



the Surrey rose



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Welcome from our Inspector General

I am delighted to extend a very warm welcome to you and introduce our newsletter for the Rose Croix District of Surrey which will provide information and insight into our wonderful Order. Many of you will have seen the newsletters that E.: &P.:Bro. Chris Eley writes for the other Orders in Surrey, and I have asked Chris if he could do something for our District.

We are a Christian Masonic Order and as such we strive to live our lives based on the three fundamental principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. Our members tell me that experiencing the thought-provoking spiritual nature of our Ceremonies and the peaceful and gentle manner in which they are conducted, makes this the Order they thoroughly love to be part of.

Within the Surrey District we have 13 Chapters, including a Higher Degrees Chapter for those members of the 30th Degree and above. These Chapters meet at Masonic Centres throughout Surrey and are within easy reach of most members in the District.

In order to participate, members must profess the Trinitarian Christian Faith and have been Master Masons for a year or more.

We welcome new members so if you know of anyone who are interested in joining us, then please contact our District Recorder, Ill.:Bro.:Wally Maynard, 32^o, or any of the local Chapters via their Recorder.

Richard J Wileman

V.: Ill.:Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33^o
Inspector General
Surrey



The Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite

The Ancient and Accepted Rite is an Order of Freemasonry, nearly as old as the Craft, which comprises 33 degrees. The Rose Croix is the 18th degree and is the one performed at length in private Chapters and so has become the usual way of referring to the Rite in general.

The first three degrees of the Craft are deemed to be the equivalent to the first three degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.



The Intermediate degrees, from the 4th to the 17th, are conferred on a candidate by name just before the ceremony of the 18th degree.

Members have the opportunity to see the King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement Demonstration team demonstrate one or two of these Intermediate Degrees each year at various centres around the country.

The 18th degree, or Ceremony of Perfection, is the only degree of the Rite that can be conferred in full by a Chapter of Princes Rose Croix of Heredom, together with the Enthronement of the Sovereign.

Subsequent degrees are conferred by The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General at the Headquarters of the Order, known as the 'Grand East', at 10 Duke Street, St James's, in London. Usually, members are recommended by the Past Sovereigns of their Chapter to be promoted to the 30th degree after having served as Most Wise Sovereign for a year, having performed the required ceremonial and having been a member of the Order for at least three years. The 19th to 29th Degrees are again conferred by name.

The Inspector General can recommend promotion to 30^o if for some reason the Chapter does not, and he can recommend promotion to 31^o and 32^o when vacancies arise. Recommendations for election to the 33^o are only made by the Supreme Council.

District of Surrey web site: <http://www.surreyrosecroix.org.uk/>



Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving



Members of the Rose Croix District of Surrey assembled at the United Reformed Church Banstead on Sunday 25th June 2023 at 15:00 hrs. for their Biennial Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving.

It was a lovely sunny day and the service was well supported by members of Rose Croix and their families, as well as Heads of several orders and the Surrey District Choir.



The Service was opened with a procession by the Director of Ceremonies Ill.°, Bro. Tony Barton, 32°, followed by The Rev. W. Bro. Len Morton, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Ill.°, Bro. W. J. Maynard, 32°, District Recorder and finally the Inspector General for Surrey, V.°, Ill.°, Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33°.



The Inspector General welcomed everyone to the biennial Service and thanked the Elders of the United Reformed Church for allowing us to use their church on this occasion.





All through the Service, the Surrey Provincial Choir run by Mrs. Judy Ambrose and on this occasion under the direction of Mr. Martin Keiffer, MA, D.Phil, sung excellently which filled the church with happiness and tranquillity.



Rev. Len Moreton also welcomed the Brethren, their families and friends to the Service and then offered the opening Prayer.

The first Lesson was read by the Inspector General V. Ill. Bro. Richard J. Wileman, 33 ° and was taken from Corinthians 13:1-13. The Second lesson was from Galatians 5:13-26 and read by Ill. Bro. Anthony L. Wright, 31 °.



They were accompanied by the Organist Mr. Richard Pilliner, Dip.RAM, LRAM, ARCM.



The service finished at 15:50 whereupon most of the 90 plus guests and family, along with the choir, adjourned to the Church meeting rooms and enjoyed tea, coffee and a delicious mixture of home made cakes and savoury items.



The Alms collection totalled £229.00 towards the District Rose Choir Charity fund. Those present enjoyed the Service and chatting with their friends and colleagues afterwards.

Article by Wally Maynard



Lily of Kasauli Rose Croix Chapter



The past two years

The first Rose Croix Chapter meeting in Surrey since the suspension of Masonic Activity was held on the 2nd of July 2021 at Surbiton.

Present at the meeting of Lily of Kasauli Chapter was the Inspector General, V.: Ill.: Bro. Richard Wileman, and the District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard.

During the meeting the Treasurer, E.: &P.: Bro. David Willmott, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey, proposed that the sum of £500 be donated to the Surrey 2022 MBF Festival and the sum of £200 be donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

This was seconded by E.: &P.: Bro. Chris Eley, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey and approved by the Chapter.



E.: &P.: Bro. Chris Eley thanked the Brethren of Lily of Kasauli Rose Croix Chapter on behalf of the Mark Province of Surrey for their generous donation.

At the meeting Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard presented Supreme Grand Council Certificates to E&P.Bros. John Woodville and Roger Tutton.



