

# Octa R.A. Chapter 4397 - Profile

Venue: Octa R.A. Chapter 4397

Freemasons' Hall Knole Road Bournemouth BH1 4DH

## **History:**

The planning of Octa Chapter began in 1946 and was finally consecrated, after a little delay, on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1947. In 1957 the Chapter moved to the newly acquired Freemasons' Hall in Knole Road, Bournemouth. Initially it was agreed that the Chapter would meet six times per year but many years later this was reduced to four. We now meet in March, June, September and December (Installation).

In 2015 a strategy document was produced on "Shaping Octa's Future" and as a result of this a revised ritual was produced which enabled and encouraged members to share out the ritual and also undertake other short "party pieces". In addition, this strategy also recognised the importance of Past Zs; who when they completed their year, in order to keep them active, a five-year succession plan was introduced.

#### **Present:**

Octa is a very friendly and progressive Chapter which believes in encouraging its members to develop at a pace which they feel comfortable with and are always open to consider future improvements; without losing its history. This approach has produced good results over the years with a steady influx of new members and last year we exalted a further three Companions and currently have for 2025 five Master Masons waiting to be exalted together with one joining member.

Members of Octa recognise that we are the temporary custodians and it's our responsibility to ensure that this Chapter continues to grow for many more years and that all its members continue to enjoy the great camaraderie and warm welcome.

## Links:

Octa Lodge 4397

### **Special Events:**

Octa celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dine a Friend/White Tables

### **Contact Details:**

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