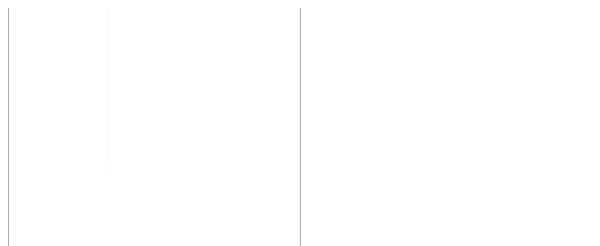




The **coat of arms of Germany** displays a black eagle with red feet, beak and tongue on a yellow field, blazoned: *Or, an eagle displayed sable beaked langued and membered gules*. This is the ***Bundesadler*** or "Federal Eagle", formerly the *Reichsadler* or "Imperial Eagle".

It is a re-introduction of the coat of arms of the Weimar Republic (in use 1919–1935) adopted by the Federal Republic of Germany in 1950.^[1] The current official design is due to Tobias Schwab (1887–1967) and was introduced in 1928.



As the German name for Munich, i.e. München, means "*of Monks*",^[1] the **monk** in this case is a self-explanatory symbol who represents the city of Munich. The figure is portrayed wearing a golden trimmed black **cowl** with a black hood and red shoes. The right hand is raised and the left carries a red book.

The open right hand of the monk is interpreted as an oath-making gesture, or a blessing gesture in Christian tradition.^[1] The red book in the left hand refers to the oath book of the city (in accordance with the gesture of the right hand), or the municipal law book which is bounded in red and has been handed down since 1365.^[1] Another interpretation is that it is a gospel book.^[1]

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