

# The Warwickshire Rose

The Newsletter for Members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite

V.: Ill. :. Bro Peter John Turner 33° Inspector General

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## **Yet More Changes at the top**

The Grand Chamberlain, M.: Ill. :. Bro His Hon D G F Franks 33°, has requested the Supreme Council to accept his retirement from that office and from Supreme Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009. The Supreme Council, with regret, has accepted his request and in doing so has acknowledged the enormous contribution he has made to the Rite over many years. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009, V.: Ill. :. Bro T J Lewis 33° has been elected to Supreme Council and appointed Grand Chamberlain. Membership of the Supreme Council and the order of precedence from 1 April 2009 will be:

M.: P. :. Bro J L W Wright RD FRCS 33° - Sovereign Grand Commander

V.: P. :. Bro A J Englefield 33° - Lieutenant Grand Commander

M.: Ill. :. Bro Rev Dr M Morgan 33° - Grand Prior

M.: Ill. :. Bro H W J Stubbs 33° - Grand Treasurer General H.: E. :.

M.: Ill. :. Bro Sir Frederick Crawford DL 33° - Grand Chancellor

M.: Ill. :. Bro A W Hanbury-Bateman 33° - Grand Marshal

M.: Ill. :. Bro G D A Elgood 33° - Grand Captain General

M.: Ill. :. Bro T J Lewis 33° - Grand Chamberlain

M.: Ill. :. Bro R E Furber 33° - Grand Secretary General H.: E. :.

## **Order of the Eagle and the Rose**

The Supreme Council has conferred this award on Ill.: Bro Michael G Foster-Taylor 32°. Bro Foster-Taylor was the Honorary Surveyor for the Supreme Council and has given many years of service to the Order.

## **33° Meeting**

The Supreme Council conferred the 33° in extenso on V.: Ill. :. Bro Jonathan Spencer at a meeting in Duke Street on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 and by Patent on Ill.: Bro Nigel Brown 32° effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

## **Chapters affected by inclement weather**

In the event of a Chapter being unable to hold a regular meeting due to inclement weather or other cause, it must hold the said meeting on a subsequent occasion in accordance with Rule 25, with appropriate dispensation. Any such meeting must be quorate (see Rule 24) and must not take place on the same day as another regular meeting of the Chapter. It need not take place at the same time of day as the original meeting.

## **Congratulations**

On behalf of the District, congratulations are offered to the following Brethren on their election on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 to the 32° and 31° Degree respectively – Spencer TE Fenn 32° (Aldwyn Porter Chapter RC No 1048) and Michael B Squires 31° (Edgbaston Chapter RC No 931).

Congratulations are also offered to the following Brethren on their election on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to the 30<sup>o</sup>: Alfred B Abayomi-Cole (Aesculapius Chapter RC No 687), Robert J Boyden (Aldwyn Porter Chapter RC No 1048), David T Hopkins (Abbey of Etone Chapter RC No 500), J F K Marzouk (Edgbaston Chapter RC No 931), Keith J Parsons (Edgbaston Chapter RC No 931), Arthur W Robinson (Temple Chapter RC No 223). Most of the above Brethren will be receiving their Degrees at the Grand East on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

### **Visiting Team**

The Visiting Team, under the leadership of Ill.: Bro David Williams 30<sup>o</sup>, is working well and a number of Chapters in the District have benefited by a visit. Any Brother who would like to be a member of this team, or Chapters who would welcome a visit from the team, should contact David on [david.williams31@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.williams31@ntlworld.com)

### **Church Service**

The Annual Church Service will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Sherbourne Parish Church. The address will be given by The Rev. Tony Avery 33<sup>o</sup> Inspector General for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. The Provincial Choir will again be in attendance to enhance the quality of our worship. Brethren who regularly attend this event regard it as a highlight of our year and all Brethren are invited to attend. The Service is preceded by luncheon at Alderson House and tea and cake are available afterwards. Recorders will shortly receive application forms for those who wish to attend the luncheon. However, while this part of the day affords plenty of opportunity to enjoy the company of Brethren from other Chapters, attendance at the luncheon is not essential and those who prefer to attend the Service only will be very welcome. In these circumstances, there is no need for them to book. All are equally welcome.

### **Rehearsals**

An increasing number of Chapters are arranging rehearsals if they have no Candidate. The Inspector General is pleased to see this development but points out that the benefit of a rehearsal is greatly enhanced by the attendance of a Preceptor from the MRCCI. Each Chapter has a designated Preceptor and the Chapter Recorder has been notified of his identity. The Preceptors are very experienced and anxious to help. Chapters which have taken advantage of this free service report that such visits have been very beneficial and enjoyable.

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