



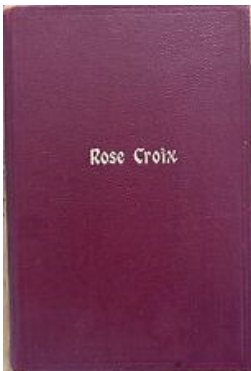
## A Message From Our Inspector General

**At the meeting of the Rose of Surrey Chapter No.1088, I advised that our District Recorder Ill.Bro. Wally Maynard 32° has decided to retire with effect of 1<sup>st</sup>. February.**

Wally has served that office with great distinction for over 13 years, firstly for V.Ill.Bro. Murdoch Skelly, and latterly working with me. When I was appointed Inspector General, I asked Wally to stay on because of his great knowledge and experience of the Order. I know that the Supreme Council asked him to keep an eye on me, and guide me in my new role. Now that I have hopefully got a grip of the role Wally has made the decision to stand down.

Wally has been a great wingman in his unwavering support and guidance. I am eternally grateful for all he has done for me and the District, and I am sure that we all wish him and Pippa well for the future.

I have appointed Raymond Beadle 30° to be District Recorder, and I know that Wally will be there in the background to support him. I wish Ray every success and look to you to support him in his challenging role.



Order forms have been circulated for copies of the revised ritual. I urge you to get your copy as soon as possible. My book arrived yesterday but due to other Masonic commitments, I have not had a chance to open it yet.

The membership and ritual changes come into effect from 1 March 2024, from when the revised ritual may be used. Revised application forms will be circulated shortly. The revised ritual **must** be used after 31 December 2024 in all Chapters.

Please order the revised ritual books (*a discount is available for bulk orders*). Get to grips with the revised ritual, and if possible, attend a Chapter of Improvement to help each other learn the changes. Details of Chapters of Improvement are on the back page.

As I am sure you are aware, my chosen charity is Katie's Lymphoedema Fund. The Fund was set up to support The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity in memory of Katie Wohlrab Oliver (1966 – 2001).

The Fund provides sponsored places on training programmes run at The Royal Marsden School in London, Lymphoscanners and Intermittent Pneumatic Compression Pumps (IPCPs) They continue to support a variety of practitioners and since their inception in 2004, the breakdown of roles they have funded has been as follows:

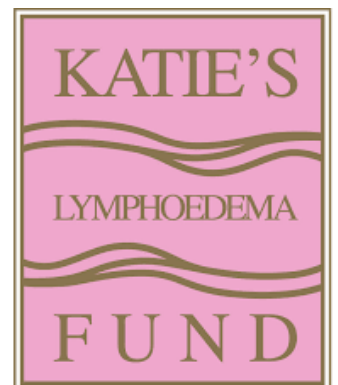
- Breast Cancer nurses
- Staff nurses
- Physiotherapists
- Lymphoedema nurses/therapists
- Complementary therapists
- Occupational therapists

For more information see <https://www.katieslymphoedemafund.co.uk/>

**Richard J Wileman**

**V.:. Ill.:.Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33°**

**Inspector General  
Surrey**



# Farewell and Thanks to our District Recorder

In January 2024 the Rose of Surrey higher degrees Chapter held their Enthronement meeting at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



The Chapter was opened by the Most Wise Sovereign, Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard, 32°, who welcomed everyone, especially our Inspector General, V. Ill. Bro. Richard John Wileman, 33.

The minutes were confirmed and signed, and then two of the previously voted new members, Ill. Bro. Steven Draper, 30°, and Ill. Bro. Barrie Selway, 30°, were congratulated and given the by-laws by the Most Wise Sovereign.

The Accounts for the previous year were presented by the Treasurer, Ill. Bro. Edward Guyver, 30°, and after the auditor's report passed by the members present.

A ballot was taken and passed for two new joining members, Ill. Bro. Dale Brunt, 30°, and Ill. Bro. Joe Apea, 31°, who were also welcomed by the M.W.S. and given a copy of the by-laws.

The next item on the agenda was to Enthroned the new Most Wise Sovereign for the year, Ill. Bro. Jon Laws, 30°, by Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard, 32°, District Recorder. This was carried out in a very personable manner. The new Most Wise Sovereign then appointed and Invested his officers for the year.

As is the tradition in this Chapter, the Most Wise Sovereign, Ill. Bro. John Laws, 30°, gave a paper originally given by the late Ill. Bro. Peter R Page, 32°, who was a member of the Chapter, entitled "The Pedigree of the Double Headed Eagle". This was greeted with applause and great interest.

The next Item on the agenda was to vote on a proposal that both the Inspector General and District Recorder be made Honorary Members of the Chapter. The Inspector General thanked the Chapter for their very kind proposal but said that he could not accept the honour as we needed every member for our future complement and the Chapter could always reconsider the

proposal again when he finished his patent term in two years' time. A vote was taken by the members for the District Recorder which was passed unanimously!

