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NEWSLETTER



V.: Illus.: Bro. Les Hipwell feted with Special 90th Birthday Celebration.

"I have enjoyed it all... I wouldn't have done the things that I did for the Rite unless I had enjoyed it..." was how our Ninety Year old Very Illustrious Brother Les responded to the celebration in his honour.

Les Hipwell and his wife Shirley cut the cake at his party held at Cardiff RSL Club on the 23rd August

The birthday celebration, held at the Cardiff RSL Club on the 23rd August, was organised by Very.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett 33⁰ and his wife Gail with the inspirational support of our Grand Dame of Grand East, Kate Schober, (Administration Manager, Grand East). Kate brought some lively fun and conversation to the party having arrived that morning and stayed at David and Gail's place overnight.

Les is a tireless supporter of the Rite with a wealth of knowledge on the history of NSW District Hunter, having served as District Commander (2002-2007), and Regional Recorder 26 years and is still our District Recorder.

Les was Perfected in 1969, took his 30⁰ in 1978, rose to the 31⁰ in 1988 and the 32⁰ in 1993 receiving his Knight Commander of Merit, the highest honour the Rite can confer, in 1998.

Les looks upon the receiving his KCoM and his Honorary Membership of Hunter Sovereign Council with great affection and pride but says that his Ninetieth birth celebration will be ranked among his most treasured memories.

Two New Members for Hunter Sovereign Council

When Hunter Sovereign Council held its meeting on the 29th June, E&P Bro. Cedric Lane and Illus.: Bro. Bill Hall 31st joined its ranks.

Cedric who has been a member of Mystes Rosae Sovereign Chapter since May 2012 was delighted to be advanced to the 30th Degree.

Illus.: Bro. Bill Hall recently rejoined the A&ASR at Saint Albans Sov. Chapter in April and has now rekindled his membership in the Thirtieth Degree. Of course this is just a new beginning for Bill for he was also advanced to the 32nd Degree recently, which you can read about in the article "Advancements to the 31st and 32nd Degrees.



Left:

Illus.: Bro. Cedric Lane (Ctr), with V.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett, Illus.: Bro. Terry Holstein and Illus.: Bro. Paul Harden

Right:

Illus.: Bro. Bill Hall with V.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett.



Cedric and Bill clock up an impressive 194 Years between them and are keen to add their contribution to our ceremonial rites in the Eighteenth and Thirtieth Degrees.

More photographs from Les's Party.



Top: Kate Schober, Cheryl Richardson & Gail Padgett.

Middle: Julie and Bob Parker with Gail Padgett.

Bottom: Pam & John Cause with Barry Stephenson.

Front Page Photo & these: Kate Schober

Our District Commander Pays a Visit...

I considered it a privilege to be invited to attend the Installation of V.: Ill.: Bro. John Craft 33 as District Commander of NSW District Central Plains at Kelso (Bathurst) on Saturday 27 June.

In a number of country areas both the Sovereign Council and Sovereign Chapter meet on the same day and combine the refectory afterwards.

On this occasion Western Sovereign Council No. 47 met at 3.00pm where they elevated E&P Bro. David O'Connell to the Degree of Grand Elect Knight Kadosh.

When Rose of the Plains Sovereign Chapter No. 223 opened their meeting and had completed their Regular Business the Chapter was adjourned and ladies and non-members of the Rite were admitted into the Chapter room.

A delegation of eight entered, in procession, led by the Regional Commander Most.: Illus.: Bro. Greg Summerhayes 33⁰ and was welcomed by



The Delegation are, from left to right:

V.: Ill.: Bro Jeff Marks 33⁰ (Gilgandra)

V.: Ill.: Bro Ted Cohen 33⁰ KCoM (Orange)

V.: Ill.: Bro Clem Long 33⁰ District Commander NSW Mid Western Plains (Dubbo)

V.: Ill.: Bro Brian Sherman 33⁰ (Bathurst)

M.: Illus.: Bro Gregg Summerhayes 33⁰ Regional Commander Region 6 and Grand Marshall (Forbes)

V.: Ill.: Bro John Robb 33⁰ District Commander NSW Sydney West (Mt Druitt)

V.: Ill.: Bro John Craft 33⁰ District Commander NSW Central Western Plains

V.: Ill.: Bro Anthony Traynor 33⁰ (Springwood)

V.: Ill.: Bro David Padgett 33⁰ District Commander NSW Hunter (Newcastle)

the Most Wise Sovereign Illus.: Bro. Liam Cooper 30⁰.

Most.: Illus.: Bro. Greg Summerhayes occupied the chair requesting that those appointed take up their respective Offices for the Installation of the District Commander V.: Ill.: Bro. John Craft 33⁰.

The Ceremony of Installation proceeded in a very practised and moving way, at the completion of which Most.: Illus.: Bro. Greg Summerhayes returned the sceptre Illus.: Bro. Liam Cooper. The ladies and non-members then retired from the Chapter Room as the Chapter moved to conduct the risings and the Third Point.

