

Royal Arch

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1.Introduction

This guide covers module 6 of the "***Seek and Learn***" section of The "***Support and Promote***" & module 7 of "***Share and Encourage***" which both specifically cover Royal Arch.

Each of these modules contains resources in various formats;

- **'Nuggets'** - Short 5 - 10 minute items ideal for any regular or instruction meeting. Select a topic suited to the occasion and ask a member to deliver it, or share with several members.
- **Papers** - More for personal reading, they can also be used as mini-presentations.
- **Presentations & Talks** - These items are intended for Lodge and Chapter use, delivered by a nominated presenter.
- **Demonstrations** - Explanatory demonstrations of a ceremony (or specific parts) - a good alternative to a live event.
- **Quizzes** - A quiz or other 'fun' learning.
- **Audio** - A narrative that discusses a specific subject matter

To give an indication of content, the table on the facing page identifies the number of resources available in both the "***Seek and Learn***" & "***Share and Encourage***" sections at the time of the initial launch of Solomon.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE BY MODULE

Seek & Learn Module	Nuggets	Papers	Quizzes	Audio
Royal Arch	35	39	1	

	Help & Guidance	Nuggets	Papers	Quizzes	Demonstrations	Presentations
Share & Encourage Module						
Royal Arch		37	17	4	8	14

Each module requires enrolment before it can be accessed. This is not at all a complicated process, however some caution is required as Solomon has been designed to allow any user to access any module once they have enrolled.

The remainder of this guide lists the available resources in each module (as of launch date) in order to assist in the identification of appropriate material for either personal use, or use in your Lodge or Chapter.

Seek & Learn Module 6 - Royal Arch

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1. Zerubabel - His significance in the Royal Arch degree
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3. The Great and Lesser Sanhedrin - An exploration of the origins, functions, and practices
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10. A 'Companion' - A short explanation of the origin of the word
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13. The Julian Legend and the Sojourners- The possible source of the story of the Sojourners in the Holy Royal Arch

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14. The Ark of the Covenant - What happened to it?
15. Jehoiachin - An introduction to this character
16. Cyrus - Why he facilitated the return of the Jews from their Babylonish captivity
17. Darius - The puzzle he set for his bodyguards
18. Haggai - A short biography
19. Joshua - A short biography
20. Nehemiah - A short biography of the scribe
21. Ezra - A short biography of the scribe
22. The Sojourners' Story - An explanation of why they were content to carry out humble work
23. Colours - Their origin as used in the Holy Royal Arch
24. Completing the Craft Talk 1 – Allegory and ritual – An introduction to twelve short talks for Craft lodges regarding Royal Arch Chapters
25. Completing the Craft Talk 2 – Not about Politics
26. Completing the Craft Talk 3 – The Cable Tow
27. Completing the Craft Talk 4 – Kneeling
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35. What makes life worthwhile – Relationships?

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16. The Royal Arch Ceremony and Certificate - An explanatory overview
17. Chapter Furnishings - An explanation of eighteen items
18. Christian Legacy in the Royal Arch - Examination of the overt Christian references that once and still feature in Ritual
19. Sojourners' Return - A history of the Jews forming the background to the Royal Arch exaltation ceremony
20. Royal Arch Symbolism - Explanation of the Christian symbolism within the Royal Arch chest jewel
21. Joshua - Spiritual Leader
22. From darkness to light - The moving climax to a inspiring journey
23. Nehemiah - Patriot
24. Ezra - Restorer of the Law and Temple
25. Self-knowledge - A search for enlightenment
26. Banners and Ensigns - Rallying Point for the Tribes
27. Pedestal or Altar - Centrepiece of the Chapter
28. Haggai - Scribe in the first Sanhedrin
29. Zerubbabel - Prince of the People
30. Triple Tau - Origins and associations
31. Journey through the Wilderness - Why forty years?
32. Royal Arch Jewel
33. Three Grand Originals - Solomon, Hiram and Hiram Abiff
34. Exaltation Overview