The District Recorder re-entered the Chapter and was congratulated on becoming an Honorary Member, he said that he was very humbled, pleased, and honoured to be made an Honorary Member and would continue to visit as many times as he was able.

Various other items were taken, including a donation proposed by Ill. Bro. Tony Barton, 32°, of £2,000.00 to Katie's Lymphoedema Fund, on behalf of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, which was also passed.

During the Risings the Inspector General advised the Chapter that the District Recorder Ill. Bro. Walter J Maynard, 32°, had decided to step down after 13 years of service, due in part for health reasons and also for more family time now that his wife had semi-retired to a two-day week. His successor as District Recorder will be Ill. Bro. Ray Beadle, 30°.



The meeting was closed and after the closing Hymn and National Anthem; the members and guests dined together at the Surbiton Masonic Halls..

*Article by Wally Maynard*



# Surbiton Chapter Rose Croix



The Enthronement meeting of Surbiton RC Chapter was held at Surbiton on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

The Chapter was opened by the Most Wise Sovereign, Ill. Bro Patrick P Crossan, 31<sup>o</sup>, who welcomed everyone and wished them an enjoyable afternoon.

Here we see the Most Wise Sovereign with Ill. Bro. Tony Barton, 32<sup>o</sup>, the last remaining Founder of the Chapter.



The Princes stood for a moments silence in memory of E. P Bro John Tofield who passed away in August of this year.

After the minutes were taken and the accounts adopted the Chapter re-elected Ill. Bro Pat Crossan as the Most Wise Sovereign for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro Pat Crossan was then Proclaimed as the Most Wise Sovereign, and the Officers for the year were appointed and invested.

The Princes vacated the Chapter room whilst it was prepared for the Third Point. The Princes then re-entered, and Ill. Bro. Pat Crossan conducted the third point in an excellent manner.



With all the work completed for the afternoon the Chapter was closed in prayer and the Brethren retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

# Ranulf Flambard RC Chapter

On Monday 27th November 2023, the Ranulf Flambard RC Chapter No. 1125 held their November meeting at the Godalming Centre.

It was an informal meeting with the Inspector General and the District Recorder present, but sadly only 9 members in attendance. The current Most Wise Sovereign was unable to attend so Ill. Bro. Steven Cann, 30°, stood in as Most Wise Sovereign.

The meeting started promptly at 17:00 but due to traffic congestion at Chessington and at Wisley on the A3 both the Inspector General and the District Recorder were 15 minutes late.

The Recorder, Ill. Bro. Denis Leigh, 31° gave a eulogy for both Ill. Bro. Russell Ashley Carr, 30° and Ill. Bro. Desmond (Monty) Eric Smith, 31°, whilst the Brethren stood in silent remembrance to departed merit.

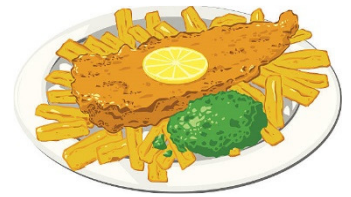
The minutes were approved, and Officers absent from the Enthronement meeting were invested, the District Recorder then presented an 18° certificate to E&P Bro. Dr. Keith Pickavance.

A discussion took place on the distribution of the Charity monies and £400.00 was agreed to go to various charities. The next item on the Agenda was Honorary Membership and the Chapter proposed that both the Inspector General and the District Recorder would be made Honorary Members, which was carried unanimously. Both the IG and DR. thanked the Chapter very much and said that they would try and attend as many times as possible in the foreseeable future.

Ill. Bro. Eric Trodd, 31°, gave a full almoners report and said how nice it was to see Ill. Bro. John French at the meeting. We all wished John well for his future surgery later next month.

Discussion took place on the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of the Chapter next year and several suggestions were made by both Ill. Bro. John French and Ill. Bro. Graham Rawlinson, 30°.

On this occasion due to low numbers, it had been agreed to order a fish and chips supper which was ordered by 9 of us dining, the fish and chips were excellent, and with added curry sauce and mushy peas, went down a treat! the picture below shows all those that ate the fish and chips after the meeting had concluded.



