

	CHAPTER NAME	Kent Chapter
	CHAPTER NUMBER	1071
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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHAPTER HISTORY	<p>The Chapter was formed in 1993 and consecrated at Bromley in 1994 essentially as a forum for those in the higher degrees i.e 30 and above, where news from the Rose Croix Chapters across Kent could be shared. Although formally based at the Wrotham Centre, our meetings alternate between Wrotham and Whitstable and we meet twice a year in April and October. When Kent was divided into two districts in July 2002 it was happily agreed that Kent Chapter would continue with a foot in both camps. As such the Inspector's General of both West and East Kent are members, attend meetings to bring the Chapter news from both districts and indeed hold office. The Chapter continues to provide a convivial meeting point for all those members of the Rose Croix across Kent who have attained the 30th degree and above and all such members are heartily encouraged to join.</p>
MEETING VENUE	Wrotham TN15 7AN and Whitstable CT5 1NA
MEETING DATES	Third Tuesday in April (E) and October respectively.
TIME OF MEETINGS	17.00hrs
NUMBER OF MEMBERS	66
CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION + CHAPTER OF REHEARSAL* (*as appropriate)	None

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND DUE DATE	£38.00. July
PERFECTION FEE	N/A
DINING VENUE AND FEE	Wrotham & Whitstable. Cost of dining varies.
OTHER COSTS INCLUDED IN SUBSCRIPTIONS (eg. dining fees)	

PLATFORMS THE CHAPTER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE			
FACEBOOK	None		
INSTAGRAM	None		
WHATSAPP	None		
OTHER	None		
SOCIAL INFORMATION			
SOCIAL EVENTS	None		
CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY THE CHAPTER			
LIST			
IS THE CHAPTER ASSOCIATED WITH A PARTICULAR PROFESSION/TRADE/SERVICES/INTREST?			
LIST	None		
UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES/CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHAPTER			
LIST	As above.		
OVERALL SUMMARY ABOUT THE CHAPTER			
<p>A unique Rose Croix Chapter, serving East and West Kent and open only to those of the higher degrees within the order. The purpose of the Chapter is to disseminate knowledge and promote interest in Rose Croix Masonry in the combined Districts of West Kent and East Kent among members of the Higher Degrees, to provide a forum for communicating news and updates to the members of the Higher Degrees and to provide practical guidance and advice on all aspects of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.</p>			

On the occasion of the Kent Chapter's 25th anniversary (2018/19)

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Most Wise Sovereign, Inspectors General and Brethren, it's thanks to the foresight of Very Ill. Bros. Harry Graham, John Parker, and others that we are able to be here today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the creation of this Chapter, for members of the Higher Degrees.

For those who are unaware, Harry Graham was the last Inspector General of the District of Kent and John Parker was his District Recorder, who, together with a number of others, became Founders, with Harry as its first Most Wise Sovereign.

Founding any Chapter is always a most important and exciting enterprise, especially one such as this, having different aims to other Chapters in the Districts, by membership being restricted to holders of a Higher Degree, to provide a forum for communicating news and updates to those members and to provide practical guidance and advice on all aspects of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. This Chapter is unusual, if not unique, as it covers both Districts of West and East Kent, although twenty five years ago, it served just the single District of Kent, until the split in July, 2002 when, most happily, it was agreed by the two new Inspectors General, John Parker and Leslie Denyer, that this Chapter would continue to serve the whole of Kent and thanks to the goodwill and cooperation of successive Inspectors General of both Districts, is valid today and acts as a most useful unifying influence and friendly association for its members, and long may it continue to be so!

On the morning of January 18th 1994, 44 Founders and 69 supporting Brethren assembled at the Masonic Temple, Oakley House, Bromley, for the Consecration of the Chapter by members of the Supreme Council 33°, namely, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Puissant Bro. Harold Still 33°, assisted by Most Ill. Brethren, The Rev. Dr. Michael Morgan, Grand Prior to act as Prelate, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Swansea to act as First General, Sir James Stubbs, Grand Chancellor to act as Second General, Very Ill. Bro. Guy Elgood, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill. Bros. Boys-Stones, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Hollingrake, Assistant Grand Organist and Unwin, Grand Outer Guard. Those of you who attended the last meeting at Whitstable will have seen Most Ill. Bro. Guy Elgood 33°, who

is now the Supreme Council's Lieutenant Grand Commander and the only surviving member of the Consecrating Team.

The Sovereign Grand Commander addressed the brethren on the nature and purpose of the meeting and reminded the Petitioners of their solemn duty to create a Chapter that will become a model to others.

The ceremony of Consecration having been completed; The Sovereign Grand Commander vacated the Chair of the Chapter in favour of Most Ill. Bro. Sandbach 33°, the Grand Marshal who then Enthroned Harry Graham as Most Wise Sovereign, who then appointed his Officers, of whom some, by the grace of God, are still alive, namely John Parker, Treasurer, Colin Simmonds, Marshal, Eric Head, Steward and me, Assistant Director of Ceremonies with Ill. Bro. Terry Freestone acting as First General, as Ill. Bro. Edmonson was absent. Other Founders who were not in Office and are still with us are Ken Cox and Terry Freestone, so of the original 44 Founders and 25 years later, 6 of us, praise the Lord, are still going strong.

Following the ceremony, the brethren enjoyed a fine lunch of Melon, Seafood Lasagne, Topsy Chicken, served with Creamed Potatoes, Vichy Carrots, Cauliflower, followed by Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit, Nuts and Chocolate Sauce and to finish, Cheese, Coffee and Mints. As that has probably sharpened your appetite, I'll not keep you any longer from today's Festive Meal, but if there are any questions, I'll be happy to try and answer.

Most Wise Sovereign and Brethren, thank you for your kind attention

Adrian Wagstaff

Chapter Recorder