



Supreme Council, Appointments & Regalia

The Supreme Council administers all the Rose Croix Degrees including the conferment 18th, 30th, 31st, 32nd and 33rd Degrees.

The Supreme Council also administers the other Trinitarian Degrees of Royal Order of Scotland and Order of Holy Wisdom.

The Supreme Council is made up of 9 senior Rose Croix members in the Order who are usually able to attend the Supreme Council meetings, as well as the meetings of all the Degrees under its remit.

The Supreme Council is ruled by the Sovereign Grand Commander for a period of 12 months from March and as with the Grand Master in the Craft, they serve for 12 months before their elected successor is Anointed, Crowned and Enthroned in their stead.

The Supreme Council confers the Degrees from 30th to 33rd and Appointment to each of these Degrees is made on the following basis:

An Excellent & Perfect Brother on being Invested as a General or Prelate within a Rose Croix Chapter 18th Degree will be Appointed to the 30th Degree.

An Illustrious Brother, 30th Degree, on approaching or having been Enthroned as Most Wise Sovereign of a Rose Croix Chapter 18th Degree will be Promoted to the 31st Degree.

A Very illustrious Brother, 31st Degree, having served any Office on the Supreme Council, having worked all the Ceremony of Perfection plus the Third Point (this last part by memory) will be Advanced to the 32nd Degree.

A Right Illustrious Brother, 32nd Degree, who has served the Order with distinction will be Called to the 33rd Degree. This is only conferred by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

Holders of the 33rd Degree are expected to be members of, or have a very good knowledge and understanding of, all the Trinitarian and Chivalric Degrees.

It is also expected that holders of the 33rd Degree will have Ruled several Rose Croix Chapters, 18th Degree and worked the Rituals for the 30th, 31st and 32nd Degrees.

Officers of the Supreme Council and their duties.

Sovereign Grand Commander

(Rules the Trinitarian Degrees for their year of office.)

Lieutenant Grand Commander

(Deputises in the absence of the SGC.)

Grand Master of Ceremonies

(Acts as Director of Ceremonies for the 30th – 33rd Degree ceremonies.)

Grand Secretary General

(Responsible for the Summons, Minutes and Correspondence.)

Grand Chancellor

(Responsible for coordinating the ceremonial dates and collating potential recipients.)

Grand Chamberlain

(Responsible for ensuring finances for Meetings and Regalia are in place.)

Grand Captain of the Guard

(Acts as first contact point for recipients during ceremonies.)

Grand Standard Bearer

(As stated.)

Grand Sword Bearer

(As stated.)

Rose Croix Regalia

18th Degree

A Red Collar with Pelican and Eagle Jewel suspended. The Collar is reversible for ceremonial purposes and has a darker colour with crosses.

Chapters are able to ask members to wear the Rose Croix Apron of the 18th Degree too.

Swords are optional but should be carried by certain Officers as dictated by the Ritual.

30th Degree

A Black & White Sash with Gold embellishment worn over the left shoulder.

A dark Collarette with suspended Jewel.

Swords are optional.

31st Degree

A White Collar emblazoned with symbols of the 31st Degree and suspended Jewel.

A White Collarette with suspended Jewel.

Swords are optional but unusual as their weapon is Justice.

32nd Degree

A Black Collar with a Red Rose Emblem and suspended Jewel.

A Black Collarette with suspended Jewel.

Swords are optional.

33rd Degree who are not Members of Supreme Council

A White Sash emblazoned with symbols of the 33rd Degree worn over the left shoulder.

A White Collarette with suspended Jewel.

No sword.

33rd Degree who are Members of Supreme Council

A White Sash emblazoned with symbols of the 33rd Degree worn over the left shoulder.

A Black Cloak. If they are also a member of the Chivalric Degrees the Black Cloak will be emblazoned with a White Maltese Cross.

A Collarette and suspended Jewel unique to the Office held on the Supreme Council.

No sword.

The Sovereign Grand Commander shall wear a Red Robe at Supreme Council Meetings.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies shall wear a slightly different White Sash over the right shoulder enabling the carrying of a sword for ceremonial purposes.

Princes in Holy Orders may wear the appropriate Clothing of their Calling at all Meetings under the Supreme Council's direction. They are also distinguished by a Gold Collar with the Degree Motif of their Rank.

It should be noted that we recognise several Supreme Councils and if they confer a Degree upon one of our Members this is recognised within our Order upon the recipients meeting our Qualifications and having undergone the appropriate Ceremonies via our Supreme Council.

Degrees working under the Supreme Council

Royal Order of Scotland

Royal Order of Scotland Lodge & Chapter – Meeting at Nottingham, Sat AM

Order of Holy Wisdom

Northern Glory Order of Holy Wisdom College – Meeting at Stalybridge, Sat Evening

15th - 17th Degrees are Conferred on occasion at Nottingham on a Sat PM

Rose Croix Chapters, 18th Degree meet throughout the Order

Crux Fidelis Grand Elect Knight Kadosh 30th Degree – Meeting countrywide, Sun PM

Salvator Mundi Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander 31st Degree – Meeting countrywide, Sun PM

Deo Gratias Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32nd Degree – Meeting countrywide, Sun PM

The Supreme Council Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree – Meeting countrywide, Sun PM