

What Happens at a Chapter Meeting?

These take similar form to our craft meetings. We open the Chapter, present certificates, read and approve minutes and carry our other items of business such as elections, reports etc. However, the main part of our meeting is the Exaltation of new candidates. This takes the form of a passion play which recounts the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple by the children of Israel after their return from captivity in Babylon. It is a colourful, enlightening and dramatic ceremony which contains some of the most delightful lines of Masonic ritual. The lessons of the Royal Arch are derived from this allegorical working of the story. There are also associated lectures explaining the history, the symbols and ornaments of Royal Arch Masonry and the mystical knowledge of the Order.

What does it cost?

This varies from Chapter to Chapter, but as Chapters meet only three times per year it is generally cheaper than Craft Masonry.

On entry there is an Exaltation Fee to pay and regalia to buy.

Each member pays an annual subscription to cover the cost of administration and it is usual, but not compulsory, to dine after each meeting.

There are 10 Royal Arch Chapters within the Valencian Chapter Province covering the area From Valencia in the north to Mazarron in the south.

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Are you ready to complete your journey in pure Antient Masonry ?



Step 4. Companion

Step 3. Master Mason

Step 2. Fellowcraft

Step 1. Entered Apprentice

What is Royal Arch Masonry?

It is the completion of your journey through pure, ancient Masonry. The Royal Arch has been in existence for over 270 years, indeed there are references to it dating back to 1743 and there appears little doubt that the degree was originally practised in craft lodges.

The Ceremony of Raising is set against the backdrop of the completion of King Solomon's Temple and we might expect that, at its conclusion, the new Master Mason would be able to reflect upon the complete masonic journey. In reality the Third Degree leaves us with more questions than answers. It encourages us to look beyond our civil duties and personal existence.

The Royal Arch follows the craft degrees and many believe it to be essential in order to understand the meanings of the craft teachings. The essential point about the Craft and the Royal Arch is that, while the craft teaches us mainly about our responsibilities and relationships to our fellow men, the Royal Arch impresses on our minds the relationship we bear to the Supreme Being and helps us to contemplate our own mortality. The Royal Arch is therefore both the completion and the climax of pure ancient freemasonry.

When is the Best Time to Join

The best time to join is when a mason is entirely comfortable with his craft masonry and its ethos. The interval between becoming a Master Mason and Exaltation into a Royal Arch Chapter is a matter for each individual.

Early application, however, provides greater opportunity to give the new companion the option of just sitting back and absorbing the full meaning of the ceremony and its teachings before taking a more active role.

Who is Eligible to Join the Royal Arch?

Freemasons of all faiths, who have been Master masons for at least four weeks can apply for membership. They must be proposed, seconded and balloted for by the members of the Chapter to which they seek admission.

What is the Connection?

For almost 300 years Masons have completed the traditional Masonic journey from Initiation to the Royal Arch. The Exaltation ceremony follows on from the Master Masons degree. It takes us forward 500 years. In the symbolic sense the three degrees correspond to our passage from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge and understanding and loss with the promise of recovery. The Royal Arch is consequently an integral part of Craft Masonry because it completes the symbolism of making good the promise of recovery.

Are there many Royal Arch Companions?

Worldwide there are in excess of 1.5 million Royal Arch Companions. In Spain the number of Companions is in excess of 650. Membership of a Royal Arch Chapter entitles us to visit any Chapter in Spain or worldwide.

The governing body, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Spain, is presided over by the First Grand Principal, who is also the MW Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Spain thus indicating the closeness between the Craft and the Royal Arch. The officers of The Supreme Grand Chapter are experienced Royal Arch masons drawn from across the whole of Spain.

In Spain we have six Provincial Grand Chapters: Andalucia, the Canaries, Catalonia, the Balearics, Valencia and La Mancha. The Head of a Province is called a Grand Superintendent.

In Valencia this is currently Most Excellent Companion Luis Alcaina Guzman.

The basic unit in the Royal Arch, the Chapter, has three leaders known as Principals, elected each year by the members and assisted by a team of officers including Sojourners, a Treasurer and Scribes.