



To The Brethren of the Rose Croix District of West Kent

Dear Brethren All,

Here we are, with me having survived another year without being found out! Another year of great meetings amongst so many amazing masonic friends. It is so wonderful to be a 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. Incredible to find that my five year Patent runs out in May 2019 and very gratifying that Supreme Council, in their infinite wisdom, have reappointed me for a further five years.

I am also taking this opportunity to thank our District Recorder, Bob Jones, for his tremendous contribution to the health and happiness of our District as he enters his tenth year in the job. His willingness to help, to advise and to take any office required when visiting our Chapters is remarkable and I do not know what we would do without him. Thank you, Bob!

For the last couple of years we have been the strongest 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 29th April 2019. The Team will be demonstrating the 13th 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 have been privileged, this year, to be present at many outstanding meetings and, 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.

A couple of years ago I hosted a seminar for Treasurers in the Knights Templar Priory of Kent and I am doing this again on Saturday 16th March 2019 at Dartford. Any Rose Croix Chapter Treasurers and/or Recorders will be more than welcome to attend. More information will be sent out soon.

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

Graham