



THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33°
OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES
AND ITS DISTRICTS AND CHAPTERS OVERSEAS
DISTRICT OF SOUTH ESSEX

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V.III Bro. Paul Tarrant, 33°

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**The Final Meeting of Royal Forest
Chapter No 693**

In former ages operative Masons met together to undertake a project and when complete, after a short time or long, they would all move on with the experience gained.

On Tuesday 25th June the 9 remaining members together with their Masonic friends met at Chingford Masonic Hall to celebrate Royal Forest Rose Croix Chapter No 693 who were handing back their Warrant.



Members of Royal Forest Chapter No 693

The Chapter had been consecrated on 14th May 1971 and on 25th July 1972 a young Prince by the name of Norman Jewitt was Perfected. It was very fitting that our Most Wise Sovereign at this our final Meeting was the same Norman Jewitt, now an Illustrious Bro. and 31°.

Following a eulogy to another long-standing servant of the Chapter, E&P.Bro. George Fletcher who had passed to the Grand Lodge above in December, Ill.Bro. Norman read the Warrant including the names of all the founders, whom he had known well.

In due course the Warrant was returned to V.III. Bro Paul Tarrant 33°, Inspector General -South Essex for safe transmission to the Supreme Council. V.III. Bro Paul observed that there has always been an ebb and flow, a Natural progression in our Masonic World. "Let us reflect on the history and achievement of the Royal Forest Chapter No 693 and our Christian Brotherhood and cherish the Princes we have Perfected".

One such Prince of course was our MWS who was presented with a quite splendid Certificate to celebrate his 47 years in both the Order and Royal Forest Chapter No 693.



Ill. Bro Norman Jewitt, 31° receiving his Certificate from V.III. Bro Paul Tarrant, 33°

The Chapter was closed for the final time in perfect harmony, but the memory will live on in the form of the Richard Shone Rose Croix Chapter of Improvement, formed some 15 years ago by members of Royal Forest Chapter which has been guiding Princes from Essex and elsewhere at monthly meetings at Chingford since 2010.



Annual Service of Evensong

As usual, the Annual Service of Evensong will be held at St. Laurence Church, The Parish Church of Upminster . The date is **Sunday 20th October 2019** at 4.00pm.



Refreshments following the service will be held at Upminster Masonic Hall, Deyncourt Gardens,

Paul and Jenny would be delighted to see as many members and family as possible attending this very special event in the District calendar so please put the date in your calendar now.

Booking forms are available from your Chapter Recorder, the District Recorder or may be downloaded from the South Essex Rose Croix web site.

Promotions to Higher Degrees

We offer congratulations to the following members who have been rewarded with promotion to Higher Degrees in the past year:

Ill. Bro. Craig Clarke	32°	St Barnabas of Woodford 774
Ill. Bro. Mike Claxton	31°	Royal Forest 693
Ill. Bro. Ken Keenes	31°	Langdon Hills 835
Ill. Bro. James Anderson	30°	Hutton 680
Ill. Bro. Geoffrey Dodd	30°	Wickford 886
Ill. Bro. Derek Potter	30°	Prittlewell St Mary 379
Ill. Bro. Graham Boxall	30°	St Barnabas of Woodford 774
Ill. Bro. Colin Frazer	30°	Chingford 850
Ill. Bro. Tony Nicholls	30°	Courtenay 728

In Memoriam

We were very sad to lose the following members during the past Masonic year:

Ill. Bro. P.R. Hunt	32°	Prittlewell St Mary 379 Essex Chapter No 894
Ill. Bro. V.J. Souster	32°	Chingford 850
Ill. Bro. D.C. Ward	30°	Chingford 850
Ill. Bro. S.T.E. Fenn	31°	Thames Estuary 634
Ill. Bro G. Rae	31°	Prittlewell St Mary 379 Essex 894
Ill. Bro. R.G. Bush	30°	Courtenay 728 Essex 894
Ill. Bro. M. Crone	30°	Hutton 680
Ill. Bro. N.A. Pett	30°	St. Barnabas of Woodford 774
Ill. Bro. A.J. De Luca	30°	Chingford 850 Essex Chapter No 894
Ill. Bro. P. Baker	30°	Grays & Eagle 464
Ill. Bro. R.H.F. Luckett	30°	De Vere 831 Essex 894
Ill. Bro. P. Headley	30°	Grays & Eagle 464
E&P. Bro. G. Fletcher	18°	Royal Forest 693
E&P. Bro. E.H. Robinson	18°	St. Paul 295

Recognition of Long Service

The Inspector General has recently initiated a program to recognise long service and has been pleased to attend a number of meetings recently to present certificates recognising the long and valued service of the following members of the Order.

40 Years



Ill. Bro. Ray Fretten, 32°
Chapter of Eternity No 763,
Perfected on 1st May, 1979.

30 Years

Ill. Bro. Bill King, 30° - Wickford Chapter No 886,
Perfected on 28th February, 1989.

Ill. Bro. Geoffrey Ellis, 30° - Roding Chapter No 866,
Perfected on 14th March, 1989.



Ill. Bro. Christopher Gibb, 31°
Chapter of Eternity No 763,
Perfected on 9th May, 1989.

Potential Members

Do you know someone who would be interested in joining our wonderful order?

Following their meeting on Monday, 23rd September, 2019 St. Paul Chapter No 295 will be hosting an awareness evening for interested Masons and potential members. After the Perfection Ceremony and proceedings Master Masons will be invited into the Temple to hear three brief presentations on the Ancient and Accepted Rite. The topics will be the History of the Order, Spiritual Aspects and Regalia, Degrees and Progression. The Inspector General and District Recorder will be in attendance. The presentation will be followed by an open Festive Board to enable further discussion. Members are invited to the Perfection meeting, with Tea served from 4.30. Master Masons will be admitted after proceedings. This is an open awareness/recruitment meeting and is open to everyone., no matter which Chapter you belong to. Please advise Brian Wright (bwright4609@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to attend.

Alternatively, full details of the Order are available on our website, together with a list of Chapters by venue with meeting dates and Recorder's contact details. You can also download our information booklet and email it to them. Please visit www.southessexrosecroix.org.uk/rose-croix-leaflet/

A message from your Inspector General

We begin the new Masonic year with our first issue of the newsletter for the District of South Essex and a recap of some of the events during the past year. I hope you enjoy it. It is my intention to visit every Chapter during the year ahead and share our wonderful ceremony with you. I particularly look forward to many Perfections, the lifeblood of our Order. As mentioned previously Jenny and I looking forward to a super attendance for this year's church service, where we hope to talk to as many of you as possible.

Our Masonry is a hobby to be enjoyed to the full, so please put every effort into that enjoyment and have a wonderful year.