*Article by Wally Maynard*



*Ranulf Flambard was a medieval Norman Bishop of Durham and an influential government minister of King William Rufus of England. Ranulf was the son of a priest of Bayeux, Normandy, and his nickname Flambard means incendiary or torch-bearer and may have referred to his personality.*

*He started his career under King William I of England, probably in the compilation of the Domesday Book of 1086, as well as being the keeper of the king's seal. On the death of William I, Ranulf chose to serve the new king of England, William Rufus.*

*Under Rufus, he continued to hold the king's seal, and also became involved in the financial administration of the kingdom, where he quickly made a name for himself by his novel methods of raising revenue. During Rufus's reign Ranulf supervised the construction of the first stone bridge in London and oversaw the construction of the King's Hall at Westminster. In 1099 he was rewarded with the bishopric of Durham.*

*On the death of Rufus in 1100, Ranulf was imprisoned in the Tower of London by Rufus' successor Henry I of England. Ranulf was a convenient scapegoat for the financial extortions of Rufus's reign. He became the first prisoner to escape from the Tower and went into exile in*

*Normandy with Rufus and Henry's older brother Robert Curthose, the Duke of Normandy.*



# Supreme Council



On Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January a delegation from Surrey attended the Supreme Council headquarters at Duke Street St. James to watch Ill. Bros. Eric Trodd, and Graham Maynard, 31<sup>o</sup>, get their 32<sup>o</sup>, in a most impressive manner by the members of Supreme Council. This was followed by Ill. Bro-'s John Coleman, Brian Wells and Arthur Forder 30<sup>o</sup> getting their promotions to 31<sup>o</sup>.



It was a splendid occasion with the different Supreme Council members putting on a good show. In addition, the guests on the day were Ill. Bro. Pat Crossan, 31<sup>o</sup> and myself, with the Inspector General taking his proper place with the members of the 33<sup>o</sup>.



As usual the festive board was very good at Mark Masons hall and the final toasts were completed at 2 minutes to 7 o'clock, which is always aimed for to allow members for have travelled great distances to catch their trains back home!

A lovely time was had by all! *Article by Wally Maynard*



# Chapters of Instruction

## The Rowley Brown Rose Croix Chapter of Instruction

The Rowley Brown Rose Croix Chapter of Instruction (COI) meets at the Guildford Masonic Centre Weybourne House on the Fourth Friday of every Month\* except August and December. The AGM will be before the commencement of the November COI meeting.

The meetings assemble at 7.15pm

*\*NB January and March meetings only will be held on the third Friday of the Month.*

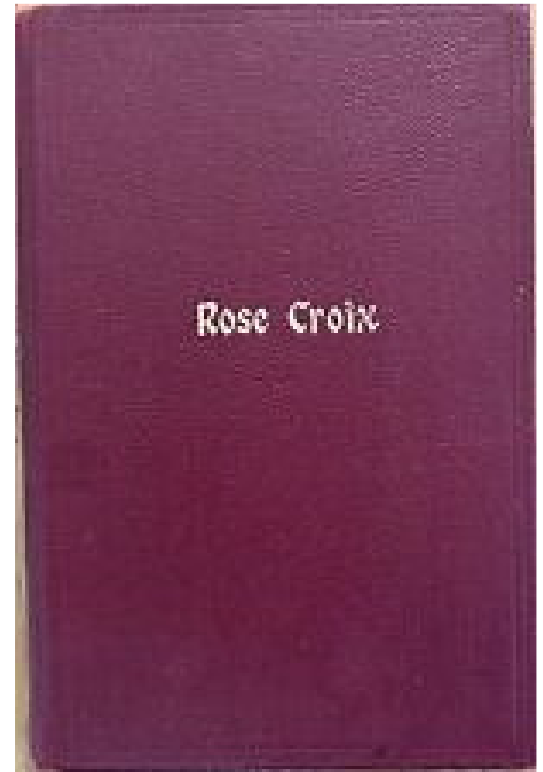
The COI welcomes all members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite to attend to improve their 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Ritual in a friendly atmosphere to reflect honour upon themselves and credit to their Chapters.

For Further information contact: Paul Hanks Tel: 01483 837556 or "Just come to a meeting"

2024 COI Meeting Dates:

19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> April
24 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> July	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov (AGM)		

2024 Chapter Meeting Dates: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> June, and 12<sup>th</sup> November



## The Bruce Roberts Rose Croix Chapter of Instruction

The Bruce Roberts COI, Nutfield, is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Sunday in each month at The Garland Public House, 5 Brighton Road Redhill RH2 6PP at 12.00 hrs except January, July and August.

Recorder: Ill. Bro. Nic Berzins, 30°, 77 St. Johns Road, Redhill Surrey. RH1 6DZ. [07866 727168]

## The Ernest Atkins Rose Croix Chapter of Instruction

The Ernest Atkins COI, Surbiton, 2nd Sat each month [except Jun/Jul/Aug] at 10.00am.

Recorder: Ill. Bro. M. Clarke, 30°, 20 Malvern Road, Tolworth West, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7UQ [020 8390 3341].

Next Meeting will be 10:00am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## The King Edward VII Rose Croix Chapter of Instruction

The King Edward VII COI is held at 10, Duke Street, St. James's, London SW1Y 6BS, 1st Thurs each month [except Aug] at 5.30pm (for 5.45pm). [020 7930 1606].

The Sutton Chapter of Improvement will only be held when required.

If anyone wishes to attend any one of these, then they would be most welcome.