



FOUR REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Two celebrations in Geraldton and two Consistories in Kalamunda marked a significant month for the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in Western Australia.

In Geraldton, 88-year-old John Ashplant attended Midwest Sovereign Council as IllBro – and emerged as VEmBro, after becoming the State's newest Knight Commander of the Order of Merit.

For Regional Commander MillBro Graeme Cucel, it was a hectic period – he attended all celebrations!

Recorder and Secretary for more years than most can remember, VEmBro Ashplant remains the cornerstone of the Council – and still does maintenance at the building.

At the same meeting, IllBro Wyndell Lee completed his transition from the Irving E Henry Consistory No 371 in Bahrain to Nowell Sovereign Chapter and now Midwest SC.

And, in the near future, IllBro Lee will become WM of his Craft lodge – yet another example of dedication to freemasonry.



Before and after: Above left – IllBro John Ashplant. Above right – VEmBro Ashplant, sporting his KCOM jewel and holding the certificate received from Regional Commander Graeme Cucel. [That's IllBro Frank Hill in the background.]



L-R: VIII Bro Ian Farrar, Mill Bro Graeme Cucel, Ill Bro Wyndell Lee, VEm Bro John Ashplant and VIII Bro Vince Viola, who also doubled in Kalamunda.

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THE TEAMS AND THE NEW MEMBERS

It was all smiles in Kalamunda as two consistories held ceremonies to admit three new members to the 32nd degree and three to the 31st. IllBro Bill Babe (easy to spot in the centre) was the Grand Commander in Chief for the 32nd degree ceremony and VillBro Dave Wood (on his right) was the Enlightened Presiding Officer for the 31st degree.



The District Commanders and the Regional Commander did the honours in investing their respective members and presenting them with their 32nd degree certificates.

L-R: District Commander VillBro Vince Viola and IllBro Glyn Thomas (JA Ellis SC); District Commander VillBro Stephen Pillage and IllBro John Miller (South West SC) and Regional Commander MlllBro Graeme Cucel and IllBro Ivan de Baugy (Mid-West SC.)

Once again, it was the Regional Commander and two District Commanders who performed the relevant duties for the three new members of the 31st degree.

L-R: MlllBro Graeme Cucel and IllBro Trevor Smith (Great Southern SC); VillBro Vince Viola and IllBro David Shearer (Milpara SC) and VillBro Ray Agombar and IllBro John Selfe (Fremantle SC). Between those two is VillBro Dave Wood, who conducted the ceremony.

