</p> 	<p>An alert person of many resources.</p>
<p>Phoenix</p> 	<p>Symbolizes the rising and setting of the sun, as well as immortality, resurrection, and life after death.</p>
<p>Portcullis</p> 	<p>Symbol of security and protection.</p>
<p>Ram</p> 	<p>Symbol of fecundity and rebirth.</p>
<p>Raven</p> 	<p>Symbol of initiation, protection, and prophecy.</p>

<p>Rose</p> 	<p>Symbol of motherhood and purity. When shown stalked and leaved it has the added symbolism of protection because of the thorns.</p>
<p>Scales</p> 	<p>Justice, order and balance</p>
<p>Scythe</p> 	<p>Hope of a fruitful harvest.</p>
<p>Spear/Pike/Lance</p> 	<p>See Pike</p>
<p>Spider</p> 	<p>Tenacity of purpose, heedfulness, and cunning.</p>
<p>Stag</p> 	<p>Wisdom, regeneration and growth, and virility. Because its antlers resemble branches, the Stag has been associated with the 'Tree of Life' and because of the way it renews its antlers, it is used as a symbol of regeneration.</p>
<p>Star</p> 	<p>Symbol of truth, the spirit and of hope; its meaning depends upon the number and sometimes the orientation of its points. It is the ensign of knightly rank; a star of some form constitutes part of the insignia of every order of knighthood. The star is the "presence of the divinity". It is a symbol of constancy, celestial goodness and a noble ensign.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Sun</p> 	<p>Power, glory, illumination, vitality, and the source of life on earth. Symbolism also applies to a single sun ray. Most often depicted in it's splendour (glory)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Swan</p> 	<p>Emblem of chivaldtry; Represents music and poetry, especially that which is divinely inspired, passionate or tragic.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sword</p> 	<p>Power, protection, authority, strength, and courage. It is a symbol of knighthood and chivalry.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Talbot</p> 	<p>One of courage and forecast, vigilance and loyal fidelity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tiger</p> 	<p>Symbolic of royalty, power, and fearlessness, and was known to be dangerous if aroused.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Torch</p> 	<p>Illumination, enlightenment, and guidance; often referred to as the torch of learning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tortoise</p> 	<p>symbol of longevity, patience and practicality; strength and time. It is also one of independence because it takes its home with it and is well protected.</p>

<p>Tower</p> 	<p>The emblem of grandeur and society. See Castle.</p>
<p>Unicorn</p> 	<p>Innocence and purity</p>
<p>Vine</p> 	<p>Usually depicted as a grape vine, this charge symbolizes promise, frolic and bounty.</p>
<p>Willow Tree</p> 	<p>symbol of beauty, grace, endurance and strength.</p>
<p>Wolf</p> 	<p>Symbol of strength, intelligence and courage.</p>