

### WHY ROYAL ARCH MASONRY?

For every Master Mason there comes a time when he may realize that there is more light and instruction that he may receive. Particularly those that were known and understood by his ancient brethren. But he does not realize the goal of his aspirations may be attained in the Royal Arch Degree.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason is founded upon the destruction of the first Temple and the building of the second Temple. The ceremonies of the Degree have an interesting and graphic historical setting, and as profound and reverential moral significance. The Royal Arch Degree is the complement of the Master's Degree, it unfolds a second volume of the history which was lost and then recovered. Without the Royal Arch, the Master's Degree is a work unfinished.

The Royal Arch stands as the rainbow of promise in the Ritual. It stands as the promise of the resurrection of that which was lost and that which shall be recovered. The value of Royal Arch Masonry will be justly appreciated by all who are Exalted to the Most Sublime Degree, particularly by those who are seeking to complete their Masonic education. It reveals the full light of Ancient Craft Masonry and presents it as a complete system in accordance with original plan and confers the rights and light of a Master Mason in fact. It truly leads to a better understanding of the purposes and spirit of Freemasonry. With this degree we are able to perceive the completeness of the Ancient Craft and to understand how all its degrees (Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason), are a path to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Our membership consists only of those who have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a just and duly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons who are properly vouched for, in good standing in their Lodge and in their community.

We as Royal Arch Masons should communicate this to all Master Masons so they may have the benefit of receiving more light and instruction that can be communicated in Royal Arch Masonry.

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