



District of Cyprus Mentoring Programme

A series of Fact Sheets for a
Master Mason



MM 09 Letter to the new Master Mason Introducing The Holy Royal Arch



***The District Grand Lodge &
District Grand Chapter
Of Cyprus***



Dear Brother

We congratulate you on your newly acquired status as a Master Mason and wish you many happy years in the company of your Brethren.

Freemasonry is a progressive science and we trust that in due time you will wish to progress through the various offices in your Lodge and eventually be installed in the Chair. In the meantime, there is another progression which we invite you to consider.

When you were initiated you were informed that there are several degrees in Freemasonry with peculiar secrets restricted to each. When you were raised to the Third Degree you were informed that the genuine secrets of a Master Mason were lost; and you were entrusted with certain substituted secrets until time or circumstances should restore the genuine ones. It necessarily follows that there must be a further step for you to take, as a Master Mason, to discover the genuine secrets.

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch as it follows on from the Third Degree and explains how the genuine secrets of a Master Mason were recovered. A Master Mason's experience is not complete until he has been exalted into this Supreme Order, which has been described as the “....root, heart and marrow of Freemasonry” and the “....foundation and keystone of the whole Masonic structure”.

Exaltation is not conferred in a Craft Lodge, but in another Assembly called a Chapter, whose members are referred to as Companions. Nevertheless, the Royal Arch and the Craft are inextricably linked. They share a common administration at Great Queen Street and at a District level here in Cyprus. As a symbol of this close association those who have been exalted wear the breast jewel of the Order in their Craft Lodges.

We invite you to consider seriously taking this further important step. You can make application at any time in the future, but we would suggest that you consider doing so within 18 months of being raised to the Third Degree.

Your Lodge has a nominated Royal Arch Representative, who will no doubt be in touch with you to provide further information on this matter. We hope that it will not be too long before you have been rewarded with a Royal Arch breast jewel and the greater insight into Freemasonry which it brings.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

District Grand Mentor

District Grand Secretary/Scribe E