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Armed Forces Day

In the United States, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the 3rd Saturday in May. It falls near the end of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.



First observed on 20 May 1950, the day was created and announced by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson on 31 August 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army-, Navy-, Air Force-, Marine Corps- and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. The United States' longest running city-sponsored Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, Washington. In 2012, Bremerton celebrated the 64th year of the Armed Forces Day Parade.

Because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in the month of May.

Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.

Mothers Day

Mother's Day in the United States is annually Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.



Mother's Day is not a federal holiday!

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her motherin Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized.

In 1908, she arranged a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. The church has become the International Mother's Day Shrine.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles.



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"COMMUNICATION IS KEY"

Comments and Observations From The Grand East

Well in the words of my favorite radio show "you have wasted another perfectly good month" that is not true but I have always wanted to use that line. With April coming to a close, and in most cases the chapter election should have taken place, or are about to. The office of Grand Secretary should be flooded with election returns. These are very important as the directory is based on the information that we receive from the chapters. The membership, Grand Officers and your DDI's all depend on the information that is contained in the directory, if it is not correct the time and miles are wasted and visitations are not made. The chapter annual reports are either in your inbox's or will be soon, again the annual reports is not more important then the election return but it carries more weight. The annual report is used for many things, from calculating the per capita to determining awards for our chapters. There is one other thing to remember, if your chapter's annual report is not filed your chapter will not have a vote at the annual convocation.

May is an important month for Michigan Masons; there will be a changing of the guard this month taking place May 23rd and 24th at the Grand Traverse Resort. William (Bill) Finkel will be installed Most Worshipful Grand Master. Grand Chapter will lend all the support that we can to help make his term a success. Grand Chapter wish's to congratulate Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Wisley on a successful year. I enjoyed seeing and working with him this past year. The one thing that all York Rite Masons need to remember, we cannot go to the street to seek membership, it must come from the symbolic lodge. Our interest is best served, by embracing membership programs that Grand Lodge promotes. The Mentoring program is a very good example. When you mentor a candidate thru his degrees and beyond he will ask about your red coat and what it stands for, your door of opportunity just opened.

Too recap the month of April, Lady Sherry and I were well received by the state of Indiana and Marty Evans the out going Grand High Priest. Marty and I have gone thru our respective lines together and have a very good relationship. I can only hope that my year is as successful as Marty's was. The 19th of April I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Battle Creek Chapter No. 19. The best part of it was all of the chairs were filled, with all but three having never been in the line before. The chapter with a couple of new members each year will be in good shape for a long time. I would like to congratulate Daniel Trumbull on being the region 3 Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award recipient. I had the pleasure of presenting the award to Daniel April 24th, with a fine meal being provided by Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Educational seminar, which will be held May 1st at Alma Pathways in the Doig conference center. Our Grand Scribe has a fine program put together for the event. Mark your calendar, if you can make it, there is something for everyone.



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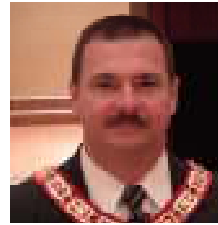
King's Korner

Have you ever taken some quiet time for yourself and read the several Masonic Lecturers? I don't mean just read them, I mean read them and take the time to comprehend and reflect on how their message should apply to us as Masons. How we should act and conduct ourselves in our everyday lives with family, friends and strangers. How their teachings can help make us better men than we are, or should be.

How many times have you sat in lodge when degree work was conferred, and usually after a small break, when it came time for the lecture, several of the brothers and even some officers were absent. How sad. Sad for two reasons. First, the special meeting was held for the benefit of the candidate. For those who decided not to be present for the lecture shows disrespect. Second, they have done a disservice to themselves. They might argue that they have heard these lectures many times over and don't see the need to hear them again and again, but have they really grasped what the lectures are attempting to teach us? I have to confess there were times that I was not present to hear some lectures, but not very often. Almost every time I hear a lecture I pick up on something I hadn't done in the past. There is usually always something new to learn.

There are valuable lessons that are learned during the degree work. There is no question about that, but, to me, there is also a wealth of knowledge in those lectures if we just take the time to reflect on their teachings.

