

Description of the Order

The Rose Croix of Heredom is the 18th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, held under the authority of the Supreme Council 33°. This Rite comprises 33 degrees of which the Rose Croix, or 18th Degree, is the only degree worked in full by the Chapters.

The Rite was first established in France in 1754. The Degrees of the Rite amplify the teachings of Craft Masonry; the three degrees of Craft Masonry are accepted as the equivalents of the first three degrees of the Rite. The nine members of the Supreme Council, warranted in 1845, confer the last four degrees (30th, 31st, 32nd and 33rd) at 10 Duke Street, St. James, London, the Grand East of the Order. The other degrees in the Rite, 4th to 17th degrees are conferred by name, of which one or two are demonstrated at 4 different English locations each year.

The Principles of Christianity are represented in the 18th Degree. A Brother wishing to be perfected must have been initiated in a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England and have been a Master Mason for a full year. He must be in good standing in his Lodge, before he is proposed, and he must profess the Trinitarian Christian Faith.

The Ceremony of the 18th Degree seeks Perfection of Christian Virtues in Faith, Hope and Charity. It is an immensely thought provoking, impressive and beautiful ceremony which instils a warmth of Brotherly love on which the whole Masonic movement is founded.

The regalia for the 18th is both simple and spectacular and comprise of a red collar embroidered in gold braid, with the symbols and emblems of the Degree of Perfection. A jewel is appended to the collar.

The District of Leicestershire and Rutland comprises of 9 Chapters, and these meet in Leicester and five other Masonic Centres within the District. Each Chapter meets three times a year and each meeting concludes with a Festive Board.

Each year a Sovereign is elected and Enthroned and Officers are appointed and invested. Meetings are very friendly and relaxed with members sharing a commitment to Christian fellowship and a deep understanding of this beautiful Masonic Order.

A Candidate should know that:-

1. He will be joining a Christian Order known as "The Ancient and Accepted Rite" which comprises thirty-three degrees.
2. Membership of the Order implies a desire for further advancement in masonic knowledge. Its degrees will be found to amplify the teachings of Craft Masonry within a Christian Context. For this reason a candidate **must** profess the *Trinitarian Christian Faith* and will be required, prior to any formal consideration of his candidature, to sign a declaration to this effect.
3. The Order acknowledges the authority of The United Grand Lodge of England over the three degrees of Craft Masonry and accepts them as the equivalents of the corresponding degrees of the Rite. For this reason a candidate **must**:
 - (a) Have been a Master Mason for at least one full year before he can be elected to membership of this order:
 - (b) Have received his three Craft degrees in a Lodge or Lodges under The United Grand Lodge of England unless otherwise authorised in the Rules of the Supreme Council
4. A candidate is expected to seek admission into a Chapter in the District of his home or place of business. He will be asked for his reason if this is not the case. The object of this requirement is to preserve the friendly and intimate atmosphere in which the Chapter meets.
5. Once accepted and elected as a candidate for Perfection he will have the 18th Degree conferred on him in full and Intermediate Degrees (4th to 17th) being first conferred by name.
6. As a member of the Chapter he will be invited over a period of years, to progress through a number of offices in succession (should he wish) before attaining the Chair, as in other masonic Orders. The learning of the Chair requires more work but is usually shared so that the demands of the office are reduced and the pleasure of the year enhanced.



Chapters Rose Croix

Ashby de la Zouch

Ascebi Chapter (1153)

3rd Monday in March, 1st Monday in July and
1st Monday in November

Leicester

St Margaret's Chapter (92)

4th Monday in October, February, April

Oliver Chapter (311)

4th Friday in October, January, March

Hugh Latimer Chapter (558)

2nd Thursday in November, January, March

Abbey of Leicester Chapter (564)

4th Thursday in October, January, April

Loughborough

Bishop Segrave Chapter (614)

1st Tuesday in October, December, February

Lutterworth

Venonae Chapter (617)

3rd Friday in January, May, September

Melton Mowbray

The Oudh Chapter (241)

2nd Monday in October, January, April

Syston

Saint Peter and Paul Chapter (1046)

Last week day in January and April and
1st Wednesday in June



Ancient and Accepted Rite Leicestershire & Rutland District



Brethren who are interested in more information of this degree, can contact the below named person or make contact with a member of the Order as listed in the Provincial Year Book.

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**WHAT A CANDIDATE FOR THE
"ROSE CROIX DEGREE"
SHOULD KNOW**