

Prince Edward Chapter No 1903

This Chapter came into being when it had to be attached to a Lodge. It was consecrated on 17th July 1917 as Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Chapter No 1903 sponsored by Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge No 1903, which was consecrated in 1881 for Naval Officers and Dockyard Management at Portsmouth. The Chapter and the Lodge, following the activity of the Navy and Portsmouth, by changing the name by removing reference to Saxe Weimar. This was at the height of the First World War and names coupled with Germany were not popular. The Lodge went back to the original name in 1980 and surrendered its Warrant in 2014, but the Chapter has remained as Prince Edward Chapter No 1903.

In 1970 the Chapter had to cope with the change to decimal currency. The Dues became £2.50 (£2 and 10 Shillings); the meal was £0.75 (Fifteen shillings); the exaltation fee was £5 (This was expensive then, but it is still the same today). We have celebrated 25 Years, 50 years; 75 years, and our centenary which was a wonderful meeting with the MEGS and the Provincial Principals present. The Centenary Convocation consisted of The rededication of the Chapter, The dedication of new ensigns and the presentation of the Centenary Charter.

We have now been in existence for 107 years. During that time members of the Chapter have been promoted in Province to Provincial J; MEGS: Prov Scribe E, and DepGSupt and we have a number of Grand Chapter Officers and Provincial Officers.

Prince Edward Chapter has 23 members and is independent of any Lodge. This has the great advantage of having members from all over the South of the Province, allowing new members to broaden their Masonic horizon's by being with Masons from other than their own Lodge. The Chapter is extremely friendly and strives to keep all its members involved at all levels. We meet 4 Times a year on the First Tuesday in March, May, September and November at the Cosham Masonic Centre.

The relationship of the Craft and the Royal Arch has changed dramatically in the last year to the extent that we are starting to operate as one entity. In fact, new Freemasons are now told that to complete their journey through pure and ancient freemasonry they will need to complete 4 ceremonies 1st Degree; 2nd Degree; Third Degree and Royal Arch Masonry.

All would be welcome to take their final step by joining Prince Edward Chapter No 1903, by contacting the Scribe Esra –

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