

Blazon is the official written formal description of the coat of arms. **Heraldry** is the design and display proclaiming the message and authority of a royal. The royal messenger is the "Herald." When a king or monarch wanted to send a message to a people, he would send a herald with a flag or symbolic drapery emblazoned with the king's (and the lands of which he reigns) blazon or coat of arms.

According to the history and science of heraldry, the term "blazon," derived from the German language, means to "**blow the horn.**" The herald would make an announcement and display the coat of arms accompanied with the sound of a trumpet, which was termed "blazoning of the arms." A coat of arms became a mark of military and/or noble status. According to European tradition it is called an armorial achievement.

Achievement is one of the reasons for ICB to have a blazer depicting the coat of arms. It represents the committed service to receive the "blazer with the blazon" specifically at the end of the second year of a three year program. Status aside, the ICB coat of arms represents the one who has submitted himself to be a living epistle of the gospel. The jacket bearing the blazon of arms makes the wearer the proclaiming herald.

The man that wears the blazer bears witness and identifies with the character and presence of Christ Jesus. It is said that clothes make the man. Through ICB, **Christ makes the man over** and teaches him godly standards and values that will impact his life, and therefore his community. This coat of arms is a visible expression of the invisible royalty of the King of kings and we are His sons, heralds and brothers in service.

– Brother Anthony "Tony" Mitchell &
Minister Onorio Chaparro



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History & Purpose
of the ICB Coat of Arms

The International Christian Brotherhood (ICB) is a Christian fraternal organization whose purpose is to train men in Christ-likeness as the standard for manhood.

"Real power is when your presence, your actions and your words awaken something inside of another man and literally influences them into a transformation of spirit. That is real power. That is the power I pray for you as men of ICB."

– Reverend A.R. Bernard, Founder

"Images are more powerful than words. If you can change an image, you can change a behavior."

– Edwin Louis Cole

The Colors of the ICB:

BLACK: Steadfast Faith

1 Tim 6:12-13: Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Eph 6:10: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

2 Cor 5:7: For we walk by faith, not by sight.

1 Cor 16:13-14: Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

GOLD: Enlightenment & Illumination

Luke 24:45: Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

John 3:3: Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 1:9: That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 12:2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...

WHITE: Purity

Rev 4:4: ...They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

Ps 51:7: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

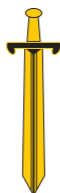
Is 1:18: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...



Crown: My investment in other people is my true joy (crown). The Cross and the Crown go together; dying to self and the resurrected life in Christ.
**John 19:2 • 2 Tim 4:8 • James 1:12 • Rev 14:14
Luke 10:18-20 • Eph 2:6-8 • 1 Thess 2:19-20**



Shield: The shield of faith, with which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. It is by which we are able to protect ourselves from "evil influences" and the attacks of our enemy, Satan. God is our shield, and our security.
Ephesians 6:16 • Genesis 15:1



Sword: Life is a fight for territory. Words can have the power of life or death. Speak life by speaking the word of God which is living and powerful, sharper than any sword.
**Rev 2:12-13 • Heb 4:12-14
Ephesians 6:17-18 • 2 Timothy 4:1-4**



Open Book & Hebrew Scroll: Both symbolize the Word of God as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament. The Old Testament is symbolized by the open scroll because now Christ has been revealed to us. The New Testament is symbolized by a contemporary open book opened to the greek letters of Alpha & Omega.
**2 Tim 3:16-17 • 2 Peter 1:20-21 • Rom 3:1-2
Rom 9:4-5; 11:19-23 • Luke 24:44 • Rev 1:8**



Eagle: God is all seeing, always faithful... Symbolically, the visual acuity of the American Bald Eagle is 5X that of man. The bald eagle remains faithful to it's mate until death.
Deut 32:10-12 • Is 40:28-31 • Ps 17:08 • Ps 91:4



Handshake: A gesture of peace, (our open hand contains no weapon). The contrasting black and white hands affirms ICB's Creed to "dwell peacefully with all men," especially with our Christian brothers regardless of denomination, race, class or other distinctions.
Psalms 133



Gye-Nyame: An Akan, (Ghanaian, Ashante) symbol associated with their royalty that pre-dates Christ. It is a reminder of God's Omnipotence. The Gye-Nyame signifies that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is always at work behind the scenes actively pointing toward Jesus Christ. We are reminded that we can do nothing without the Holy Spirit!
Isaiah 6:1-2 • Zechariah 4:6



Banner: Reveals our motto, "TO TRAIN MEN" to be spiritually prepared, intellectually sharp, sexually pure, physically healthy, and financially astute.
**Ex 17:15-16 • Num 2:3 • Is 11:10 • Ex 6:4
1 Tim 4:6-8 • 2 Tim 2:1-2 • 2 Peter 1: 5-9**



Globe with ICB Acronym: ICB's purpose is global in scope and local in practice. We are committed to the Great Commission and to becoming a model paradigm in men's ministry.
Mathew 28:16-20 • Acts 1:7-8

Remember...

the Coat of Arms is only a symbol of what we believe and are daily striving to embody. As Edwin Louis Cole taught, "You are only qualified to lead to the degree you are willing to serve."

ICB Creed:

*"We are the men of the I.C.B.
Chosen before the foundation of the world and commissioned to uphold God's standard for manhood as set forth by his son, Jesus Christ. Enlightened by His Word and empowered by His Holy Spirit, we seek to dwell peacefully with all men, as we Sword in one hand trowel in the other, reclaim territory for the Kingdom of God."*