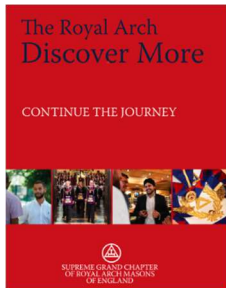


'One Journey, One Organisation, One Team – Discover More

So, what is the Royal Arch?

In simple terms, the Royal Arch is the final step in pure and antient Freemasonry under the United Grand Lodge of England and we hope that you will want to make it the next chapter in your masonic voyage of discovery.



The Royal Arch continues the Craft story and provides a new dimension to the masonic experience and a more complete understanding of what it means to be to be a Freemason in UGLE.

The Royal Arch ceremony of Exaltation is a rich canvas where the candidate follows those clues in the Third Degree where the genuine secrets of a Master Mason were lost and rediscovers them in a spectacular and unforgettable ceremony.

The Royal Arch, what's in it for me?

There are many possible answers to this question but let's consider just two.

Under the United Grand Lodge of England, the Craft and the Royal Arch are one organisation and are therefore one team. You discover Freemasonry in the Craft, but you discover more in the Royal Arch.

As one organisation the complete journey in Freemasonry includes the Craft and the Royal Arch as one journey, **Initiation to Exaltation**,

and in the Royal Arch you will discover the answers to the questions posed in the Third Degree.

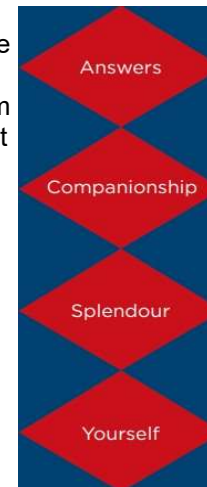


The Royal Arch will; give you a more complete understanding of what it means to be a Freemason in the United Grand Lodge of England, an aspect of English freemasonry that is unique around the world and is represented by four themes in the **Discover More** booklet.

Discover More about what?

We hope that every Master Mason will aspire to become a Royal Arch Companion continuing their journey from **Initiation to Exaltation**. But what can you discover by joining the Royal Arch?

The three Craft Degrees are complete in their own right but the Third Degree has some unanswered questions, it *"implies that there is yet more to learn"*. It offers clues that genuine secrets of a Master Mason can be rediscovered. What are they, and what do they mean to you?



There is the enjoyment of discovering something new and of learning about something different.

There is the richness and the splendour of the Royal Arch setting and ceremonial.

There is the concept of the Craft and the Royal Arch being two sides of the same coin, perhaps with the words "Integrity, Respect, Friendship and Service" etched around the edge.



There is the opportunity of learning more about what freemasonry means to you. The Royal Arch offers new perspectives that will support you on your journey of self-discovery.

The Royal Arch – what can I expect?

For those who are yet to experience the Companionship of Royal Arch masonry, the ceremony of Exaltation is one of the most beautiful and thought provoking in Freemasonry. It is a continuation of all that has been taught in the three Craft Degrees and provides you with the necessary tools to complete your journey of self-knowledge and of self-discovery. The Royal Arch provides a “colourful and rich canvas” looking beyond the practical aspects of man and giving new insight, new experiences, and a greater understanding of the masonic journey.

The ceremony takes place in a completely different setting to the Craft and tells the story of the rebuilding of King Solomons Temple. As a candidate you enact the part of a journeyman builder, a sojourner, who is engaged in part of the work and who is part of a team that makes a fantastic discovery.

As an Entered Apprentice, in the North-East Corner, you represented the foundation stone of a new building and were encouraged to raise a superstructure, ‘perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder’. As a Royal Arch Companion you become a part of that superstructure.

How do I join the Royal Arch?

Masonically speaking, you can join the Royal Arch four weeks after being Raised as a Master Mason, however, much as we hope

that every Master Mason will aspire to become a Royal Arch Companion, it is really important to point out that this should be at a time that is right for you.

Once you are ready to join the Royal Arch, speak with your Lodges Royal Arch Representative, or any Lodge member that is wearing a Royal Arch jewel. They will be happy to help you.

Also consider whether you want to join a Royal Arch Chapter connected with your Craft Lodge or whether you may want to increase your social circle by moving a little further afield.

If you want some additional advice or information, or if you can't find someone to help with your membership application, please email pgse@devonshire.org.uk and we will be pleased to help.

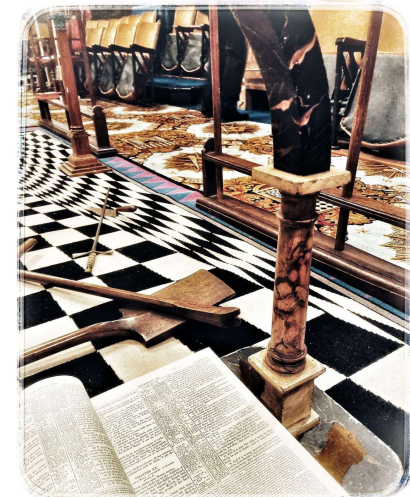
We look forward to joining you at your Exaltation and to welcoming you as a Royal Arch Companion

Christopher Roach

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent



From Initiation to Exaltation, the complete journey in pure Antient Freemasonry.



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