The next time you have some quiet time pick up your ritual, relax, take your time and read to yourself the several lectures and see if you don't come away with a different perspective. Then reflect upon yourself. How do you measure up to what Masonry really has to offer you.



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Scribe's Scratches

May, finally the weather is turning, neighbors are cutting their lawns, and all Chapters should have elected and installed their new core of Officers. My congratulations to all the elected High Priest. For some of you, this maybe the first time you have presided in the East or perhaps the first time in the East for the Royal Arch. If this is the case, allow me to remind you of a few of your duties as High Priest; First and foremost, read and be familiar with the Red Book; "*To Read and Expound the Law*".

Knowledge of the contents of the Red Book will enable you as High Priest to fulfill your oath of office, make correct decisions, increase the dignity of the office, and earn and develop respect of your officers and companions. By having a working knowledge of the Red Book you will be better able to conduct convocations with dispatch and confidence, properly exercise your authority, accurately, but without excess, render decisions promptly and according to law, and quickly refer to special instructions for ceremonials.

To help your growth of knowledge in the Red Book, you need to have a familiar concept of the elements of parliamentary procedures. Parliamentary law is the orderly, systematic procedure used to conduct the business of your Chapter in a democratic manner, it provides an efficient method for accomplishing all of the legitimate objectives of the business sessions of a legitimate Chapter without confusion and misunderstanding. It also offers participation to all companions, imposes responsibilities on all Companions in the operation of the Chapter. Despite its positive and unquestionable advantages, however, almost all meetings are conducted in a manner that is far from parliamentary, and far from democratic.

As facility and skill are gained in the application of the rules of procedures set forth, membership interest and attendance will increase according.

Some good parliamentary practices as High Priest would be to be tactful, discourage courteously the member who talks too much or too often, encourage the shy Companions to participate in the meetings, move business along with dispatch, and know parliamentary law as well as how to use it. As the presiding officer, you should also conduct meetings with regard to proper form and order, maintain order and decorum, see that courtesy and justice prevail, show no partiality, and follow adopted order of business. When a motion has been made, you as the presiding officer should; recognize the Companion entitled to the floor, state and put the motion that is in order and announce the results of the vote, state the motion in correct form without changing the meaning, enforce the rules of debate, and rule on points of order.

A few other good practices maybe to answer all request for information on a procedure, never discuss a motion from the chair, and sign all acts or orders that are necessary to carry out the complete will of the Chapter.

By attempting to follow the practices of parliamentary, and having a good working knowledge and understanding of the Red Book, you can and will be prepared for the great honor of being the presiding officer of your Chapter, so take a little time to skim through and seek answers in the Red Book. Again, congratulations and I wish you a great year, and have fun. Being the High Priest of your Chapter carries a lot of responsibility but if you are aware of these responsibilities and are ready for them, this can be the most rewarding time in your masonic career.

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Here it is May, and as the weather warms up, so does the schedule of activities for the York Rite.

Starting right out on May 1 is the the Royal Arch Masons Educational Retreat held at Masonic Pathways in Alma. We will begin at 9:00 AM, take a break for lunch (\$10.00 on site) and close no later than 3:30 PM so everyone can return home at a reasonable hour. Grand Scribe Rich Hitch has prepared an agenda which should include items of interest for everyone. Contact EC Hitch at richhitch@wowway.com for information about hotel accommodations and meal reservations.

On May 6 & 7 the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin holds their Annual Convocation at Wisconsin Dells. The Wisconsin York Rite has decided this year to separate the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, resulting in the Grand Chapter Convocation being held in May, the Grand Council Assembly on Sept. 24 in Green Bay, and the Grand Commandery Conclave on June 17 & 18, also in Green Bay.

Then on May 21 Rock of Ages and Gates of the Temple Tabernacles of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests will hold a joint ingathering in the Doig Chapel at Masonic Pathways beginning at 9:30 AM. After a break for lunch, Michigan Priory # 22 KYCH will hold their Spring Conclave.

The 190th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan will open on May 23rd and conclude business on the 24th. The Grand Lodge will once again be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. This is a 4 Star Resort type hotel with amenities to please all but the most cynical guests. There are several important proposals to vote on, so it promises be an interesting session.

In addition, several chapters will be conferring various degrees through the month, check with chapter and others in your area for dates and times.

