

St. Francis of Assisi

Rose Croix Chapter

No. 711

**of Knights of the Pelican and Eagle and
Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H.P.D.M.**

25th Anniversary

**MOSELEY MASONIC HALL,
ALCESTER ROAD SOUTH
KINGS HEATH
BIRMINGHAM B14 6DT**

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1997

Menu

Smoked Salmon
with Cottage Cheese and Chives



Supreme of Chicken
Saute Potatoes
Broccoli
Braised Celery



Hot Peaches in Brandy



Stilton and Brie Cheese



Coffee

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Toast List

1. The Queen.
2. The Supreme Council, 33°.
3. V.III.Bro. Edward Frederick Hanson, J.P., LL.D.(Hon.),
Sovereign Grand Inspector 33°, Inspector General
Worcestershire District.
4. The St. Francis of Assisi Chapter No. 711.
5. The Most Wise Sovereign.
6. The Candidate for Perfection.

Brief History

The St. Francis of Assisi Chapter was consecrated on 4th January, 1972.

The Consecrating Officer was V.P.Bro. C. Erskine W. Simes, *Q.C.*, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, assisted by members of the Supreme Council, M.III.Bro. Brig. C. B. S. Morley, *C.B.E., T.D., D.L.*, 33°, Grand Chamberlain; M.III.Bro. Lt.Col. The Rev. G. R. Brocklebank, *D.S.O., M.C.*, 33°, Grand Prior; M.III.Bro. R. A. Ingham Clark, 33°, Grand Secretary General; and officials to the Supreme Council, V.III.Bro. Dr. G. L. C. Colenso-Jones, 33°, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Ill.Bro. W. L. Fearnough, *T.D.*, 32°, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; all of whom were elected Honorary Members together with V.III.Bro. Leonard W. Greenwood, *M.A.*, 33°, Inspector General for Worcestershire.

The 20 Founders were:-

Sovereign	Ill.Bro. J. (Jack) F. C. Lates, 30°	St. Agnes No. 344
Prelate	Ill.Bro. Donald S. Icke, 31°	Vernon No. 5
1st General	E. & P. Bro. Eric H. Lumby, 18°	Holy Cross No. 427
2nd General	E. & P. Bro. Ronald A. Jervis, 18°	St. Nicolas 198
Treasurer	Ill.Bro. Thomas J. Adderley, 31°	St. Agnes 344
Recorder	E. & P. Bro. William Mack, 18°	St. Alphege 540
D.C.	Ill.Bro. Leslie Taylor, 30°	Temple 223
Marshal	E. & P. Bro. Thomas P. Carroll, 18°	St. Agnes 344
Raphael	E. & P. Bro. Harry Haden, 18°	St. James 253
Almoner	Ill.Bro. John Dudley, 31°	St. Nicolas 198
Herald	E. & P. Bro. J. Eric Cox, 18°	St. Martin's 286
Captain of Guard	E. & P. Bro. Howard Rawlin, 18°	
A.D.C.	E. & P. Bro. E. R. Price, 18°	St. Nicolas 198
Steward	E. & P. Bro. Arthur W. Hoare, 18°	St. Mary and All Saints 688
Steward	E. & P. Bro. A. Graham O'Brien, 18°	St. Nicolas 198
Steward	E. & P. Bro. Harry C. F. Sutton, 18°	
Steward	E. & P. Bro. Trevor Turton, 18°	St. Alphege 540
Steward	E. & P. Bro. William D. S. Bennett, 18°	St. Nicolas 198
Steward	E. & P. Bro. David F. Roberts, 18°	St. Agnes 344
Steward	E. & P. Bro. Edward E. Young, 18°	St. Agnes 344

There was a total of 70 Princes in attendance, including 40 visitors. The Alms amounted to £18.20.

The first regular meeting was held on Saturday, 22nd January, 1972, without a Ceremony.

At the second meeting on 22nd April, a ballot was held for Bro. Geoffrey Myatt and Bro. Francis Beach, and Bro. Myatt was perfected and immediately appointed Organist of the Chapter.

At the next meeting on 22nd September, a ballot was taken for Bro. William Stephen Ellson who was perfected in January, 1973. Bro. Richard Nicholas Hoare was perfected in September, 1973.

At the meeting in April, 1974, ballots were held for Bro. Maurice Stanion and, as a joining member, E. & P. Bro. William A. B. Sherlock. Two years later in September, 1976, E. & P. Bro. J. Eric Cox was enthroned as M.W.S. when 35 Princes were present. The Alms collected amounted to £13.10.

Over the 25 years the Chapter has held 76 regular meetings, perfected 53 candidates and has welcomed 436 visitors, averaging almost 6 per meeting. In all that time there has only been one meeting without a visitor.

Two founders of the Chapter went on to become Inspectors General in the Order, Donald S. Icke for Warwickshire and William D. S. Bennett for Worcestershire. Two members have served the Craft as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, both in Warwickshire, again Donald Icke and Ill.Bro. Steve Ellson who continues in that capacity today. No less than ten of our members have served as acting Provincial Wardens in the Craft Province of Worcestershire.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the founders of the Chapter for their enthusiasm and confidence for the future and we hope both those present today and those who have passed on feel proud of the foundation they laid 25 years ago.