

Canute Chapter № 3104



Consecrated 5th May 1923

A History of the Chapter taken from The Masters Chair; A Companion Volume

The preliminary meeting for a proposed Canute Chapter to be attached to Canute Lodge 3104 was held in October 1922, at the Victoria Hall, Alexandria Street, Southend.

The Chapter was to be founded on temperance principle – as was Canute Lodge. A petition was signed at an emergency Lodge meeting held in January 1923. The Canute Chapter was Consecrated in May at the Palace Hotel, Westcliff.

Most of the first officers were from Canute, Priory and St. Clements Chapters. At the first regular meeting seven Brethren of Canute Lodge were Exalted.

The Companions were invited to join the St Clements Chapter of improvement. After 10 years, the membership had grown to 30 Companions including 7 of the original Founder members. During WW2, membership was much the same though all but 2 of the Founders had been called to higher service.

The Golden Jubilee was celebrated at the Installation Convocation in May 1973. There were then 38 members. The annual subscription in those days was £6.00.

Our MEZ in 1983 was E. Comp. John Rundlett. He was to become Deputy Grand Superintendent and Deputy Grand Master in 1994. Our most senior Companion E Comp. Christopher Clark PGSN who was MEZ in 2003, was Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent and Assistant Metropolitan Grand Master.

Other recent Masonic giants among us have been Mark Cockburn PGStB, a Senior Visiting Officer in London, Geoff Jackson PAGDC, and Herbert Milroy, PAGDC, who had been Prov. G. Treasurer in 1964.

Dwindling membership in the 1990's forced many changes. The Chapter became a daylight Chapter, meeting on Saturday morning. Annual subscriptions reached £50.00. The changes were reasonably successful, for membership had reached 48 by the time of the 75th Anniversary in 1998.

Following the required ritual changes after 2004, the Preceptor, E, Comp.. Eric Terry, later to be Prov GSwd B, produced and had printed a superb booklet of the Domatic ritual before Domatic reached publication.

In 2014, we had 30 Companions still meeting regularly at Saxon Hall and with 3 Honorary members - still going strong.

In 2022 the Chapter moved from Saxon Hall to The Old Courthouse, Rochford

At present we have 25 members plus 2 joining members we hope to join us at today's convocation and 1 honorary member - E. Comp. J Rundlett.

Going back to 5th May 1923 the founding members of Canute Chapter 3104 were as follows;

E. Comp. J Kemp	Priory Chapter 1000
E. Comp. G Jackerman	Priory Chapter 1000
E. Comp. W Jennings	Priory Chapter 1000
E. Comp. H Young	Priory Chapter 1000
E. Comp. G Hubble	Priory Chapter 1000
E. Comp. B Baylis	St Clements Chapter 2442
E. Comp. C Clamp	St Andrews Chapter 1817

Plus

E. Comp. F Norman	Victoria Chapter 1056	No longer operating
E. Comp. T Hoffman	Stanhope Chapter 1269	No longer operating.

The Consecrating Officers were as follow;

E. Comp. Warner	Grand Superintendent
E. Comp. Hundison	2 nd Prov G Principal
E. Comp. Case	3 rd (Prov G Principal)
	Scribe E
E. Comp. Aslett	Scribe N
E. Comp. V Taylor	Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. P Weston	Sword Bearer
E. Comp. T King	Organist
E. Comp. Slade	Janitor

The working officers on the day were as follows;

E. Comp. J Kemp	1 st Principal
E. Comp. G Jackerman	2 nd Principal
E. Comp. W Jennings	3 rd Principal
E. Comp. H Rudd	Scribe E
E. Comp. W Aloman	Scribe N
E. Comp. B Baylis	Treasurer
E. Comp. G Hubble	Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. C Clamp	Principal Sojourner
E. Comp. H Young	1 st Ast Sojourner
E. Comp. G Burtles	2 nd Ast Sojourner
E. Comp. V Forsaith	Organist
E. Comp. F Slade	Janitor
E. Comp. F Norman	Acting IPZ.

To register the Chapter cost was £2.10.

To register the members the cost was £0.25

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