



Exploring Royal Arch Masonry

Here's an excellent idea for a Lodge to offer further interest in Freemasonry to its members.

The three degrees associated with Royal Arch Masonry complete the journey of a Freemason through six degrees from Entered Apprentice to Royal Arch and take their origin from the rebuilding of King Solomon's temple. On becoming Master Masons many brethren progress in time to undertaking these degrees and becoming 'companions' in a Royal Arch Chapter.

A Royal Arch Chapter is similar to a Lodge, but operates under a charter issued by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NZ.

The SGRACNZ has recently established two ceremonies to introduce Royal Arch Masonry to Master Masons. These ceremonies are performed by Royal Arch Companions and are called:

- The Pathway Ceremony – a 40 minute interactive presentation;
- An Introduction to Royal Arch Masonry – a 40 minute 'Walk Through'.

The ceremonies are an excellent opportunity for Master Masons to expand their Masonic experience and knowledge.

While Chapters are encouraged by the SGRAC to schedule either of these ceremonies in their programme there is also opportunity here for a lodge or lodges. Lodges are encouraged to approach their local Royal Arch Chapter and set up a visit to the Chapter or invite the Chapter to their Lodge for their brethren who are not already companions to participate in one of the above ceremonies.

Your local Royal Arch Chapter can be found here:

<http://www.royalarch.org.nz/drupal/?q=content/chapters>