35. The Royal Arch the Craft
36. Platonic Bodies - Linking the Royal Arch to Great Philosophers
37. Royal Arch Ceremony Commentary
38. From Babylon
39. Ceremony of Exaltation

Quiz (1)

1. Royal Arch Quiz

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Presentations (14)

1. The Three Grand Originals - The background to King Solomon, King Hiram of Tyre and Hiram Abiff
2. The Story of Scribes Ezra and Nehemiah - much of which is told in their own words, by their Chapter counterparts
3. An Explanation of the Historical Lecture used in the Holy Royal Arch
4. An Interactive Presentation of the Five Principal Banners of the Royal Arch
5. The Building of Solomon's Temple - A light-hearted presentation of the building of the first temple
6. The Domastic Lecture - An exploration of the Chapter story, which includes biographies of the five key characters
7. The Origins Of The Royal Arch -An examination of various theories

8. The Banners and Ensigns of the Holy Royal Arch - Their links between the symbolism inherent religions
9. The Sojourners' Story - Their return and miraculous find; told from their own perspective
10. The Royal Arch Apron - An examination of the development of the craft Masonic apron and the subsequent Royal Arch apron
11. A Moment to Remember - A presentation centred around the moment when a candidate is 'restored to light'
12. Chapter Ensigns and Banners - A description of the ensigns and banners displayed in the Royal Arch Chapter room
13. Chapter Jewels - Description and explanation of each chapter officer's collar jewel
14. Two Scribes - Ezra and Nehemiah - From Biblical to modern times

Demonstrations (8)

1. Commentary on the Ceremony of Exaltation - As used in the Petersfield Chapter No. 928
2. Exaltation Ceremony in Catechism Form - With contributions from the Three Principals and other Companions
3. Exaltation Ceremony Explained - A commentary which runs alongside the ceremony
4. In Camera - This presentation will explain something of the history and symbolism of the Royal Arch
5. Royal Arch Principals and Scribes - A demonstration by catechism

6. Sanhedrin, Why not more than 72? - An interactive presentation giving the history behind the Sanhedrin
7. Officers, Banners and Implements - Royal Arch Explored through its characters, banners and implements
8. Commentary on the Holy Royal Arch Ceremony - Key points of interest

