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## Literal Symbols



Reverend holding Bible



Head with Angel Wings



Family Crest



Weeping man under Weeping Willow tree leaning on urn with coffin



Jesus and his flock



Family



WWII

### Organizational Symbols



Shriners



Masons



International Order of the Odd fellows I.O.O.F



Daughters of Rebekah(Women's Auxiliary to I.O.O.F.)



Fire Department



Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW marker



Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Veteran Organization

## Figurative/Suggestive Symbols



Dove

Purity, childhood



Lamb

Childhood, innocence



Laurel Wreath

Victory, eternity, triumph, immortality, chastity



Heaven's Gates

Passage from this life to the next.



Flags

Patriotism, military service



Angel

Guardian, Messenger of God



Holding Hands

Matrimony, heavenly welcome, earthly farewell



Weeping Willow

Grief, sorrow, immortality



Passion Flower

Christ's Passion, Redemption and Crucifixion



Thorns

Christ's crown of thorns, grief



Draping

Mourning, loss; Victorian way of 'softening' the harshness of the grave



Acorns

Spiritual growth; prosperity, fruitfulness,



Grapes

Eucharistic wine



Finger pointing to Heaven

Soul rising to Heaven, two fingers pointing up;  
hand of God



Pinecones

Immortality and incorruptibility



Praying Hands

Christian reminder of faith or pioussness



Day Lily

Innocence, purity, virginity, surrender to God's  
will and grace, renewal, resurrection



Lily of the Valley

Innocence, purity, virginity





Torch

Guidance, enlightenment



Book

Open book: Book of life, bible, register of the dead, Closed book; a finished life



Crown

Christian symbol for God or faith



Palm Frond

Victory, triumph over death



Primrose

Eternal Love, Memory, Youth, hope and sadness



Squirrel

Strife and confusion, one of Satan's animals



Bushel of Wheat

Long and fruitful life, typically more than 70 yrs;  
immortality, resurrection



Olive Branch

Peace, fruitfulness, strength, victory



Ivy

Immortality, fidelity, attachment, friendship,  
undying affection



Madonna Lilies (Easter Lilies)

Purity, chastity



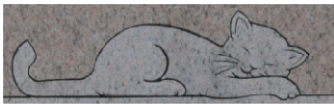
Broken Tree

Life cut short



Broken Pillar

Life cut short



Cat

Historic: Darkness, laziness Modern: No symbolic meaning other than being a cat lover



Faith

One of the 7 Virtues. Depicted as a woman holding a cross, chalice or candle.



Anchor

Hope. One of the 7 Virtues



Shield

Protection, faith, military service



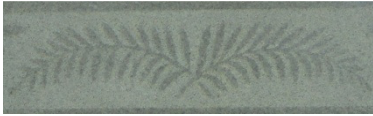
Sunrise

God



Shell

Resurrection, femininity, fertility, prosperity



Fern

Humility, frankness, sincerity



Acanthus Leaves

Journey from life to death, triumph of eternal life



Calla Lily

Majestic beauty, marriage



Chalice

Oneness with God, Eucharist, faith



Bell

Marriage, church affiliation



Feather

Ascent to heaven, justice,



Hummingbird

Mostly decorative can mean heart of warrior



Oak Tree

Prosperity, fruitfulness,



Oak Leaves

Strength, endurance, eternity, honor, liberty, hospitality, faith and virtue.



Thistle

Earthly sorrow



Tulips

Rebirth, eternal life, vulnerability



Heart

Love, courage, joy



Lamp

Wisdom, faithfulness, holiness

### **Jewish Symbols**



Star of David

Divine protection



Cohanim hands

Symbol of the ancient tribe of Aaron, hands form an opening to direct the radiance of God down to earth, symbol for the Cohen family



Mosaic Decalogue

10 Commandments



Menorah

Righteous, symbol for the Temple of Solomon



po nikbar

Hebrew words for "Here Lies"