

Introduction to the Red Cross of Constantine

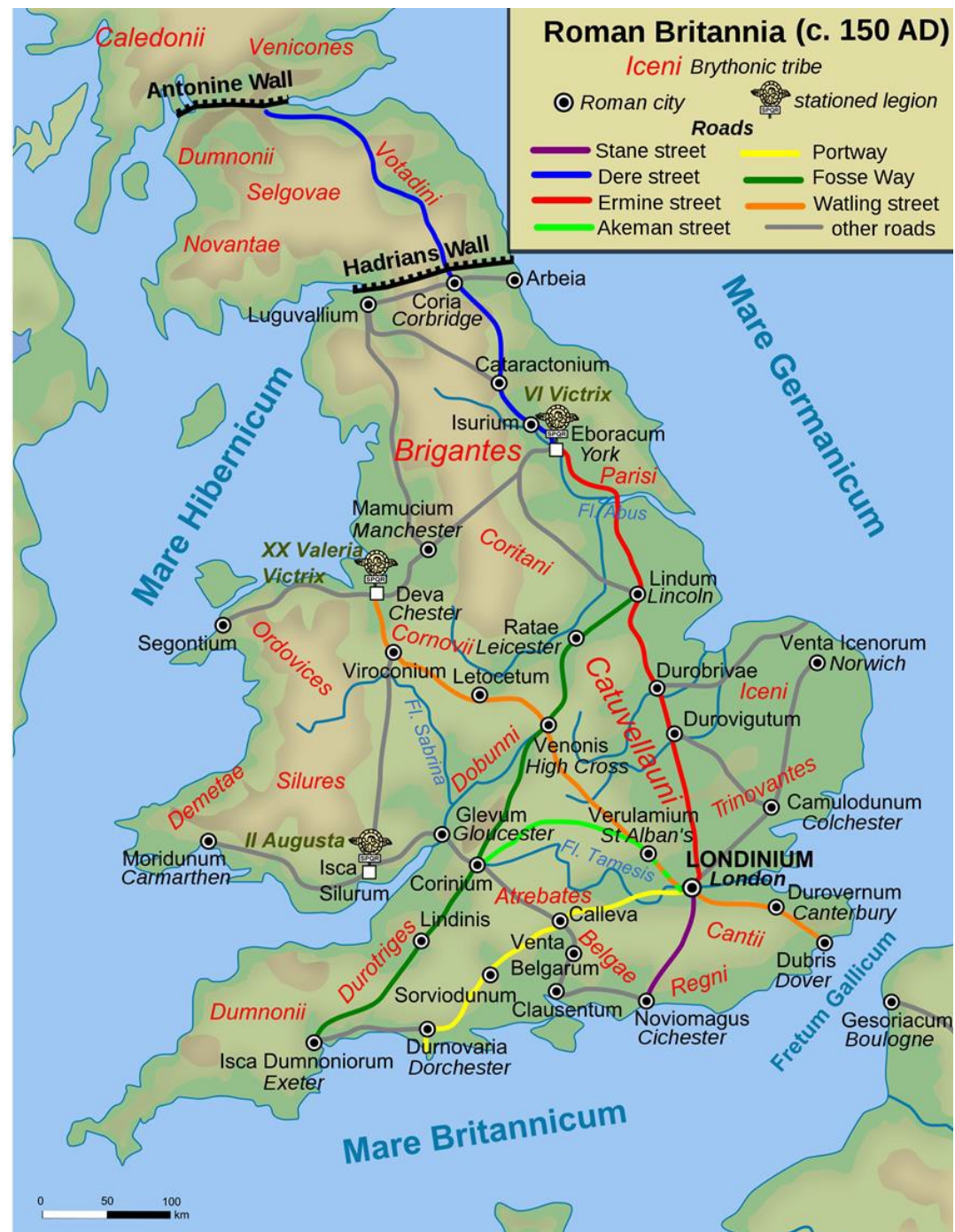








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The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist

Major Charles Shirreff



- Major Shirreff had been an officer in the British Army serving in the American colonies and had been initiated into a Military Lodge at Louisburg in 1758.
- The Order of the Red Cross was supposedly first organised in the United Kingdom by Major Shirreff in about 1780.



