

The order of the Allied Masonic Degrees

The Grand Council of the Order was formed in 1879 to regulate several degrees which hitherto had been practiced without regulation under any governing body. Five degrees are worked within the order, they being St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Grand Tilers of Solomon, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest. All candidates are admitted to the degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, thereafter the other degrees may be taken in any order and in any council. They are not linked and part of the attraction of the order is the contrasting nature of the respective ceremonies and the increase in Masonic knowledge they provide to the committed Freemason. Some of the degrees are of considerable antiquity and two of the same have considerable mystical significance.

Qualifications for Membership is that a brother must be a Mark Master Mason and a Companion of the Holy Royal Arch.

Regalia requirements are minimal and comprise of the tie of the order on admission and a composite jewel of the five degrees worn when all of the five degrees have been completed. Alternatively, if brethren prefer, separate jewels of the order may be worn. Subsequently if brethren obtain District or Grand Rank regalia comprises an appropriate collar signifying this.

There are currently seven councils of the Order within the District of Kent these being situated in the Masonic Centres at Ashford, Bromley, Canterbury, Dover, Gillingham, Sidcup and Wrotham. In the main councils will meet three times a year.

If you are interested in joining this interesting, friendly and very enjoyable Order please visit the website *www.AMDKent.uk* or scan the QR code below for further information. Alternatively contact the District Grand Secretary W. Bro. Derek Wilkins on 01303 772520 or by email: - derekwilkins72@gmail.com



