



SYDNEY CENTRAL

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome

Hi to all Members of the AASR for Australia in NSW Sydney Central. This is the first newsletter to keep us all informed of events that have taken place, those that are upcoming, and to keep all of the Members of the Chapters and Councils in this District connected.

Contributions and suggestions are encouraged and will, where possible be included.

Please see it as a way to further promote "The Rite" within our District and to increase the strong bonds that already bind us.

It is hoped to keep it paperless but feel free to print it for Members who may not have the facilities to read it online.

Ordo Ab Chao

JUST A THOUGHT.....

"No one can make you feel inferior unless you give them your consent"



Solid as a "Rock"

New Grand Commander for Sydney Central Sovereign Council

The first event on this quarters calendar saw the reigns of Sydney Central handed over to Em.: Bro Sam Rock 32° who has been amongst us in varying capacities for a number years now.

The Ceremony of Installation was expertly handled by the out going Grand Commander Em.: Bro John Cuttle 32° and with the assistance of visiting members who filled in for officers, the "Change over" flowed smoothly.

Good cheer and fellowship was enjoyed at the refectory that followed. I am certain all Members of the District wish the Council all the best for a prosperous year ahead.

“Perfection, perfection”



The November meeting of the Sydney St Andrew Chapter saw Em.: Bro Malcolm Stradwick 32° relished and excel as "stand in" MWS for the perfection of E & P Bro Aleks Savki.

Bro Savki enjoyed the evening and mentioned the similarities between his Serbian background and symbols in our Rite, in particular the double headed eagle on the flag of that country.



The Saint assigned to him as a young boy was St John who as we know is a significant icon in our Masonic history.

Seems like he was born to be a Mason and we now welcome him as a future key member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia.

“Ham please? Yes please!”

University of Sydney Chapter once again celebrated the “Yule tide” festivities with a traditional Christmas dinner.

This report from M.: Ill.: Bob Lions.

On 4th December, some 24 members of the Chapter and their guests gathered in the SMC for the Chapter’s “Ham Dinner”.

It was a very informal atmosphere and truly in the spirit of “disinterested friendship”. We had the opportunity to mingle, meet partners and to enjoy that chatting which is far too often curtailed after meetings.

As for the ham, the tradition started many years ago when we demanded the right to carve our own ham rather than get the slices of pink rubber which are normally served up at this time of the year. If it is white rubber you know it is turkey, if it is brown it is beef or lamb! SMC plays up to this and served a beautifully baked ham which we dutifully demolished.

As it was their Christmas menu, we commenced with beautiful tiger prawns, then the aforementioned ham with accompanying salads, veggies and sauces. (Our vegetarians certainly didn’t have to starve as the range of green things was wide enough to satisfy them.)

Then, to top it off, a range of yummy desserts!



Thus, we had a great night and did spare a thought for those who missed it. Maybe they won’t be missing its annual recurrence on 4th December 2020 if they put the date in their diary now!

District Meeting Dates for the Diary	
Sydney Central Sovereign Council:	10th February
PCES Sovereign Council:	4th March
Sydney St Andrew Sovereign Chapter:	26th February
The Sydney Chapter:	3rd March
University of Sydney Sovereign Chapter:	27th March



“A Rose by any other Name...”

A lecture on the Origins of the Rose-Croix

The Members and guests of The Sydney Chapter were treated to a night of education on the origins of the order. Drawing on a number of sources the talk offered great insights into various aspects of the history and development of the “Rite”.

It was beautifully crafted and presented by V.Em. Bro Grant who was also able to handle the questions that followed from members with his knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Perhaps in the not too distant future another opportunity to present it will occur, prior to that if you wish to read it copies are available from the author or myself.

A picture (or more) tells a thousand words

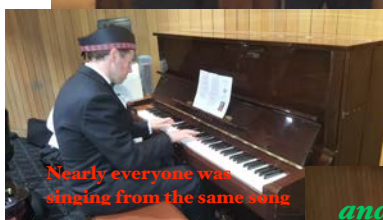
Its Prince Charles Edward Stewart, its Christmas, it was a wonderful day; what more needs to be said!



Music and Carols



Keith Stewart Memorial Readings



Nearly everyone was singing from the same song



Festive Cheer



and of course great company

Photo contributions Ill. Bro Pesiwarrissa

Important District News:

On the 28th of March a new chapter will be consecrated in our District. Chapter Dr J P Rizal will be formed and meet at Petersham Masonic Centre. More details will follow shortly. It would be great if as many as possible of us could support this new addition to our Order and our District.