

## DISTRICT OF WORCESTERSHIRE

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<b>St Mary &amp; All Saints Chapter No 688</b> <i>Tim Wooldridge</i>	Stourport-on-Severn
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<b>Worcestershire Chapter No 970*</b> <i>Keith Layton</i>	Worcester or Halesowen
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## Ancient & Accepted Rite

for  
England and Wales  
And its Districts and Chapters Overseas

DISTRICT

OF

**Worcestershire**

V. III. Bro. Dr. R.N.Hoare, 33

Inspector General

**Rose Croix of Heredom**

A Brief Description of the Order

## Rose Croix of Heredom

The Rose Croix of Heredom is the 18th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite held under the authority of the Supreme Council 33°. Established in France in 1754, the Rite comprises 33 Degrees of which the Rose Croix or 18th Degree is the only one worked by the Chapters. The Degrees of the Rite amplify the teachings of Craft Masonry, and the three Degrees of Craft Masonry are accepted as the first three Degrees of the Rite.

The nine members of the Supreme Council, warranted in 1845, confer the last four degrees ie .the 30th 31st, 32nd and 33rd at 10 Duke Street, St. James', London, the Grand East or headquarters of the Order. The other Degrees of the Rite are conferred by name. The King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement demonstrates one or two of these Degrees each year at centers across England and Wales. Any Rose Croix Mason is welcome to attend.

The principles of Christianity are represented in the 18th Degree, which seeks the Perfection of Christian virtues in Faith, Hope and Charity. It is an immensely thought provoking, impressive and beautiful ceremony which instils a warmth of brotherly love on which the whole Masonic movement is founded. A brother wishing to be perfected must have been initiated in a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England and have been a Master Mason a full year. He must be in good standing in his Lodge and must profess the Trinitarian Christian Faith.

The regalia for the 18th Degree is both simple and spectacular comprising a jewel appended to a red collar embroidered with the symbols and emblems of the Degree in gold braid.

The District of Worcestershire comprises twenty Chapters meeting in ten Masonic centers listed overleaf. Seventeen Chapters meet three times a year, and the remainder, including the Past Sovereigns' Chapter, No 970 meet twice yearly. Every year a Sovereign is elected and Enthroned when Officers are appointed and invested. Meetings are very friendly and relaxed with members sharing a commitment to Christian fellowship and a deep understanding of this beautiful Masonic Order. They all conclude with a Festive Board.

Compared to other degrees, the structure in Rose Croix is very simple. Between Supreme Council in London and private Chapters, the District administration consists of two people only, the Inspector General assisted by the District Recorder.

The District of Worcestershire is a member of the Midlands Rose Croix Chapter of Improvement, and bi-annual meetings are held at a centre within the Districts of Worcestershire, Warwickshire or Staffordshire & Shropshire at which the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree ceremony is demonstrated.

Brethren who are interested in this Degree can gain further information from the District Recorder or Chapter Recorders whose details are provided overleaf.

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