



Grand Chapter Committee on Education

Questions and Answers about the Twelve Tribes of Israel and their Relationship to the Royal Arch

- Q: How many tribes were in Israel?
A: 12
- Q: What are the names of the 12 tribes of Israel?
A: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Zebulun, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Naphtali, Joseph, & Benjamin
- Q: Whom are the 12 tribes named after?
A: The sons of Jacob, each of whom would lead a tribe of Israel
- Q: What is the significance of Ephraim and Manasseh?
A: Sons of Joseph, whom his Father Jacob adopted, thus becoming two tribes within Joseph's lands
- Q: What are the four principle tribes of Israel?
A: Dan, Reuben, Ephraim, Judah
- Q: How are the four principal tribes represented in the Royal Arch?
A: By their Banners
- Q: Describe the banner of the Tribe of Dan?
A: An eagle on a blue banner
- Q: Who displays this banner in the Royal Arch?
A: The Grand Master of the First Veil
- Q: Describe the banner of the Tribe of Reuben?
A: A man on a purple banner
- Q: Who displays this banner in the Royal Arch?
A: The Grand Master of the Second Veil
- Q: Describe the banner of the Tribe of Ephraim?
A: An ox on a scarlet banner
- Q: Who displays this banner in the Royal Arch?
A: The Grand Master of the Third Veil
- Q: Describe the banner of the Tribe of Reuben?
A: A lion on a white banner
- Q: Who displays this banner in the Royal Arch?
A: The Royal Arch Captain

