Dear Masonic Student,

Last week’s question was:

The United Grand Lodge of England has one of the most recognizable Coat of Arms in the world. Whether it’s the cherubim or the Ark, the Arms is replete with symbolism. You question, what is the translation of the Hebrew over the Ark? What is the translation of the Latin that serves as the Grand Lodge’s motto?

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The Answer is:

The writing above the Ark is the Hebrew, “Kodes la Adonai”, which translates to “Holiness to the Lord.” The writing on the ribbon below is “Audi, Vide, Tace”, which translates as, “Hear, See, Be Silent” which was actually the first half of the saying, “Audi,vide, tace, si vis vivere in pace”, which translated out to, “Hear, see, be silent, if you would live in peace.”

Source:


Fraternally,
Nick Johnson