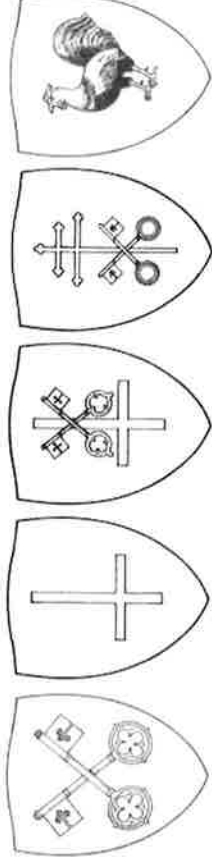
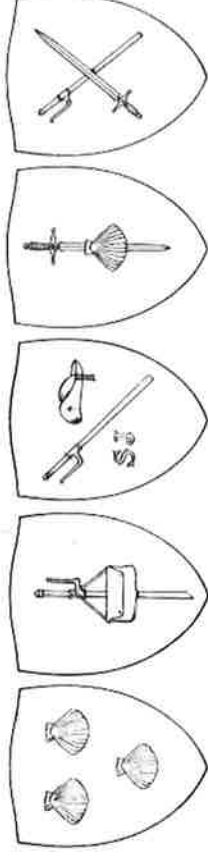


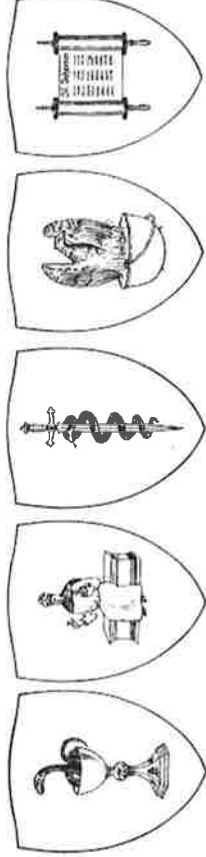
Symbols of the Apostles



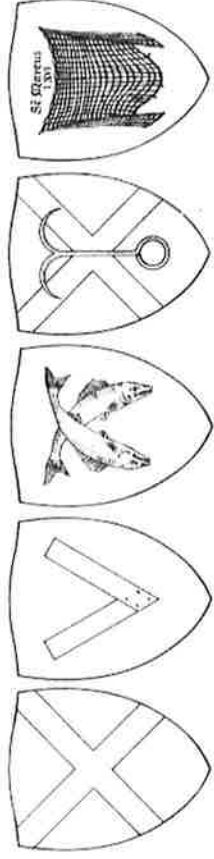
Peter - The two crossed keys are based on Jesus giving Peter the keys to the kingdom (Matthew 16:13-19). The up-side down cross is the cross Peter died up as he did not deem himself worthy to be crucified in the same way as his LORD. The third is a combination of the two symbols. The fourth combines the keys with the patriarchal cross. The fifth symbolizes Peter's denial of Christ with the cock.



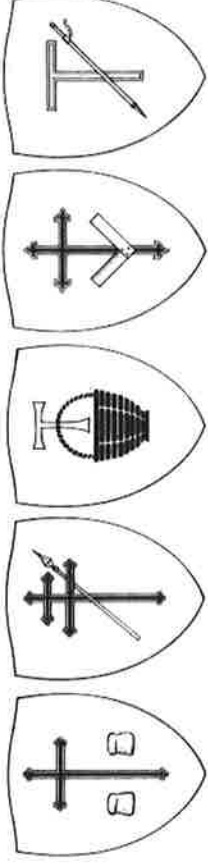
James the Greater - Three scallop shells which symbolizes pilgrimage. The second is of a pilgrim's staff and wallet. The third is a pilgrim's staff, pilgrim's hat, and the initials S. J. for Saint James. The fourth combines the scallop shell with the sword, symbolizing the Apostle's martyrdom (beheading) under Herod (Acts 12:2). The fifth combines the sword and the pilgrim's staff.



