



Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset
Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset



Dear Brother,

I note that whilst you became a Master Mason some time ago, you are not a member of the Royal Arch. I ask you to consider joining the Royal Arch and completing your journey in Pure Antient Masonry.

You may ask why should you join the Royal Arch?

For many years, the Royal Arch was simplistically described as the completion of the Master Mason's degree. You will recall that when you were raised to the third degree you were informed that, as a result of the death of Hiram Abiff, certain substituted secrets were adopted '... until time or circumstances should restore the genuine'. These are symbolically regained during the Royal Arch ceremony.

In reality the true secrets of Masonry are much more profound and for the discerning Freemason are only to be found within himself. They are the inner spiritual meaning of his existence, the true knowledge of himself – the so called 'Ancient Mysteries'. These are that body of knowledge, which is as old as time, but difficult to attain as it is just beyond the threshold of our general awareness and consciousness. They encompass those spiritual values that act as a bridge between our worldly existence and eternity, and in Masonic terms can only be attained by exaltation into the Royal Arch. They premise the existence of a Supreme Being and support the view that a consideration of the Deity should be included in all human endeavours. To achieve our potential each one of us must look to incorporate these great truths into our lives. They should be seen as a beacon enticing us towards the light and the reason why those Brethren still in the darkness of their third degree should look to explore beyond its apparent gloom and take the supreme and final step in Pure Antient Freemasonry by joining the Royal Arch.

In short, the Royal Arch provides a spiritual dimension to Masonry and invites the enquiring and thoughtful man to consider the teachings of the Craft in the light of eternity. Please ask me as your Lodge Royal Arch Representative for additional information on this fascinating order.

I hope that it will not be too long before you have been rewarded with a Royal Arch breast jewel as it inevitably brings a greater insight into Freemasonry.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Royal Arch Representative