

YOUR "Personal Masonic Journey" THUS FAR!

On completing your Master Mason's Degree you become eligible to be admitted to the series of ceremonies administered nationally by the Chapters chartered to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand.

Having now become a Companion of the Royal Arch you are eligible to be admitted to a participation in Cryptic Masonry - the degrees relating to the construction of the Crypt or Secret Vault beneath King Solomon's Temple.

The four quite short ceremonies are conducted within a Chartered Cryptic Council attached to a regular Royal Arch Chapter. In most cases Councils may perform two of the degrees at a single meeting. They are also representative of events associated with King Solomon's Temple – while the Royal Arch Degree itself is firmly set within the subsequent Second Temple constructed under the leadership of Zerubbabel the Prince.

The four special and impressive ceremonies provide you with four new "Navigation Points" on your way as follows:

1. **The Select Master Degree** – wherein you have an active role in constructing the Vault.
2. **The Royal Master Degree** – in which as the enthusiastic Craftsman and Master Overseer you enjoy an enlightening dissertation with the Principal Architect.
3. **The Most Excellent Master Degree** – focusing on the dedication of the Temple and the rewards for the most skilful workmen.
4. **The Super Excellent Master Degree** – detailing the circumstances of the destruction of the Temple at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar – and looking to the future.

Thereafter... you may in the future further extend your Masonic Journey by having conferred on you the **Ark Mariner Degree** and the **Degrees of the Red Cross of Babylon**.

“ **The length of the journey is, of course, purely personal** ”

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