

Duke of Connaught Chapter No 1834



Opening biography : Duke of Connaught Chapter has a great history and is a friendly and welcoming Chapter with a varied membership. The Chapter meets at the Purbrook Masonic Centre, a former Methodist Church converted circa 2012, with an impressive temple, bar area and large dining hall.

History: The Chapter in 2022 achieved its Centenary in February of that year, which was celebrated with a visitation from our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and members of the Executive for a Centenary meeting and dinner, with many friends and Chapters attending.

The Chapter was consecrated at Freemasons Hall, Landport on January 25th 1923, supported by a Provincial team led by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent Major Sir Augustus Webster Bart with 10 Provincial Officers and the 3 Principals designate, who then invested the Officers. In 1929, the Chapter moved to the Corner House, Commercial Road and around that time various changes in date for meetings were made. Of note is that the Chapter sent birthday greetings to the Duke of Connaught, with the last one recorded being made on the 1st May 1940. What a history !

If you have enjoyed your three Craft Degrees, then you will be pleased to know there is still more that you can discover in the Royal Arch and that this degree will complete your knowledge.

The Royal Arch ceremony is pretty impressive when you take your Ceremony of Exaltation when you join – it tells you more about the story behind the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. We know that you will thoroughly enjoy your further masonic journey, whilst making new friends and meeting those you may already know.

Province: Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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Place of meetings: Purbrook Masonic Centre,

Number of meetings per year: 4

Days/months held: Second Thursday in February, June, October & second Tuesday in December

Installation meeting: June

Times of meeting: 18:00 unless otherwise indicated. (Installation normally earlier)

Parking : Purbrook Centre has its own parking, first come first served or there is nearby on street parking

Fees: £40 per year (2025)

Charity donations: Voluntary