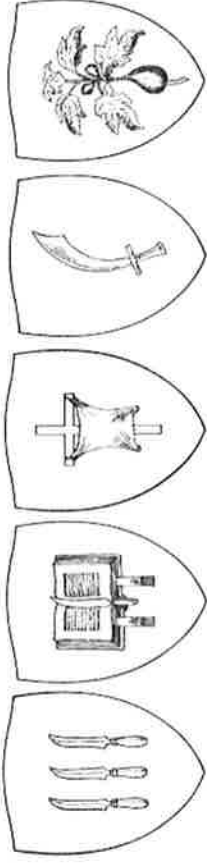
John - The chalice and snake represents the tradition that states that John was given a poison chalice but he did not die. The second is of him as Priest sitting on a tomb. "He wears a bishop's mitre, his right hand is raised in the attitude of benediction, and in his left hand he holds either a cross-crowned orb or else an open Bible. Sometimes he is show holding a sword in his mouth, symbolical of the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, which proceeded out of his mouth." F.R. Webber, p.198) The third, a snake with sword showing mans sin with the sword (Word of the Spirit) conquering. The fourth shows an eagle getting ready to take flight out of a boiling cauldron of oil. Symbolizes John's escape out of Domitian's persecution of the church. The fifth shows a scroll of the Gospel of John.



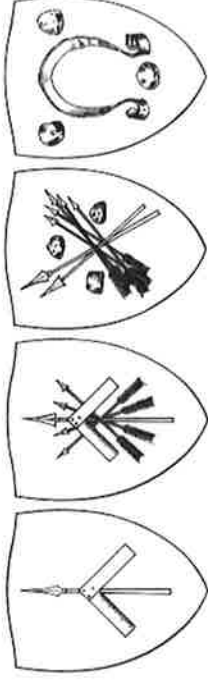
Andrew - The cross denotes the cross in which Andrew died upon. The second is a carpenter's frame. The third symbolizes Andrew's past as a fisherman. The fourth mixes the cross with the fish hook. The fifth shows a fisherman's net.



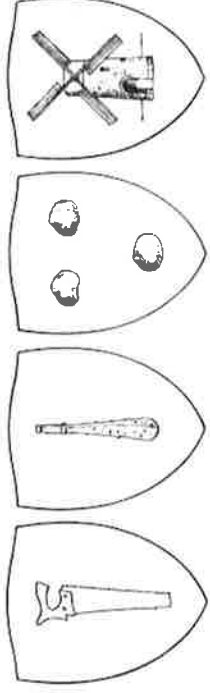
Philip - The first is the cross with two loaves showing Philip's concern for the feeding of the multitude. The second shows the patriarchal cross with the spear, denoting his martyrdom. The third shows the Tau cross and basket. The fourth is the carpenter's square (establishing "building" churches) and cross. The fifth shows the Tau cross and spear.



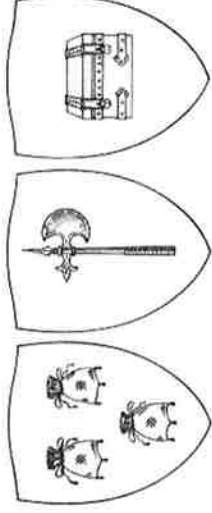
Bartholomew - Is said to have been martyred by being flayed alive. Thus the first symbol shows three flaying knives, the second a flaying knife in the Bible and the third has a human skin on a cross. The fourth is a scimitar (referring to his body being decapitated with one after his death.) The fifth is a branch of the fig tree (John 1:48).



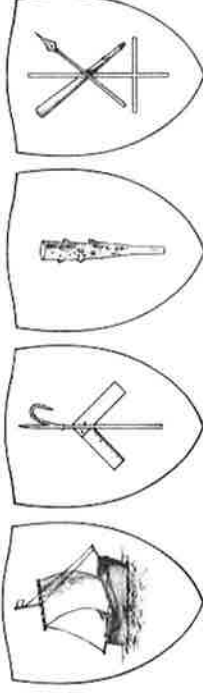
Thomas - First is a carpenter's square (establishing "building" churches) and spear. The third adds four arrows and the fourth adds three stones. The fifth keeps the stones but adds a leather girdle. All deal with Thomas' martyrdom. He was stoned, shot with arrows and left to die until he was killed with a spear.



