

## **SUPREME COUNCIL, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR AUSTRALIA**

### **THE PRINCE CHARLES EDWARD STUART SOVEREIGN COUNCIL 30<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE**

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia is an Australia wide Order which meets each year in Sydney (pandemics allowing) in the third week of June to formalise the year's decisions going forward for the next year. Sydney is the physical location of the Order and is known as "The Grand East". On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June two associated events occurred allowing interstate members of the Order to attend the Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council No 45 which, each year during Supreme Council week, holds its installation meeting. This year was particularly important as it had not been possible to travel to Sydney in June 2020 and the incumbent Grand Commander had in accordance with masonic practice been required to serve extra time until "a successor could be installed". In addition, and in order again to provide another event for interstate visitors a meeting of the Waratah Consistory No 4 was held. A Consistory comprises members of the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> degrees only.

Wednesday became a day of intense activity when overall some 90 members of the Order were able to meet and in fraternal enjoyment to carry out the rituals of the Order and partake in the special harmony of a Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council Refectory.

At 9.00 am sharp Em.: Bro Frank Payne 32<sup>o</sup> CoM<sup>(1)</sup>, the Commander in Chief, opened the Waratah Consistory No 4 of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in Lodge room No 4. The purpose of this meeting was to elevate four members of the 31<sup>st</sup> Degree to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree and receive the Royal Secret. This for many members is the ultimate degree in the Order. The 33<sup>rd</sup> degree being only given to those who take on the administrative duties of a District Commander.

The ritual of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree being completed Em.: Bro Neville Mison 32<sup>o</sup> OoM, Em.: Bro Tony Craig 32<sup>o</sup> OoM, Ill.: Bro Andre Fetterman 32<sup>o</sup>, and Em.: Bro Bruce McLean 32<sup>o</sup> OoM were invested with their 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree regalia and welcomed by the Grand Commander in Chief as Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. In total there were some 65 33<sup>rd</sup> degree and 32<sup>nd</sup> degree members of the Order attending this meeting

Tony Craig

Neville Mison



Andre Fetterman

Bruce McLean

Once the consistory was closed the attendees joined other members of the Order waiting to open the Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council No 45. Members and Visitors assembled in Lodge

Room No 2 and the Council was duly opened at 10.05 am by the Grand Commander Em.:Bro Neville Mison 32<sup>o</sup> OoM with 84 members and visitors present including members of the Supreme Council who are also members of the Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council.



The Routine administrative business of the Council which was kept to a minimum in accordance with the “Customs and Usages of the Council”. In this regard the business of the meeting is carried out without the direction of the Presiding Officer the appropriate officers rising and giving their reports in accordance with the agenda in the Notice Paper. In addition, during the ritual directions are not given by the Grand Master of Ceremonies or the Grand Commander, members are expected to know when to stand or sit and to coach their guests in the procedure. A ballot was taken for the advancement of Excellent and Perfect (E&P) Brother Frank Avati by a show of hands and being unanimously approved Frank was duly advanced from the 18<sup>th</sup> degree to the 30<sup>th</sup> degree and became a member of the Council.

Frank Avati on receiving his Council Accoutrements (tie, handkerchief, and lapel badge), being congratulated by M.: P.: Bro Bill Morgan Sovereign Grand Commander with the Grand Commander Em.: Bro Neville Mison 32<sup>o</sup> OoM alongside.



The installation of V.: Ill.: Bro Don Savage 33<sup>o</sup> as Grand Commander then took place followed by the investiture of the Officers of the Council.

The Acting Grand Master of Ceremonies Em .: Bro Rusty Shore 32<sup>o</sup> OoM assisting the Installing Officer Em.:Bro Neville Mison 32<sup>o</sup> OoM in transferring the Grand Commander's neck jewel to V.: Ill.: Bro Don Savage 33<sup>o</sup> as the new Grand Commander



The Council was then closed at 12.10 pm and the Grand Commander and Members of the Supreme Council were piped out of the room by Ill.: Bro Eric Maver 31<sup>o</sup> SC on their way to the Banquet Hall for the refectory which was attended by 90 members of the Order. In Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council toasts (in accordance with our "Customs and Usages") are not responded to, but the members sing suitable ditties concerning the particular toast to well known tunes. For the Visitors the song is "Will ye no come back again" and a special recipe of a wee dram is introduced to the table in decanters by the Grand Master of Works and the two Grand Wardens.

The Wee Dram being paraded around the Top table.



A wonderful day and all walked to their accommodation or took the train home!

If you are interested in furthering your journey beyond the Craft degrees, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia gives you a very enjoyable ladder to climb. The first step is to join a chapter Rose Croix and receive the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree. To do this you must be a Master Mason of two years standing if you are in the NSW and ACT jurisdiction. To enquire about the Order you can:

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**Note 1:** The post nominals refer to awards of merit for contribution to the Order over and above routine membership and are:

OoM = Order of Merit; CoM = Companion of Merit; KCoM = Knight Commander of Merit