Waller Rodwell Wright

1775 - 1826



- An important Masonic personality who was the Provincial Grand Master of Malta, Gozo and the Mediterranean from 1815 until his death in 1826.
- In 1804 he took a constructive interest in the reorganising of the degree of the Red Cross of Constantine.



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Eusebius of Caesarea



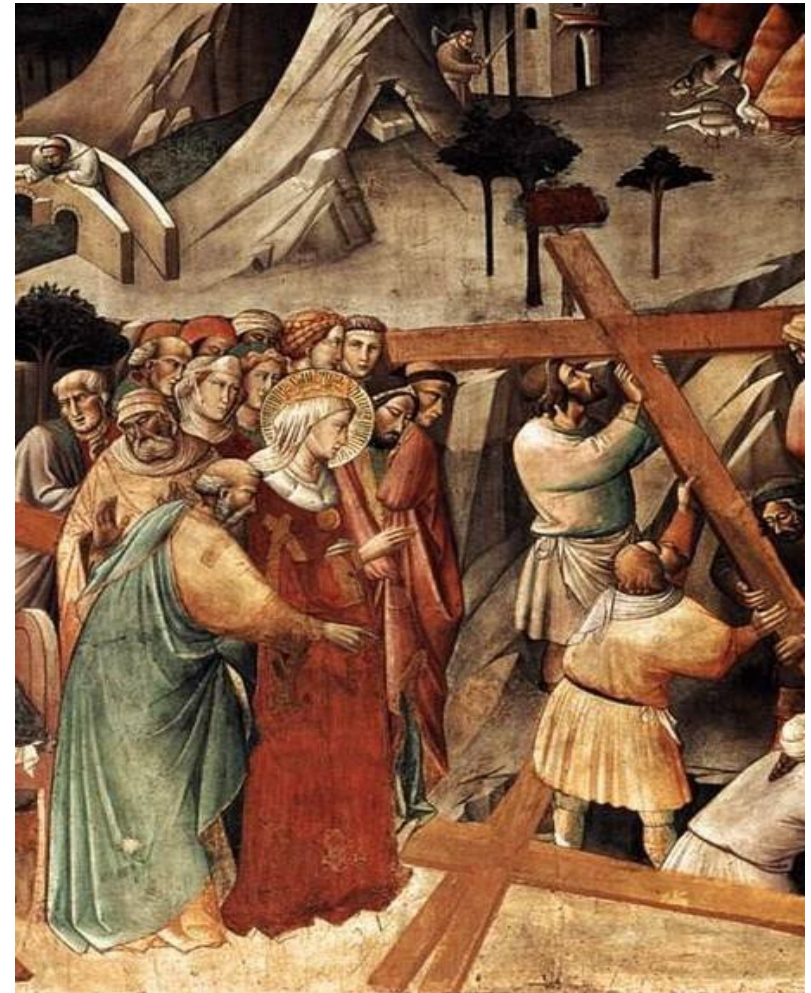
- He lived Circa 260AD to 339AD.
- A noted historian.
- He wrote:
 - *Demonstrations of the Gospel, Preparations for the Gospel, and On Discrepancies between the Gospels*, studies of the Biblical text.
- As "Father of Church History" he produced
 - *Ecclesiastical History, On the Life of Pamphilus, the Chronicle and On the Martyrs*.



St. Helena



- According to lore St. Helena, the first Christian Empress, and mother of Constantine, went to Jerusalem to search for the True Cross and found it in 320AD.



Church of the Holy Sepulchre





The Duties of a Knight



- The main duties imposed on the Knights were those of the seven corporeal works of mercy...
- ***‘feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, ransom captives, harbour the harbourless, visit the sick, bury the dead.’***



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Regalia of the Order



**Red Cross of Constantine
Companion's Sash**



KHS Companion's Sash



**Red Cross of Constantine
Divisional Sash**



Red Cross of Constantine - Grand Officer's Sash



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