

# The Warwickshire Rose

The Newsletter for Members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite

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## **Swine Flu**

The Supreme Council has announced that, in the light of the present concern arising out of Swine Flu, it is permissible for members who do not wish to touch the Third Point cup with their lips to raise it symbolically.

Chapters may, if all members wish, use an empty cup.

## **Rose Croix Rooms at Stirling Road**

Battery operated candles are now in operation in the Red Room at Stirling Room. They are powered by R6AA batteries that are inserted from the candle base. They light by being pressed gently downwards on the tip of the "wick" for a second or two. They are turned off by repeating this action.

It should also be noted that the cupboards in the Red Room and the Dark Room are now protected by combination locks. The combination number has been notified to all Chapter Recorders and Treasurers meeting at Stirling Road and will be changed on a regular basis. The new numbers will, of course, be circulated to Recorders and Treasurers before the numbers are changed.

Some Chapters have complained that they are unable to open the locks. It is normal for a combination lock to require an additional step to open them once the code has been dialled up. On the locks used on our cupboards this is done by pressing the hasp in the direction of the main body of the lock and then releasing it.

## **Meeting of Most Wise Sovereigns, First and Second Generals and Recorders**

The next annual meeting of Most Wise Sovereigns, First and Second Generals and Recorders will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Alderson House, Warwick. Chapter Recorders will be contacted shortly with details of the meeting but, in the interim, would all those Brethren eligible to attend, please put the date in their diaries. All Chapters are expected to be represented.

## **Recent Events**

The Ancient and Accepted Rite in Warwickshire have enjoyed two successful events recently. On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Warwickshire Chapter RC No 483 welcomed from Supreme Council, M.: Ill. :. Bro. RE Furber 33°, Grand Secretary General H.: E. :., who gave a most illuminating talk on the work of Supreme Council which was much enjoyed by those present. His trials and tribulations in even getting to Warwick for the meeting deserve an article in themselves and demonstrated to all the Brethren present how much effort members of Supreme Council put in on our behalf.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the Annual Church Service organised by Warwickshire Chapter RC No 483 was held at the Church of All Saints, Sherbourne, Warwick. The Service was conducted by the Rev. David Jessett and we had a thought provoking Address from the V.: Ill. :. Bro. The Rev. AW Avery 33°, Inspector General for Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire. As usual, the Warwickshire Provincial Choir was outstanding and sang with their customary skill. Bro. Roy Marshall was unable to

conduct the choir on this occasion due to the hospitalisation of his wife but Bro. Michael Irving stepped into the breach calmly and efficiently. The Service was preceded by a lunch at Alderson House and followed by tea and cake in the Church Hall for those Brethren and their guests who had booked. As has become the custom, we were blessed with excellent weather and the Brethren and their wives and friends found the occasion very enjoyable.

### **Warwickshire Chapter RC No 483**

At its meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Ill. Bro. Spencer Fenn 32<sup>o</sup> was elected to the office of Most Wise Sovereign of Warwickshire Chapter RC No 483 and will be Enthroned on 2nd June 2010.

All Brethren become eligible for membership on attaining the 30<sup>o</sup> and are strongly encouraged to join. Upon Enthronement as Most Wise Sovereign, Brethren of the 18<sup>o</sup> become Honorary Members for their year of office and are most welcome to the meetings of the Chapter. It is believed that this privilege is sometimes overlooked or forgotten by Sovereigns and they are, therefore, urged to note in their diaries the dates of the meetings as soon as they are Enthroned. The Chapter meets on the first Wednesday in June and the second Wednesday in September at Alderson House, Warwick.

### **King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement**

Each year this Chapter meets in various parts of the country to demonstrate one or more of the Intermediate Degrees. On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the occupation of 10 Duke Street as the Grand East, the Chapter of Improvement will demonstrate the 13<sup>o</sup> Royal Arch of Enoch in the Grand Temple at Freemason's Hall in London at 4p.m. The fee for attendance at the demonstration is £10.00. Dinner is available afterwards at the Connaught Rooms for an additional £40.00.

It would be wonderful if we could arrange for Warwickshire to be well represented. For those Brethren who have not attended a Ceremony in the Grand Temple this represents a splendid opportunity to do so and to admire the wonderful surroundings as well as having the opportunity to witness one of the Intermediate Degrees. It is impractical for the District to make arrangements for travel bearing in mind the numerous places from which the Brethren will be travelling. Likewise, the cost of the dinner may well put off many Brethren from attending. The most economic method might be for each Chapter to make its own group travel and dining arrangements; especially bearing in mind that most Brethren will probably wish to return home immediately after the Ceremony and will not have time for a lengthy and expensive meal.

### **Congratulations**

On behalf of the District, congratulations are offered to the following Brethren on their election on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to the 30<sup>o</sup> Degree: Andrew J Crooke (Temple Balsall Chapter RC No 979), David Duckett (Gerald Alderson Chapter RC No 560), Nicholas T Malden (Vernon Chapter RC No 5), Graham W Standridge (Guy's Cliffe Chapter RC No 877), Robert H Wood (Aldwyn Porter Chapter RC No 1048) and Frederick J Wunderley (Greswolde Chapter RC No 851).

Most of these Brethren will be receiving their Degrees at the Grand East on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

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