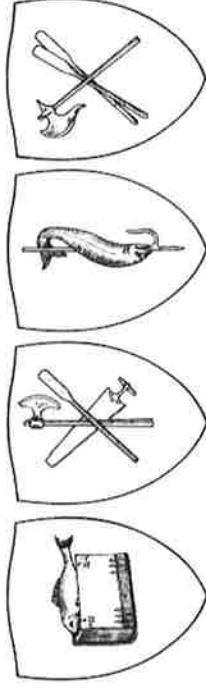
James the Less - The first is a saw, the second a fuller's club, the third three rocks and the fourth a windmill. It was said he was taken to the top of the temple mount and thrown down. Then he was stoned until someone killed him with a fuller's club. He body was then cut up by a saw.



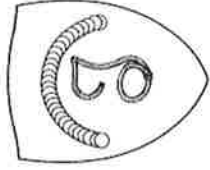
Matthew - The first is three purses referring to Matthew's years as a tax collector. The second is a battle axe. The third is a banded money chest. It was said that Matthew was crucified and then his head cut off with a battle axe.



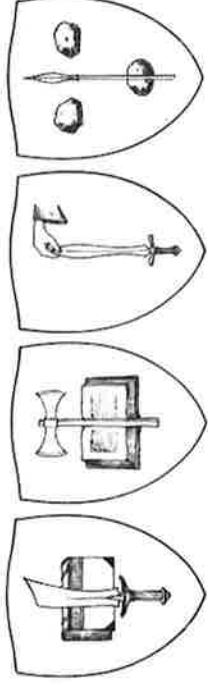
Jude (Thaddaeus) - The first is a ship denoting his many missionary travels. The second is a carpenter's square (establishing "building" churches) and boat hook. The third is a knotted club and the fourth combines an up-side down cross with lance and club. The exact manner of Jude's death is not known.



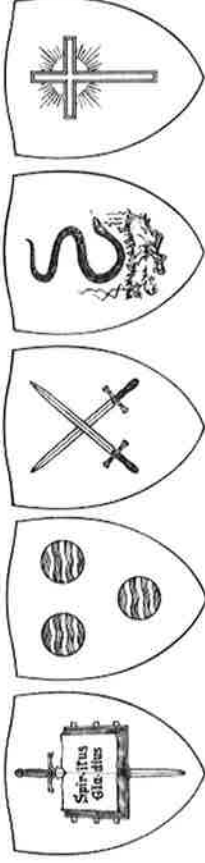
Simon - The first is a fish lying on a book denoting his being a great "fisher of men". The second combines an axe, saw, and oar. The third is a fish caught on a boat hook and the fourth is a battle axe with two oars. It is not known how exactly Simon died but it is said he was either beheaded or cut in two.



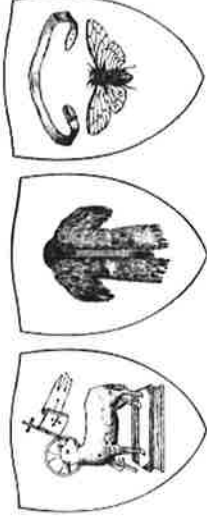
Judas Iscariot - The traitor's symbol is usually an off yellow shield with no image (blank). However, this shield shows the rope of his hanging and the thirty pieces of silver received for the betrayal of our LORD.



Matthias - The Apostle who replaced Judas. His symbol usually has a scimitar (first image) or battle ax (second image) with the bible. The third shows a sword and the fourth a spear and three stones. It was said that Matthias was stoned and then beheaded.



Paul - The first shows a sword and Bible that reads "Spiritus Gladius". The second has three fountains, the third crossed swords, the fourth the serpent of Melita cast into the fire, and the fourth the rayed cross which is the "shield of faith".



John the Baptist - The first shows the lamb, standing upon a book with the banner of victory. The second is the camel's hair tunic and the third shows the locust and leather girdle connected with the story of John living in the wilderness.