

An Introduction to the Royal Arch Representative.

*A good practice guide for encouraging Master Masons
to aspire to become Royal Arch Companions*

Introduction.

As a part of his address at Supreme Grand Chapter in November 2022, the Pro First Grand Principal, E.Comp Jonathan Spence, emphasised the interconnectedness of the Craft and the Royal Arch. He also specifically mentioned the role of the Royal Arch Representatives in our Craft Lodges.

“the Craft and Royal Arch must work seamlessly together at all levels as one organisation”

“I would strongly encourage Master Masons to experience the Royal Arch and complete their journey in pure Antient Masonry before joining any other orders of Freemasonry”

E.Comp Jonathon Spence – Pro First Grand Principal – November 2022

The rebrand of the Royal Arch as a part of the UGLE Masonic Experience has been further rolled out as a part of the Strategy for Freemasonry 2022 and Beyond and we are all well aware of the **“One Journey, One Organisation, Initiation to Exaltation”** tag-line.

The Royal Arch has become an integral part of all Grand Lodge Communications including the **Discover More** booklet which is available to view on both the SGC website and the RA Devonshire website.

Who is the Royal Arch Representative?

The Royal Arch Representative is an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason appointed as link between their Craft Lodge and the Royal Arch. It is vitally important that he is the right person for this very important role.

As an effective communicator the Royal Arch Representative is that important link in bringing the Craft and the Royal Arch together in his Lodge. His role within the Lodge structure is similar to the Lodge Membership Officer. He has an important role to play in promoting the Royal Arch through all the stages of a members masonic journey - **“Initiation to Exaltation”**

Key elements of the role:

- To be an approachable, effective communicator and to be conversant with the Royal Arch its relationship to the Craft, and its value in the Initiation to Exaltation four stage experience.
- To work with the Lodge Secretary to promote greater visibility of Royal Arch membership on Lodge Summons and on Lodge electronic communications.

- To liaise with the Lodge Secretary on matters concerning the Royal Arch as may be required and to report on Royal Arch matters as a formal item of Lodge business. (Please note that Solomon offers guidance on this).
- To inform and encourage all Master Masons to aspire to join the Royal Arch, and to be able to guide potential Exaltees to the most suitable Chapter for that individual.
- To present the Royal Arch information letter to new Master Masons in open Lodge when they receive their Grand Lodge Certificate

DID YOU KNOW THAT – “Talking Heads” is a playlet that can be delivered in Craft Lodges and which gives an insight into the relevance and value of the Royal Arch as the 4th Step in Freemasonry

If you would like “Talking Heads” to be presented in your Lodge please ask your Lodge Secretary to contact Alan Salsbury at: alan.salsbury@btinternet.com



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Most Excellent Grand Superintendent
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