



MOST EXCELLENT
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VETERANS DAY MESSAGE

On this Veterans Day, as our nation honors brave military service members and their families, I take this moment, on behalf of the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons of Florida & U.S. Virgin Islands, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliated to honor Veterans who have all made the courageous and selfless sacrifice to protect our state and nation.

Originally called “Armistice Day,” Veterans Day was intended to serve as a time that would remind nations to always strive for peaceful relationships. On November 11, 1918, the Allied Nations and Germany agreed to put an end to World War I with an armistice on “the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.” In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Celebrations included parades and public gatherings as well as a brief cessation of business activities beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Over 1.5 million veterans of the United States Armed Forces currently reside in Florida. Many of them line our rosters and fill our ranks in our chapters throughout the Jurisdiction. The Veterans Day National Ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. every November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. A wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and celebrations continue inside the Memorial Amphitheater to thank and honor all who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

On this Veterans Day, I urge all Royal Arch Masons through the Jurisdiction to remember the personal contributions of all veterans in their community and nation and to demonstrate their respect and gratitude in appropriate ways.



UNDER THE LIVING ARCH I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter to be affixed.

Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis, K.Y.C.H.
Grand High Priest of all Capitular Masonry

ATTEST,

Canary Williams

Rt. Ex. Canary Williams
Grand Secretary

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