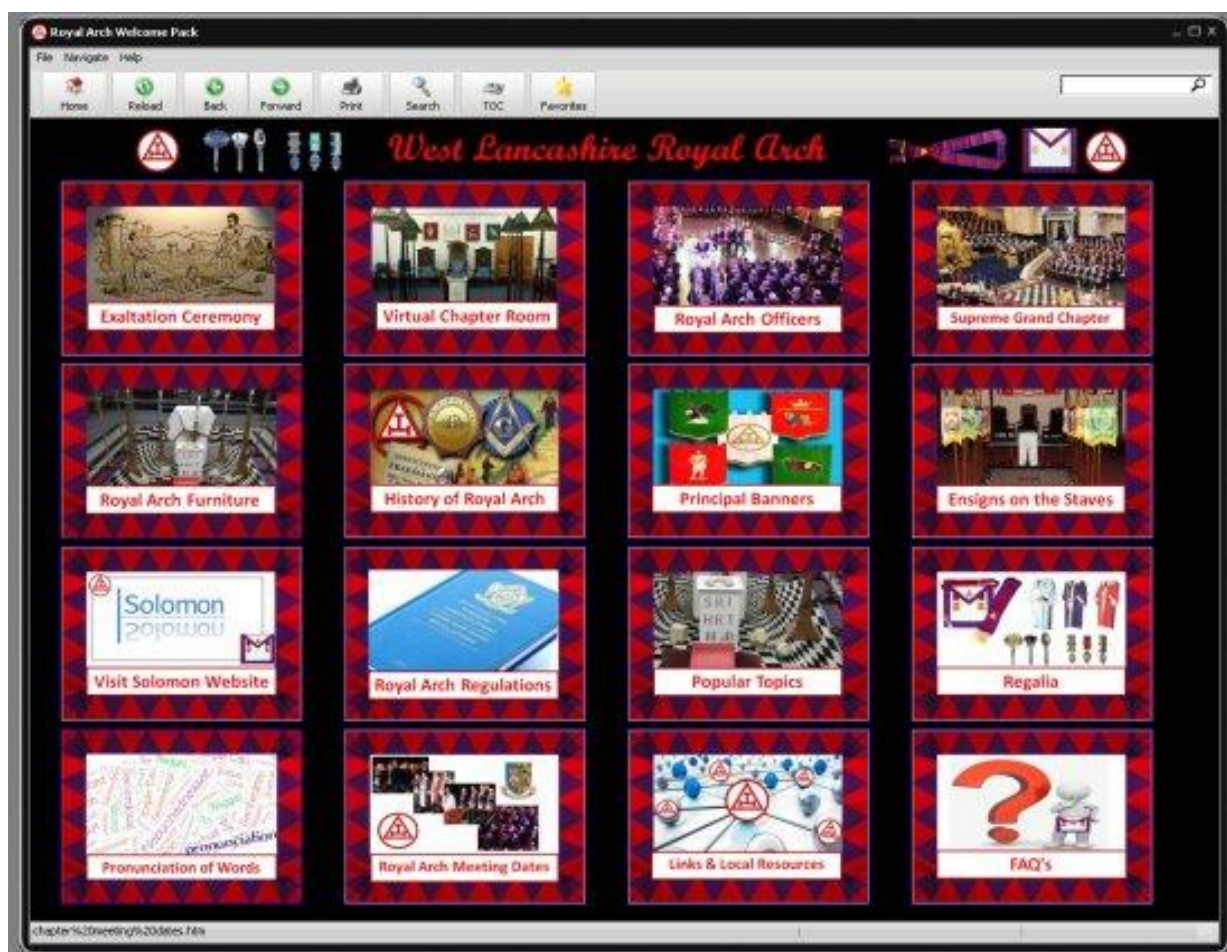
Quizzes (4)

1. Royal Arch Chapter Quiz
2. A quiz on aspects of Royal Arch ritual. There are 20 questions plus a tie-break question. It can be shortened to a 10-question quiz. plus, a debrief as required. It also comes with an answer sheet to facilitate individual and group answers. .
3. Royal Arch Quiz - Answer Sheet
4. Answer sheet for the quiz on aspects of Royal Arch ritual.

West Lancashire Royal Arch Electronic Welcome Pack

To compliment the resources available on Solomon for the Royal Arch an interactive computer based package is also available.

Main Screen



Navigation is by "pointing and clicking" and unlike Solomon (where you are usually going in search of specific information) the interactive pack makes your journey of Masonic Knowledge influenced by what you click !

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It contains 16 main menu items:

1. An explanation of the Ceremony of Exaltation
2. A "Virtual tour" of a typical Chapter room which enables you to click the mouse on specific items of furniture or officers posts to discover further information
3. The offices in a Royal Arch Chapter
4. Information about Supreme Grand Chapter
5. Royal Arch Furniture found in a typical Chapter room
6. The history of the Royal Arch as we know it today
7. Information about the principal banners displayed in every Chapter room
8. An explanation of the 12 ensigns displayed on the staves
9. A link to the Solomon website developed by UGLE
10. Royal Arch Regulations. This links to files stored in the User Files directory so that they can be updated should Supreme Grand Chapter issue updated versions
11. A list of the most popular topics
12. Information about the regalia worn in Royal Arch
13. Assistance on how to pronounce some of those difficult words!
14. Information about all the Chapters that meet in the Province of West Lancashire, including days, groups, etc.
15. Links to local resources (an external file in the User Files directory enabling Groups or individual Chapters to add their own information
16. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) that new companions typically ask or questions asked by prospective exaltees

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