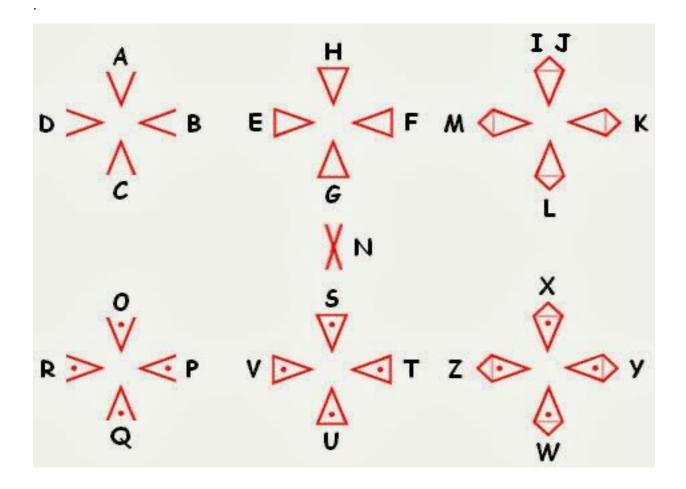


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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CIPHER

The term "Knights Templar Cipher" most commonly refers to a substitution cipher, a method of encrypting text by replacing each letter with a different symbol, based on a Maltese Cross design, and is claimed to have been used by the Masonic Knights Templar



Here's a breakdown of this cipher:

1. What it is:

- The Knights Templar Cipher is a geometric simple substitution cipher.
- It replaces letters with symbols derived from a Maltese Cross.
- It's a variation of the Pigpen Cipher, also known as the Freemason's cipher.

2. How it Works:

- A key is used to map each letter to its corresponding symbol.
- The key consists of Maltese cross shapes, with each section of the cross representing a letter.
- To encrypt a message, each letter is replaced by its corresponding symbol.
- To decrypt a message, the symbols are replaced by their corresponding letters using the key.
- 3. Historical Accuracy:
 - While this cipher is associated with the name "Knights Templar," modern scholars dispute its use by the historical medieval order.
 - It's more likely to be a cipher used by the Masonic Knights Templar (a fraternal organization connected to Freemasonry) which emerged later.
 - There's no concrete evidence that the medieval Knights Templar used this specific cipher.
 - However, the Templars likely employed some form of encrypted communications for secure transactions and to protect sensitive information, given their vast network and financial activities.

In summary: The Knights Templar Cipher is a substitution cipher based on a Maltese Cross design, likely used by Masonic Knights Templar. However, its use by the historical medieval Knights Templar is debated, and there's no solid proof to confirm it.

The Templar symbol code, sometimes also referred to as the Templar cipher, is a secret method of communication and encryption used by the Knights Templar. It's not a single symbol, but rather a system of symbols, codes, and rituals used to transmit messages and keep their activities confidential.