

Rose Croix

The 'Rose Croix' Degree is the 18th degree of a Christian Order of Masonry, originating in France, and known as the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry. Established in 1801, the Order comprises thirty-three degrees which imply the teachings of Craft Masonry within a Christian context. For this reason candidates must profess the Trinitarian Christian Faith and are required, prior to any formal consideration of their candidature, to sign a declaration to this effect.

Throughout England and Wales and certain Districts and Chapters Overseas the Order is governed by the Supreme Council 33o whose headquarters are known as Grand East and are located at No. 10, Duke Street, St. James', London.

Candidate for Rose Croix must:

(a) Have been initiated in a Lodge or Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England unless otherwise authorised in the rules of the Supreme Council.

(b) Have been a Master Mason for at least one full year and be in good standing with the Craft.

The ceremony of the 18th degree, the only ceremony worked in full by the Chapter, seeks the Perfection of Christian virtues in Faith, Hope and Charity. It is an immensely thought provoking, impressive and beautiful ceremony which instils a warmth of Brotherly love on which the whole Masonic movement is founded.

Regalia for the 18th degree is both simple and spectacular and comprises a rose pink edged collar with gold braid embroidered with various symbols in gold braid. A jewel is appended to the collar.

Chapters meet three times a year between September and May and evenings are completed with the traditional festive board. Meetings are very friendly and relaxed with members sharing a commitment to Christian fellowship and an understanding of this very beautiful Masonic Order.