

Domus Dei Chapter No. 5151



Opening bio: Domus Dei is a lively and welcoming Chapter with a varied membership. We currently meet at the Phoenix Rooms Old Portsmouth, a former Royal Marine Artillery Officers Mess built in 1827. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who met as a Mason here, wrote the first two of his Sherlock Holmes stories whilst living nearby in Southsea.

History: The Chapter was granted its Charter on 6th November 1935 and was consecrated on 31st January 1936. We celebrated our 75th Anniversary on 11th February 2011. Domus Dei Chapter took its name from the Old Portsmouth Hospital of St. Nicholas, known as Domus Dei. It was founded in 1212 by Peter de Rapibus, Bishop of Winchester. The Chapter was formed by seven Excellent Companions and sixteen Companions, eight being founder members of Domus Dei Lodge No. 5151 six years earlier. It may well be that our Chapter is unique in bearing a cross in its crest. Our motto, "Docendo Discimus", which may be freely translated "Through teaching we learn", is particularly indicative of our hopes and aspirations.

If you have enjoyed the three Craft Degrees, then you will be pleased to know there is still more to discover in the Royal Arch. You will not fail to be impressed by the splendour and drama in the Ceremony of Exaltation when you join – and you will learn more about the story behind the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. You will also have a fantastic and enjoyable time on your journey and make many new friends and Companions whilst doing so. Membership is open to all Master Masons 28 days after being raised to the third degree. To enquire about joining our Chapter, no matter where you do your Craft Freemasonry, please drop an email to Paul Derroll Mills, details below. He'll be pleased to hear from you, and all the members will look forward to welcoming you amongst our number.

Province: Hampshire and Isle of Wight

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Place of meetings: The Phoenix Lodge Rooms, 110 High Street, Old Portsmouth PO1 2HJ
what3words location: youth.clouds.fool

Number of meetings per year: 4

Days/months held: Second Friday in Feb, Apr, Oct & Dec

Installation meeting: February

Times of meeting: 1800 unless otherwise indicated. (Installation is 1730)

Parking nearby: High Street, Pembroke Road, Lombard Street, St Thomas's Street,

Fees: £60 per year (2025)

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Charity donations: Voluntary. Our current Charity is the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Social Events planned:

Spring Ball with Domus Dei Lodge 15 Mar 25.

Curry night for all Companions Jun 25 date and time TBC

BBQ/Meal with friends and partners Aug 25 date and time TBC