It is hoped that all the chapter secretaries have received their Annual Returns either online or as a paper copy, and the completed returns and Election Reports will be submitted to the Grand Chapter Office soon.

Making Friends

I am trying to make friends outside of FaceBook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like FaceBook. I already have four people following me ... two police officers ... a private investigator ... and a psychiatrist...

On Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch, be hours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

THE MOTTO OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

On many of the official documents, or certificates, issued by Royal Arch bodies, will be found the words: "holiness to the Lord." This is the motto of Royal Arch Masonry and ever reminds us of the reverence due the Great and Beneficent Author of our existence, who is a Being without beginning of days or end of years.

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Greeting Companions, Well the last few months have been busy ones. March 5th at Schoolcraft, the weather was not cooperative, snow sleet and freezing rain. A number of Companions did not attend because of the weather and last minute changes had to be made to fill the cast in several degrees, but 17 brothers exalted and then received the Council Degrees. March 9-10 at Doc's Sports retreat for the Grand Chapter Porker fund raiser, then on to the East Central Meeting March 11-12 in Bay City. Then over to Belding on the 26th of March for the MSA, Bronze Award and Cryptic Recorder on the Year.

April 3-4 I was in St Ignace to assist in the conferring of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees, as well as the installation of Officers. The drive up was somewhat a white knuckler as again snow, freezing rain and sleet on that trip up there. But, everything went well and Lady Judi and I made it up there and back without any real problems. April 9-10 back at Doc's again for another Grand Chapter Poker fund raiser. April 11th at St Clair Chapter for the annual meeting and election. April 13th in Lapeer for their election and installation. April 23rd in Mason for an all degree day for Council and their annual Strawberry Festival, Six companions received their cryptic degrees. April 24th, Lady Judi attended an MSA dinner honoring Daniel Trumbull. April 30th working with my Lodge, Mt Clemens #6 for child ID

May 3rd I will be in Port Huron assisting in the installation of Officers of Huron Chapter #27, and then

May 10th I will be assisting in the installation of the Officers of St Clair Chapter #12.

June 18th back to ST Ignace for the Royal Arch Degree to be followed by the Cryptic Degrees the dinner and then Yooper Council later that night.

July 23-24 joint York Rite picnic and Golf outing in Gladwin, flyer to be found here in the Triple Tau in May, June and July.

August 16-20 Lady Judi and I will be at the Michigan Grand York Rite Session in Bay City at the Double Tree Hotel. That fills most of my schedule for the spring and most of the summer, then comes the Chapter Visits for 2016-2017 Chapter year.

There are a number of Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery activities that will fill in some of my time between my Grand Chapter activities. So I will be out and about a lot in the next 90 days and will probably see a number on my travels between my next Triple Tau article, see you some where soon.

Fraternally Yours,
 John Ames, Grand Royal Arch Captain

Grandpa would waken quite early and thrive
 On working with scarcely a breathe
 Grandpa thought nothing of waking at Five
 And I think not much of it either.

"Hi Lord, it's me. We are getting older and things are getting very bad here. Gas prices are high, no jobs, and food and heating costs are too high. You have been taken out of our schools, government and even Christmas, but Lord I'm asking you to come back and re-bless America. We really need you! There are more of us who want and need you than those who don't!"

The Proxy of the Chapter is to be issued to a Companion who is attending the Grand Convocation when one of the Dias Officers is not going to be in attendance. It is best to issue this to a Companion who is not a Past High Priest, thereby affording your Chapter an additional vote. Use your Proxies, don't lose your votes!!!

CERTIFICATE OF PROXY IN GRAND CHAPTER
To the Grand Chapter of Michigan:

This is to certify that:
 Companion _____

has been selected to hold the proxy to represent Companion _____ of _____ Chapter No. _____ in the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to be holden at _____, on the _____ day of the month of _____ 20____.

Witness my hand and seal at _____ this day of _____ 20____.

2016 York Rite Golf Outing

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights

Saturday, July 24th, 2016 is a day you can join in for fun & fellowship and also raise funds for the charities of the York Rite.

