## **United Service Chapter**

History:-

August 1878, a petition was received at SGC to form a United Service Chapter 1428 to be attached to the same named Craft Lodge. From George Rourke, Henry William Townsend & John Lind plus six others.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1878 The WM announced that the Supreme Grand Chapter had been pleased to grant a warrant for the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with United Service Lodge, and he gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move that a sum of £25. 0s. 0d. be lent from Lodge funds to assist the Brethren in the formation of the United Service Chapter.

1879 – Bro J. Johns was installed as Worshipful Master

The WM announced that the United Service Royal Arch Chapter had been duly consecrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1879 and met at Freemasons Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth. The Chapter continued to flourish in line with the Membership of the Craft Lodge and received it's Centenary Warrant in 1979. By then the Chapter had moved to it's main home at Lake Road in conjunction with the Craft Lodge. It currently holds it's meetings along with seven other Chapters at Cosham Masonic Center four times a year on the First Monday of March, June, September and the second Monday of December.

Current Membership is 24 with 2-4 newly exalted / joining members showing interest for this year.

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