"We were all truly impressed with the manner in which the ceremony was conducted," said Very.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett, "and look forward to V.: Ill.: Bro. John Craft 33⁰ having a happy and productive time as the District Commander for District Central Plains".



V.: Ill.: Bro John Craft 33⁰ with his wife, daughter and grand daughter.

Article and Photos: David Padgett

Advancements to the 31st and 32nd Degrees

Four Brethren were advanced to the Thirty-second Degree and one Brother to the Thirty-first Degree at a ceremony held on the 31st August prior to the Hunter Sovereign Council's regular meeting.

Young Illus.: Bro. Bill Hall, Illus.: Bro. Keith McCord, Illus.: Bro. Kevin Allen and Illus.: Bro. Allan Meizer took the Thirty-second Degree and Illus.: Bro. Phil Hurley was the candidate for the Thirty-first Degree.



Brethren who were advanced to the 32°. From Left to Right:

Illus.: Bro. Bill Hall 32° St. Albans, Illus.: Bro. Keith McCord 32° Aquila Alba, Illus.: Bro. Kevin Allen 32° Aquila Alba, Illus.: Bro. Allan Meizer 32° St. Elizabeth, V.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett 33° & V.: Illus.: Bro. Ted Oldfield 33°.



Illus.: Bro. Phil Hurley 31° with Very.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett 33°

Very.: Illus.: Bro. David Padgett commented on the pleasure it gave seeing Brethren who obviously enjoyed the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite so keen to advance through the degrees of the Order.

After serving a three year qualifying period Brethren can advance to a higher Degree in the Rite. Any wishing to avail himself of this privilege is advised to speak to our District Commander.

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Bob Lyons “The Lion-Heart” Installed as the Grand Commander of Hunter Sovereign Council



EmBro. Bob Lyons.

his hand up for a progressive Office. “So, I put my hand up for a progressive office and found myself Grand Commander!” Bob said in good humour. “How many years is that for?”

We can’t deny that Em.:Bro. Bob Lyons is anything but a Lion-Heart after taking on the Grand Commander’s role for Hunter Sovereign Council at their August regular meeting.

Bob had received rather concerning medical advice several weeks earlier, suggesting that he take things very easy but knowing Bob that wasn’t to be. Instead he took the advice in his stride, as usual - with a little help from his friends.

At Lodge Mayfield Daylight’s Installation Bob is supposed to Install his successor but before that he had his own Installation at Hunter Sov. Council, so to make things easier one of his close friends in Lodge Mayfield offered to be the Installing Officer at Lodge Mayfield. “I very much appreciated his offer and accepted,” said Bob, “that left me feeling much more confident to take up the Grand Commander’s role”.

“I know that I will do it alright”, he said, “because I can count on the Officers and members backing me up all the way.”

Bob was Installed by his predecessor Illus.:Bro. Terry Holstein after putting



Right: Em.:Bro. Bob Lyons presents Illus.:Bro. Terry Holstein with his Past Grand Commander’s Jewel

Barrie Cushway's Perfection at Aquila Alba Sov. Chapter



Barrie Cushway a member of Lodge Swansea Belmont No.1030 was proclaimed a Knight of Pelican and Eagle, and warmly welcomed as member of the Eighteenth Degree, at Aquila Alba Sov. Chapter’s September meeting.

Barrie is a retired engineer who worked tendering for power stations and also industrial grinding products.

He is single and recently moved to Blacksmiths from Caves beach and before that he lived on the Gold Coast.

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Left to Right: Jack McNaughton, John McDonald with V. :. Illus. :. Bro. David Padgett
33rd

Two members of Aquila Alba Sov. Chapter, Em. :. Bro. Jack McNaughton 32nd and Illus. :. Bro. John McDonald also received special honours from our District Commander.

Em. :. Bro. Jack McNaughton was presented an Order of Merit and his Forty Year Membership Certificate whilst Illus. :. Bro. John McDonald received his Thirty Year Membership Certificate.

Coming Events

Saturday 24 October 2015 St Albans Sovereign Chapter – New Lambton Masonic Centre 7.00 PM.

Saturday 31 October 2015 Newcastle Northern Sovereign Council – East Maitland Masonic Centre – 3.00 PM. - Workshop the 19th Degree.

Saturday 7 November 2015 St Elizabeth Sovereign Chapter – Maitland Masonic Centre - 7.00 PM - 10th Degree will be conducted prior to meeting.

Tuesday 10 November 2015 Mystes Rosae Sovereign Chapter – New Lambton Masonic Centre – 7.00 PM. - Enthronement of Philip Holden as MWS.

Saturday 14 November 2015 Aedis Christi Sovereign Chapter – Gosford Masonic Centre - 7.00 PM.

Monday 30 November 2015 Hunter Sovereign Council – New Lambton Masonic Centre - 7.00 PM. - Elevate John Clark & Allan Campbell

Friday 4 December 2015 Aquila Alba Sovereign Chapter – Belmont Masonic Centre – 7.00 PM.