



## Dunstable Rose Croix Chapter

The Ancient and Accepted Rite is a system of 33 Degrees, but it is commonly known by the title of its 18<sup>th</sup> Degree, Rose Croix, which is conferred upon joining.

The Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent 33°, is the Grand Patron of The Ancient and Accepted Rite and no other Masonic Order.

Rose Croix is the third most populous Order of Freemasonry in England and Wales after Pure Antient Masonry (the Craft and Royal Arch) and the Mark Degree. Overseas it is known as The Scottish Rite. Worldwide, the Rite is the second most populous Order.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite encompasses aspects of Many Masonic Orders and includes *ne plus ultra*.

Members are qualified to attend annual demonstrations of fourteen ancient, fascinating and inspiring masonic degrees of the Rite.

New members may decide if they wish to participate in their Rose Croix Chapter straight away or observe until they are ready to take part.



The higher degrees of 30 , 31 , 32 and 33 are conferred only by The Supreme Council 33 (the ruling body of nine) during breath-taking ceremonies at their headquarters in Duke Street, St James's, London.

These most prized higher degrees are bestowed upon members who have performed to the best of their ability and given outstanding service.

This esoteric Order prides itself on the high standards of ritual, a relaxed atmosphere and, most importantly, the conferring of hidden truths known only to The Perfect Mason.



Many members wear lounge suits to meetings and there is an instruction not to wear a black tie but rather a sober one of non-masonic design.

There is no Provincial structure at all. Each District is managed by an Inspector General 33 assisted by a District Recorder (secretary).

We welcome applications from freemasons who will have been a Master Mason for at least six months at the point of Perfection and are in good standing with the Craft units of which they are currently, or have previously been, a member. You no longer need to have a belief in the Trinitarian Christian Faith in order to become a member.

For more information on this most beautiful and profound Order in Freemasonry, visit The Supreme Council 33 website at: [www.sc33.org.uk](http://www.sc33.org.uk)

***Dunstable Rose Croix*** meets in Dunstable on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in February and May and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in October (Installation). In 2025 the joining fee is £45 and the annual subscription is £60. We usually have some items of second-hand regalia available if you prefer to save on the cost of buying new.

We are a small friendly Chapter who meet up for a short informal rehearsal on the Monday evening before the meetings for those who can attend. After the formal meeting we have a relaxed and friendly festive board which currently cost only £22 for an excellent four course meal.

The Ceremony of the 18° is one of the most beautiful Ceremonies in Freemasonry, it is guaranteed to leave a lasting memory in every candidate.

*If you're interested in joining the Rose Croix, please complete and submit the form below and the Chapter Secretary will contact you.*