

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST AFRICA



Royal Arch Masonry



The Holy Royal Arch

The Book of Constitutions states that "pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz, the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch".

The Royal Arch is a separate Order of Freemasonry but is closely linked to Craft Masonry. The Order is not conferred in the Craft Lodge but in another assembly called a Chapter which is usually but not always attached to a Craft Lodge. The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch is an integral part of Freemasonry and the completion of your journey through Pure Ancient Freemasonry.

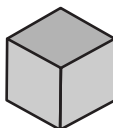
What is Royal Arch Masonry?

- In a Lodge, Masons are called Brothers and in the Royal Arch are referred to as Companions.
- They meet in Chapters and the meetings are called Convocations.
- Metropolitan, Provincial and District Grand Chapters are ruled by a Grand Superintendent who is appointed by the First Grand Principal.
- Individual Chapters are ruled by three Principals and they are equivalent to the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden.
- The Holy Royal Arch consists of the ceremony of **Exaltation** (for new members), and an **Installation Ceremony** for each of the three Principals.
- Royal Arch does not conflict with your religious beliefs.
- The Craft explains the relationship with fellow Masons and the Royal Arch explains the relationship with your Creator.

Five Platonic Bodies in the Royal Arch



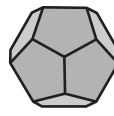
Tetrahedron



Cube



Octahedron



Dodecahedron



Icosahedron




Why Join Royal Arch?

- The Royal Arch fulfils the obligation 'to make a daily advancement in your Masonic knowledge'.
- To make ourselves a better person by strengthening our beliefs in our Creator.
- To assist ourselves in becoming better people.
- To develop bonds of friendship and companionship.
- To derive increased level of enjoyment and happiness from its membership.
- Royal Arch is spiritually rewarding, colourful and a joyful experience.

Who Can Join Royal Arch?

- Freemasons of all faiths
- Master Mason of four weeks standing.
- Subscribing member of a Craft Lodge who is in good standing with ALL the Lodges of which he is or has been a member.

How to Join Royal Arch?

- You may be contacted by a Chapter representative or you may contact the District Grand Secretary.
 - Complete the Registration Form.
 - Require a proposer and seconder from the Chapter you wish to join.
 - In possession of Grand Lodge Certificate.
 - Chapter members wear the Jewel of the Order of the Royal Arch with his Craft Regalia.
 - You may contact a member of the Chapter who wears the Jewel of the Order of the Royal Arch with his Craft Regalia, the Chapter Representative in your Lodge, the Lodge Secretary or the District Grand Secretary.
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Where to Join

- Seventeen Chapters in the District of East Africa.
- Free to join any Chapter.
- Meetings are held separately from Craft Lodges.

What Regalia is worn?

- The Regalia worn by the Companions in the Royal Arch is different from the Craft Regalia.
- The Royal Arch Apron has a red and blue border and a Sash is worn with the Apron. The red and blue border is repeated on the Sash.
- A special breast Jewel is worn with the above. This is the only breast Jewel that is worn in a Lodge with the Craft Regalia.
- The Royal Arch Jewel is strongly encouraged and recommended for Brethren to wear.

Generally

Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch are simply inextricably interwoven with each other." Royal Arch is "the root, heart and marrow of Masonry".

Finally

"The Royal Arch has been described as an extension to but neither a superior nor a subordinate part of the Degree which precedes it"

- E Comp. Dr V K Talwar, Grand Superintendent, District Grand Chapter of East Africa.

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