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History in the making



The Mid-West Sovereign Council created history this month when it conducted its first 31st degree ceremony. With the assistance of three Sovereign Councils from Perth, the Geraldton Masonic Hall in Augustus Street boasted three District Commanders and two Immediate Past District Commanders as four new Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commanders were created. A fifth, IllBro George Nairn, was unable to attend because of an accident that morning.

LtoR: VIII Bro Graeme Cucel (DC, Central East), Ill Bro Carl Reynolds, VIII Bro David Wood, Ill Bro Neil Simon, VIII Bro Ian Farrar (DC, District Northern), VIII Bro Ted Gray, Ill Bro Ivan de Baugy, Ill Bro Arthur Eden and VIII Bro Ray Agombar (DC, Central South). In all, the JA Ellis, Fremantle and Milpara Sovereign Councils also participated in the ceremony, which was then followed by a 30th degree ceremony and a sumptuous festive board for brethren and their ladies (see overleaf.)

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COMPLETING MID-WEST SC'S BIGGEST DAY

A 30th degree ceremony involving the representatives of four Sovereign Councils provided a fitting second part of the biggest day in the history of Mid-West SC.

The afternoon labour was the creation of E&PP Kurt Mayerhofer to IllBro.

As he later told brethren, it was a step he "had" to take to keep one pace ahead of his son, who had also joined the A&ASR.

The ceremony went ahead on schedule, but not until after a couple of dramas.

Firstly, the Council's Grand Commander, IllBro Jeff Cole, became a casualty after breaking a leg in Bali.

The lot then fell to IllBro Geoff Paddick, who

had only recently chaired a combing meeting between JA Ellis and Fremantle SCs.

In the early hours of the morning, IllBro Paddick suffered a severe attack of vertigo, but a trip to a local chemist by his wife Kay produced tablets that enabled him to subdue the attack sufficiently to conduct proceedings, which went without any further hitches – albeit with a ritual modified slightly for his convenience.

Later, some of the Councils' ladies joined their husbands for a magnificent festive board.

ABOVE: *The cast, minus IllBro Frank Hill, who doubled as photographer.*

BELOW: *IllBro Hill was also in action with his camera at the festive board.*

THE VERDICT: *A weekend to remember for all concerned.*