This is a four person scramble for members, family and friends (Men & Women). The cost has gone down to \$65.00 this year, Reservations received prior to July 17th receive a \$5.00 discount. Make up your own foursome for the discount of \$20.00 per team.

Price includes – 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes.

If you do not have a team, we will place you on a team.

Registration at the course will begin at 8:30 AM and starting tee time is scheduled for 10:00 AM on the 1st Tee. *** If we have enough layers registered in advance, the course will allow us to have a shotgun start.

Don't play Golf! Join us for fellowship and a great meal. Dinner at 3:30 PM. Cost for dinner is only \$23.00.

We are asking all York Rite Bodies (Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Colleges) to sponsor a hole or tee box for \$25.00. The profits will be equally divided between the Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery for the charity that each Grand Body chooses. We can, also, accept, and do encourage individual &/or business sponsors.

For more information contact any of the following committee members:

John Ames:	586 770.2613	GWhuter51@gmail.com
Lou McCray:	989 728.5384	elcemccray@yahoo.com
Loren Wynn:	734 878.1714	tkmaster@netscpe.net
Don Mayville:	810 874.1637	indsal@att.net

Jim Sprague Memorial 19th Annual Royal Arch - York Rite Picnic *(all friends are welcome to attend)*

Sprague Cabin southeast of Gladwin
Need directions contact Don Mayville
Saturday, July 23rd dinner around 3 pm
RSVP -- Choice of Steak or Grilled Chicken
Pot-Luck side dishes! Donations to help pay for meat
Return the information below to:

**Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Ln.
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025**

Name: _____

Others attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Total attending-() # Steaks _____

#Gr. Chicken _____

*May stay overnight in an RV, Trailer, or Tent,
onsite, or in one of the several local Motels.*

2016 York Rite Golf Outing

Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin 989-426-9941

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Sunday July 24, 2016

I/We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box, please have the sign read:

_____ (\$ 25.00)

I/We will be participating: Name: _____ (\$65.00) [\$60.00 if paid by 7/17/16]

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Playing with: _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Number of Hole or Tee Box Sponsorships _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Additional persons – Dinner Only: _____ (\$ 23.00 each) \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment of \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Livingston Chapter No. 30** – Memo: **“YR GOLF Outing”**

Mail to: **Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Ln., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025**

Dinner Choices – (Please include yourself)

of Steaks _____ # of Chickens _____

Please copy and distribute as needed

Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions -
Aug. 16th - 20th, 2016

Grand Chapter, Wed., Aug. 17; Grand Council, Thur.,
Aug. 18; Grand Commandery, Fri & Sat., Aug 19 & 20

2016 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS COMMITTEE

Brian K. Himes, Chairman

Brent A. Helm, Larry A. Inscho & Harry A. Walbridge

Hotel Reservations:

Doubletree Hotel Bay City Riverfront

Attn: Reservations Department

One Wenonah Park

Bay City, MI 48708

Phone: 989 891-6000 Fax: 989 891-9680

Group Room Rate: \$106.00 plus: 11% tax per room, per night

Cut Off Date: July 26, 2016

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM Check-Out Time: Noon

Please Note: Reservations request must be received in their office by
midnight on the above cut off date to guarantee the group rate. Requests
received after the above date will be subject to availability and the group
rate is not guaranteed. **All reservation requests must be accompanied by
a first night room deposit, or guaranteed by a major credit card.

***Rooms will not be reserved unless secured by above methods.

GUESTROOM PREFERENCE (Subject to Availability)

- If more than one room is requested, enclose a list of names and
addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.
- If you would like a confirmation sent to you via email, please
provide you email address below.

of Rooms

Standard Room - 2 Beds # Standard Room - *King Bed
(*Limited number of King Bedded Rooms in the Hotel)

Number of People in Your Guestroom

Special Requests (Please Check)

Handicap Accessible Hearing Impaired

GUEST INFORMATION

Name: _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Arrival Day/Date : _____

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Credit Card Number: _____

Type of Card : _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Signature: _____

G.Y.R. MEAL RESERVATION FORM 2016

Name _____ Lady _____

Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Organization _____

Title _____

Special Dietary requests _____

*** Make your reservations from the following selections:

GRAND CHAPTER RAM - WED., AUG. 17, 2016

7 AM Chap. Memb. Breakfast No. _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Companions Luncheon No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

7 PM "Mexican Madness" Banquet No. _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

GRAND COUNCIL R&SM - THUR., AUG. 18, 2016

7 AM Comp./Ladies Breakfast No. _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Companions Luncheon No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

GRAND YORK RITE GRAND BANQUET - Thur. Aug 19, 2016

7 pm # Sirloin Steak # Grilled Portabella-Vegetable Stack

Seared Salmon Total # _____ @ #38.00 = \$ _____

Recommended Dress: Grand Officers - Tus?White Dinner Jacket w/ Collars.

