



To The Brethren of the Rose Croix District of West Kent

Dear Brethren All,

Christmas can now begin, we have had the William Sennocke Lodge Carol Service!

Another wonderful year for me and, I sincerely hope, for you too. I am now in my sixth year as your Inspector General and cannot thank you enough for your hospitality and generosity when I visit your Chapters. The renewal of my 5 year patent was very special for me and the meeting was excellently hosted by Biggin Hill Chapter No.936. Most Illustrious Brother David Williamson came to carry out the presentation and, thank you, Nick Murphy, for providing the bottle of Highland Park Single Malt which kept Brother Williamson and his D.C fully occupied until late into the evening. Congratulations too to Acorn Chapter for perfecting several French masons, I felt very much at home knowing that it was not only me that had no idea what was going on!

Another year of great meetings amongst so many amazing masonic friends. Even after six years it continues to be a great honour to be part of such a beautiful Order and I thank you all for the warmth of your welcomes and for your generous hospitality throughout the year.

As usual, my thanks go to our District Recorder, Bob Jones, for his tremendous contribution to the health and happiness of our District. His willingness to help, to advise and to take any office required when visiting our Chapters continues undiminished and I do not know what we would do without him. Thank you, Bob!

For the last couple of years we have been the 'champion' supporters of the King Edward VII Demonstration Team and I hope that you will join me again this coming year at Great Queen Street on the 27th April 2020. The Team will be demonstrating the 14th Degree and I understand that it a very fascinating and enthralling ceremony. Forms have already been circulated so please chase up your own Recorder to get a party together from your Chapter.

I must repeat what I said last year, that I have been privileged, again this year, to be present at many outstanding meetings but, I have to say, Brethren, that if you can carry out your ceremonies without the books being in evidence, it will enormously enhance your enjoyment, your pride and your sense of accomplishment. As many will tell you, I am no great ritualist and so have every sympathy with those who find it difficult but I do encourage all to give it a good try because you will be amazed at what a wonderful feeling of achievement you get from it.

We do not have a 'charity' function which is why there is no District Charity Fund as such. I do though pay tribute to the wonderful charitable achievements and objectives of our mainstream Masonic Orders. I can confirm that our Chapters are encouraged to have their own Relief Chest accounts and thus recover the Gift Aid and maximise the sums available for their own charitable objectives.

It is my pleasure to tell you all that our Order, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary on the 26th October 2020 and the Supreme Council have given their consent (very rarely given) to Districts to hold their own events to mark this important occasion. In West Kent we will holding a 'mega' Sunday Lunch on the 25th October 2020 at Westerham Golf Club for all members and their wives or partners (please not both!). This venue has fabulous views over two lakes and woodland, plenty of parking and the accessibility, for those not as mobile as others, is first class. It also has the enormous advantage of there being no charge for the venue to members and that includes me.

Cost and final details will be circulated in the near future but, in the meantime, please put this event in your diaries as 'not to be missed'. It will also be an opportunity to entertain those from other Districts and Orders that have entertained us over the years at their Annual Meetings and special events.

So, Brethren, have a Wonderful Christmas with your wives, partners and families and I wish you all a very Healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Your Inspector General,

Graham Higgs



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