

## The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus of East Anglia

is held on the third Monday in November and is currently at Bury St. Edmunds.

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### Consistories within The Province of East Anglia

#### Kenneth Rager Consistory 06 TI

Meeting place: Diss Masonic Hall, Parkfields, Denmark Street, Diss, IP22 4LE

Meeting in the morning of 1st Wednesday in March, 2nd Wednesday in October (I).

#### Suffolk Consistory 20 TI

Meeting place: Freemasons' Hall, 8-10 Soane Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2BG.

Meeting in the morning of 4th Tuesday in May, 3rd Wednesday October(I).

#### Peter Racey Consistory 54 TI

Meeting place: The Oaklands Hotel, 89 Yarmouth Road, Norwich. NR7 0HH. Meeting in the evening of 1st Thursday January, 4th Wednesday in May (I).

#### Ronald Thompson Consistory 55 TI

Meeting places: Kings Lynn Masonic Centre, 9 Hamburg Way, King's Lynn PE30 1JS (July) and the Masonic Hall, Mill Road, Aylsham NR11 6WA (November).

Meeting in the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July (I), 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November.

#### New Dawn No 78.

Meeting place: The Masonic Hall., New Road, Framlingham, Suffolk IP139AX.

Meeting in the evening of Last Tuesday in January 1<sup>st</sup> Monday April and September (I).

#### Godric No. 90.

Meeting place: Ashlar House, 23 Eastern Way, Bury St. Edmunds. IP32 7AB.

Meeting in the evening of 3rd Monday in January and 3rd Tuesday in June (I).

#### First Light Consistory No. 153

Meeting places: The Masonic Royal Assembly Rooms 16 Albert Square Great Yarmouth Norfolk NR30 3JH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning in May and Lowestoft Masonic Hall, 101 The Avenue, Lowestoft, NR33 7LJ on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening in September at such times as the Companion President may direct.

Installation meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January, alternately at Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

Visiting within the Province is encouraged and as we have a good cross section of members from Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, new members can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

If you should wish to join the Order, please go to the website below

**East Anglian Scarlet Cord Web Site.**

[www.scarlet-cord-ea.com](http://www.scarlet-cord-ea.com)

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**Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord  
Province of East Anglia**

**in the British Isles & its Districts and Consistories  
Overseas**

This Ancient Order is open to Brethren who have passed through the second or Prince's Degree in the Order of the Secret Monitor.

It was introduced in the British Isles in 1889 and is based upon ancient 18th Century documents from the Amsterdam Masonic archives. The rituals and ceremonies of the Order are a continuation of the Secret Monitor Prince's Degree, which Masonic tradition informs us, originally contained most of the material now used.

The rituals are based on the forebears of King David and the wars of the Maccabees (Chapter 2 of the Old Testament Book of Joshua).

#### Why should I Join?

This Ancient Order builds further on the warmth, companionship and support demonstrated in the Order of the Secret Monitor. You will find great friendship and companionship and you will also discover rituals that are colourful and meaningful. The Order further enhances a Mason's Masonic experience thus enabling him to grow in masonic knowledge.

The Order has six Grades, the rituals of which are progressively more informative and interesting.

Similar to the Order of the Secret Monitor, the regalia is simple and inexpensive, consisting of a Scarlet Cord, and a different Jewel for each grade. Performance of the ritual of the ceremonies is spread across all the officers encouraging maximum participation of those present.

The members of the Order are called Companions.

## **The Six Grades of the Order.**

In Grades 1-4 the Companion's Scarlet Cord forms the basis of the regalia and is worn differently depending on the grade of a Companion.



**The First Grade of the Order** tells the story of how Rahab hid the Jewish spies from the King of Jericho.

The First Grade Jewel is a replica of an ancient key suspended on a thin scarlet cord.



**The Second Grade of the Order** relates to the story of Ruth, her eventual marriage to Boaz the son of Salmon and Rahab, and the birth of their son Obed, a Grandfather of David.

The Second Grade Jewel depicts a scroll with a simple phrase written in Greek.



**In the Third Grade of the Order** a Companion reflects on the resolve of the Maccabees to retain their faith in the face of oppressive tyranny. The Third Grade Jewel is a Silver Skull and Crossbones suspended from a black ribbon (may also be purple, as depicted, for companions who were members of the Order before its separation from the OSM).



The first three Grades are conferred on duly qualified members who have proved their proficiency in the previous grades.

Prior to being elected as President, a Companion must be prepared for this office. At the conclusion of the Preparation Ceremony he receives a patent from the Grand Summus authorising him to preside over a Consistory. Having been prepared as President he receives the title of Eminent Companion. The Preparation Ceremony may be conducted in either a consistory meeting or at a Provincial Senatus.

Once installed as President, he receives the title Distinguished Companion, and is entitled to attach a Silver Anointing Horn to his Jewel (as depicted).

**The Fourth Grade of the Order** is conferred on a Companion who has proved proficiency in the Order, after a minimum of two years from his installation as President, when he will be invited to attend a Fourth Grade Ceremony usually held in London.

The Jewel depicts the Ark of the Covenant suspended from a gilt top bar, which, in turn, is suspended from a tricoloured ribbon (red/white/black)



**The Fifth Grade of the Order** is conferred on Past Presidents at the discretion of the Grand Summus. The Jewel depicts the Ark of the Covenant within a silver star and is worn on the left breast.



**The Sixth Grade of the Order** is also conferred on Past Presidents by invitation of the Grand Summus. The Jewel depicts the Ark of the Covenant within a gold star and is worn on the left breast.