Ladies: Evening Attire. General Membership - Business Suit. Ladies - Sunday Best.

GRAND COMMANDERY KT - Fri. Aug. 20, 2016

7 AM KT Gen Memb Breakfast No. _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon River Cruise Luncheon No. _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon KT Luncheon No. _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

7:30 pm GRAND COMMANDERY ROUND TABLE

Roasted Pork Loin # Grilled Chicken Breast

Grilled Vegetables Total # _____ @ #38.00 = \$ _____

Recommended Dress: Gr. Commandery Officer & Sir Knights - Full Dress. No Sword or

Chapeau. Grand Officers - Tus/White Dinner Jacket w/ Collars.

Grand Officers. Ladies - Evening Attire Sir Knights Ladies - Sunday Best.

GRAND COMMANDERY KT - Fri. Aug. 21, 2016

8 AM KT Gen Memb Breakfast No. _____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

Registration Fee: \$ 10.00

Make Checks Payable to: TOTAL \$ _____

"Michigan Grand York Rite Committee"

Notice: Meal reservations must be postmarked by Aug. 6,
2016. All Meal reservations postmarked after Aug. 6, 2016,
are subject to a Late Fee of \$25.00.

Meal reservation cancellations will be honored prior to August 13, 2016.

REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS!

Mail all reservations with remittance To:

MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE

c/o Brent A. Helm, KYCH

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Royal Arch Masons a little History Lesson...

The Mercy Seat is the cover of the Ark of the Covenant which was made out of solid gold. In the original Hebrew, this part of the Ark was called 'Kapporet' {כפורת} which literally means 'covering.'

The concept of 'covering' in Biblical Hebrew can be understood also in an abstract way as 'covering sins' – meaning 'to grant atonement'. Precisely as the English name for the holiest day in the Jewish calendar – 'Day of Atonement' which in Hebrew called 'Yom Kippur.' {יום כיפור}

Yom Kippur {יום כיפור} shares the same Hebrew root as the word 'Kapporet'. {כפורת} Both of these Hebrew words are strongly connected not just grammatically. The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the holiest place in the Temple – 'Holy of Holies' which was strictly forbidden to enter except for by the High Priest and only on the holiest day in the Jewish calendar – 'Yom Kippur'.



Just a thought for you to keep them in mind.

The men of the Grand Chapter have been spending so much time in the hospital and recuperating that the women decided to show them up!

Pat Hobday is recovering from open heart surgery. I believe 3 by-passes and is home doing well, recovering.

Kathy Inscho is now home after spending some time in the hospital and rehab. She fell out of a truck, not moving, and broke her hip.

Royal Arch Masons a little History Lesson...

In the original Hebrew the Ark of the Covenant has three different main names:

1: "Aron Ha-Brit" {ארון הברית}– literally means 'the Ark of the Covenant.' This is the most popular Hebrew name for the Ark and can be found in the Hebrew Bible mainly in the Book of Deuteronomy and the Book of Joshua.

"And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people." (Joshua 3:6)

2: "Aron Ha-Edut" {ארון העדות}– literally means 'the Ark of the Testimony' and can be found in the Book of Exodus in general and in our weekly Torah portion in particular.

"There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony..." (Exodus 25:22)

3: "Aron Ha-Elohim" {ארון האלוהים}– literally means 'the Ark of God' and can be found in the Book of Samuel (1 and 2) and in the Book of Chronicles (1 and 2).