The Chapter met again on the 14th of September 2021 and once again welcomed our Inspector General, V.: Ill.: Bro. Richard Wileman, and our District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard.

The main item on the agenda was to ballot for and Perfect W Bro James Hill, a member of Woodstock Craft Lodge, and Bagshot Chapter. Bro. James was Perfected in an excellent manner by the Most Wise Sovereign, E.: &P.: Bro. Irving Johnson and the Officers of the Chapter. E.: &P.: Bro. James was congratulated and welcomed into the Order by our Inspector General.



There to see James Perfected were five members of Richmond Mark Lodge, his Mother Lodge.



At the meeting on the 22nd of September 2022 another Candidate was Perfected into Lily of Kasauli Chapter.

Our Inspector General, V. : Ill. Bro. Richard Wileman, and our District Recorder, Ill. : Bro. Wally Maynard were again present at the meeting to see Bro. Ian Turner a member of Alvering Lodge, Morden Park Lodge, Mid-Surrey Masters Lodge, and Surrey Secretaries Golden Jubilee Lodge.

Bro Ian was Perfected in another excellent Ceremony by E. : & P. : Bro. Irving Johnson and the Officers of the Chapter, and congratulated by our Inspector General who has known Ian for many years.



To end a most enjoyable afternoon our District Recorder was invited to present Supreme Council Certificates to E. : & P. : Bro. Malcolm Stephens and E. : & P. : Bro. David Hibberd.

This he did in his very special way.





At the meeting on the 7th of July 2023 yet another Candidate was Perfected into Lily of Kasauli Chapter. This was followed by the Enthronement of E.: &P.: Bro. Chris Eley as the Most Wise Sovereign. Our District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard was present at the meeting to see W.Bro. Mark Carter Perfected into the Order.

The Chapter was opened by the Most Wise Sovereign, E.: &P.: Bro. Irving Johnson who welcomed everyone, especially our District Recorder Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard.

The first item on the agenda was to Perfect W.Bro. Mark Carter a member of Operative Lodge into the Order. W.Bro. Mark was Perfected in excellent ceremony by Ill.: Bro. Alan Rees who did the Intermediate Degrees; E.: &P.: Bro. Derek Williamson who did the First Point; and E.: &P.: Bro. Tim Ford who did the Second Point.

The next item was to Enthroned E.: &P.: Bro. Chris Eley as the Most Wise Sovereign. This was done by E.: &P.: Bro. Irving Johnson in a very sincere manner. E.: &P.: Bro. Chris then appointed and invested his Officers.



The Most Wise Sovereign invited Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard to present a Supreme Grand Council Certificate to E.: &P.: Bro. Mick Newbury in a very informative manner.

The Most Wise Sovereign conducted the Third Point and the Chapter was closed.

After photographs, and refreshments in the bar the Brethren of the Lily of Kasauli Chapter and their guests sat down to most enjoyable meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Table Fellowship Chapter

The Enthronement meeting of Table Fellowship Chapter Rose Croix No 1081 was held at Surbiton Masonic Hall on Friday the 10th of September 2021. Present were the Inspector General, V.: Ill.: Bro. Richard Wileman, and District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard.

The Chapter was opened by the acting Most Wise Sovereign, E.: &P.: Bro. Stephen Draper who welcomed everyone, especially our Inspector General, V.: Ill.: Bro. Richard Wileman, and our District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard.

After the regular business of the Chapter had been completed, the main item on the agenda was to Enthronement the Sovereign elect E.: &P.: Bro. Nigel Cross as the Most Wise Sovereign.

This was done by in a very personal manner by E.: &P.: Bro. Stephen Draper, following which E.: &P.: Bro. Nigel appointed and invested his Officers.

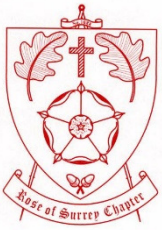


Our Inspector General and District Recorder congratulated E.: &P.: Bro. Nigel and wished him a successful and enjoyable year as the Most Wise Sovereign of the Pride of Surrey Rose Croix Chapter. They also congratulated E.: &P.: Bro. Stephen Draper on stepping in at the last minute and conducting the Enthronement Ceremony so well.

Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard our District Recorder was then invited to present a Supreme Council certificate to: E.: &P.: Bro. Ashley Tofte, which was done in his very informative way.



Ill.: Bro. Wally Maynard conducted the Third Point and the Chapter was closed. We then retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Rose of Surrey Chapter



In January 2023 the Rose of Surrey higher degrees Chapter held their Enthronement meeting at the Surbiton Masonic Hall. This was a special meeting as my old friend Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard was being Enthroned as the Most Wise Sovereign.

The Chapter was opened by the Most Wise Sovereign, who welcomed everyone, especially our Inspector General, V. Ill. Bro. Richard Wileman, and our District Recorder, Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard.

The main item on the agenda was to Enthroned Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard as the Most Wise Sovereign.

This was done by in an excellent manner, following which Ill. Bro. Wally appointed and invested his Officers.



The Most Wise Sovereign conducted the Third Point and the Chapter was closed.

The members of the Rose of Surrey Chapter gathered together to congratulate Wally and pose for a group photograph with him before retiring to the bar for refreshments.

The Brethren of the Rose of Surrey Chapter and their guests then sat down to most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.