

## **St.Decuman and St.Dubricius Chapter Rose Croix No 784**

**Warrant dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 1975**

The St. Decuman and St. Dubricius Chapter Rose Croix was consecrated on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. April 1975. The 20 founder members included 18 from the Alfred Chapter, Taunton. The Consecration summons explained the choice of names for the new Chapter in the following terms.

*As a Chapter of Christian degree it was felt appropriate that the name should commemorate the early Celtic missionaries who brought the faith to the area. Churches in the district are dedicated to such Celtic saints as Petroc, Sal;vin Bueno, Decuman and Dubricius. The reason the last two names have been chosen (apart from alliteration) is that they are the saints to whom the parish churches of Watchet and Porlock respectively are dedicated and these two places are the approximate east and west boundaries of the Chapter's 'catchment area',*

There seems very little doubt that Saint Decombes (Decumanus) who settled at Watchet was an active Celtic missionary and an organiser of Christian monasteries. St. Decuman gave his name to the village now known as Watchet. A Wells breviary gives the feast day as 30<sup>th</sup>. August. Saint Dubric is one of the earliest (possibly earliest) Welsh Saint. He administered a large Diocese west of the Severn. He died and was buried on Bardsey Island in about 546. His body was subsequently exhumed and re-interred in the north wall of Llandaff Cathedral.

The Chapter meets at The Masonic Hall, Bancks Street, Minehead at 18-00hrs on the first Tuesday in February and April, and the fourth Monday in October

Current membership totals 38