"And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim." (2 Samuel 6:2)





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An Open letter to the Companions of the Royal Arch:

To the Newly Exalted Companions of the Royal Arch Masons,

On behalf of the Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, I would also like to welcome you to the York Rite of Freemasonry and congratulate you on your recent Exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason! I am excited to be able to offer to you an opportunity to continue your quest for “more light in Masonry” by taking the next step by becoming one of the Royal and Select and receiving the degrees. You may ask, “Why do I need to receive the Council Degrees?” A fair question. Let me just say that as Freemasons, we are in the “business” so to speak, of obtaining “more light.” The question therefore begs to be asked, “Why would I limit myself to only partial light and not continue forward in my quest for *further* illumination?” Also it can be said that in the Royal and Select Master Degrees, we get the complete, full and detailed story of Hiram Abiff; the how and why regarding his demise during those last fateful hours of his life and the events that transpired afterward in the Secret Vault. The pageantry of the Super Excellent Master Degree beautifully illustrates the Great Lesson of Fidelity, which is what every Mason aspires to learn and live up to.

A Petition for Degrees to become one of the Royal and the Select is available from any Cryptic Mason or Council Recorder. I invite you to consider it carefully and if you have a real desire to continue on the road to full illumination, please fill it out and return it to my office, or if you know of a Council located near you, turn it in to their Recorder for processing. If you have already joined the ranks of the Royal and Select, please consider passing it on to a worthy Royal Arch Companion to whom you feel would benefit from the lessons that you have already garnered from our Degrees.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to a continuing fellowship with you in the near future!

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

O God, our gracious Father, we thank Thee that Thou dost inhabit eternity and hold the ages in Thine hand that one day is as a thousand years with Thee, and a thousand years as one day; yet Thou dost recognize and operate within our standards of time. On this another Memorial Day, mindful of our own frailty and brevity of time on this earth, we do sincerely thank Thee for the brave men and women who have given their all at the noon-day of their lives that we might enjoy life liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We so little deserve what they have done for us, but we pray that we may be stabbed awake to discern the meaning of life and to use our opportunities to preach and teach the gospel to all nations, and to live the life so consistently that Thou canst righteously spare us from war and national turmoil.

Have mercy upon us, O God. Defeat, O Lord, those organized principalities and powers of wickedness who seek to destroy our nation by lawlessness, crime, immorality, intemperance, and materialism. Give us spiritual strength and discernment to stand against all such and to preserve the fruits of peace for our children and grandchildren.

Oh Lord God Almighty, we thank Thee with all of our hearts for You and Your Good works toward us and this country. Continue to preserve and protect us and watch over all who have gone before in our defense and protection.



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GRAND COMMANDERS CORNER --- May Message

Recruiting Christian Masons For Templary

Companions and Sir Knights,

No Mason can fully appreciate the depth of the work of Masonry until he has participated in the work of the Orders of Knighthood! No seeker of truth will ever be able to experience anything more impressive and inspiring than the Orders of the temple. Every Christian Mason owes it to himself to put the "Cap Stone" over his York Rite Masonry.

Ten Reasons Why You Should Be A Knight Templar

1. The Commandery offers you a grand opportunity to improve in every walk of life through the study and work in the progressively expanding of light of pure Freemasonry.
2. It is the mightiest non-theological Christian organization in the world. It stands for the noblest principles in individual life and the highest standards of good government.
3. It is founded and draws its inspiration from the Christian Religion and the faithful practice of Christian Virtues.
4. As a vigorous Christian command, we wage war unceasingly in the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian Religion.
5. It teaches and assists you to "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven".
6. Its work presents an advance and liberal education to all mankind designed to bring forth their finest character and works to be shared without limit with one another.
7. It gives you the richest of fraternal fellowship, peaceful freedom of mind and a deep understanding of character enabling you to live in harmony with God and with benefit of your Country.
8. It bases all its teachings upon the fundamental truth, thereby adding greatly to your understanding of the symbolic significance of the first three degrees of Freemasonry.
9. In mastering the exalted lessons of Knights Templar you learn by taking a full active part in the beautiful work of each Order of Knighthood. Templary has no special class for the portrayal of its truths.
10. Templary extends to you the privilege of sharing its priceless heritage from the past as Defenders of the Faith and ennobles your life through participation with the Sir Knights in the work of Freemasonry's greatest Order.

Peace be with you
SK Albert Johnson
Grand Commander

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