



Brethren of the District of West Kent

It's Christmas Eve in the Workhouse but the work is actually pretty much all done. The Turkey is rotting in the garage and there is plenty of alcohol free and sugar free beer in the fridge. I have been unable to stop my wife inviting people to come to us tomorrow and there will be 16 for lunch. I think I can remember who some of them are although I am assured that they are all closely related to me! Never mind, these days, Christmas is all about reading the fat and calorie content on the back of bottles and packaging, sitting around the Christmas table comparing new mobile phones and texting each other, even my Single Malt now comes in 'zero' and 'light' versions! Never mind, they will all depart sooner or later and then I can go back to my main pleasure, which, just like all of you, is learning masonic ritual!

I am sure you all know me well enough to know that I am only joking (or am I?) because I really love Christmas and all the joy and happiness it brings. Sandie and I are especially happy this year as we now have a new granddaughter, only 3 weeks old, and already beating me at chess.

Christmas has come to mean a lot more to me over recent years as I have, through membership of our Christian Order, come to understand its meaning to a much greater degree and I am so grateful for this deeper understanding. I hope that you all share this with me and I also hope that it has enhanced your spirituality as it has mine.

Looking back, my thanks go to you all for the warm welcomes and generous hospitality extended to me at all the meetings I have attended, my thanks to all who have supported me at the King Edward VII Demonstration Meeting in April making our District the best attending in the Country for the second year running and my thanks to all those who continue to make things happen, Recorders, Treasurers and Directors of Ceremonies.

I also extend my congratulations to all those who have received election to the Higher Degrees, if you have not joined our Kent Chapter No.1071 for the Higher Degrees then it would be my great pleasure to propose you and welcome you into it and more details and forms can be obtained from me or from Bob Jones, our District Recorder.

My particular thanks, of course, must go to Bob who is a major force for good throughout the District. Always ready with advice and information and ready to take office and assist at any of the many meetings he attends throughout the year. We would be lost without him!

So, Brethren all, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very Healthy and Fulfilling 2018, fill your Christmas and the coming year with joy and with friendships shared through our wonderful Rose Croix Order

Good times, Good friends, Great joy, I wish you all the sunshine of Tomorrow

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