

THE RITE

MESSAGE

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The Supreme Council 33°
of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia
(known as the ROSE CROIX)



.....before.....

III Bro Ray Agombar, III Bro Ken Warne and III Bro Graeme Cucel (all 32°)



.....after.....

VIII Bro Ray Agombar, VIII Bro Ken Warne and VIII Bro Graeme Cucel (all 33°), Region 4's new District Commanders.

VIII Bro Ray Agombar, the new District Commander for Central South, has made up for lost time since joining the Craft in 1980 and his Masonic history is too detailed to list here.

A member of The Carrington Lodge, he's also heavily involved in Royal Arch Masonry apart from positions in the A&ASR 33° for Australia that few others would even attempt.

Perfected in the EC just 12 years ago, VIII Bro Agombar was a MWS and District Recorder there before arriving in WA.

Here, he was simultaneously MWS of Duke of Kent SC No 27 and Emmanuel in Fremantle SC No 64 – and, for good measure, was District Recorder as well.

VIII Bro Agombar succeeds VIII Bro David Wood, who has completed his five-year term.

VIII Bro Ken Warne is another who's thrown himself into Freemasonry since his initiation into the Esperance Lodge in 1986.

After his term of WM in 1994, he served 13 years as Treasurer or Secretary and been honoured with Grand Rank five times, including three years as a DGIW.

Perfected in Archipelago SC No 183 in 2005, VIII Bro Warne was MWS in 2008, received the OoM in 2009 and was promoted to the 31° and 32° in 2012 and 2014 respectively.

He served five years as District Recorder before his elevation to District Commander, where he succeeds VIII Bro Robbie McInnes. VIII Bro Warne is also a member of SRAC, having joined Recherche Viking in 2001 and becoming its 1st Principal in 2006.

VIII Bro Graeme Cucel was initiated in Port Hedland Lodge in 1978 and its WM in 1982.

A member of WALOR since 1983, he joined Shenton Park/Bedford Lodge in 1990, and was its WM in 1991, installing his son the following year.

A foundation member of The Carrington Lodge and King Solomon Day Lodge – and WM of both. Perfected in Sharon SC and MWS three times -- foundation MWS of Port Hedland SC.

A recipient of the OoM and then CoM, VIII Bro Cucel also served as District Recorder to VIII Bro Stewart Stenhouse for three years.

A member of JA Ellis Sovereign Council No 19 for more than 20 years to 2011, he re-joined recently. Also in Royal Arch Masonry.

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a new banner

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia unveiled a new banner (left) at the annual Supreme Council meeting in Sydney in June.

The banner is the work of the Deputy Supreme Commander, MIII Bro Professor Bill Thompson. The Regional Commander, MIII Bro Cyril Hondris, said that the banner had been received with great enthusiasm and would enhance all future Supreme Council meetings.

A CASE OF THIRD TIME LUCKY

Three years ago, Region Four of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia had the honour to host Professor Fiona Wood at a dinner – and to present the Fiona Wood Foundation with a cheque.

On Thursday 30th July, the A&ASR hosted another dinner, again with Professor Wood as its special guest – and again presented her with a cheque for the Foundation.....this time it was \$10,000.

The dinner, held at the Lawley Park Community Centre, attracted 80 guests -- brethren and their wives and a strong contingent from the Centre itself.

For all concerned, it was a case of third time lucky. Two earlier attempts to organise the function had to be postponed for various reasons, but the Regional Commander, MIII Bro Cyril Hondris, persevered.

In the final analysis, the Grand Master, MW Bro Steven Jancec and the Grand Master-Elect, RW Bro Dr Bill Babe and their respective wives Beth and Kelly, were among the guests.

All enjoyed an excellent evening of camaraderie, with hors d'oeuvres, a significant roast dinner and then a delightful sticky date pudding, complete with sauce and ice cream.

Vintage wines, along with the mandatory beer, soft drinks and water, rounded out a night for all to remember.



ABOVE: It was smiles all around as The Regional Commander, MIII Bro Cyril Hondris, presented Professor Fiona Wood with a cheque for \$10,000.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

By the time you read this, District Northern will have conducted a 31st degree ceremony in Geraldton, together with a 30th degree ceremony and an Installation. Expect a full report, with pix, soon.