



Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia

(Rosicrucian Society of Freemasons)

The S.R.I.A. is an independent Christian society: all its members being Master Masons of Lodges recognised as regular by the Grand Lodges of England. The "Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia" does not, however, constitute another interesting degree in Freemasonry, to be acquired in the course of ordinary Masonic progress. It is something beyond and outside Freemasonry.

The Society is organized in nine grades, each having its appropriate ritual. In addition to working the ceremonies, members are encouraged to read original papers or extracts from the works of others and to join in the discussions which arise. Its members should be prepared, not only to take part in its ceremonies, but to listen and learn and, by study and giving to others the results of that study, to take an active part in working out the great problems of life and understanding the wisdom, art and literature of the Ancient World.

Thus the object of the society is to bring together Freemasons of philosophic outlook in order that they may afford aid and encouragement to each other in the pursuit of their own studies in the field of philosophy and scholarship in the widest sense. Ultimately, its object is to bring its members a few steps nearer to wisdom and an understanding of the true nature of reality.

Colleges are established in London and in other large centres in England and the Commonwealth. The Society is independent of, but closely associated with, its sister Society in Scotland.

The High Council of the Society has a valuable library of some three thousand volumes at its premises at Stanfield Hall, 88 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 1RE which is available to members of the Society. Members of Colleges outside London who wish to borrow books from the library should get in touch with members of the High Council representing their College. A Study Group meets monthly and provides opportunities for mutual intellectual intercourse.

The *Transactions* of the Metropolitan College in London are printed annually.

Admission to the Society is limited to Master Masons who are subscribing members of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England or a jurisdiction in amity with Grand Lodge and who accept and believe in the fundamental principles of the Trinitarian Christian faith. A candidate is required to be proposed and seconded by members of the Society and is elected by ballot.