

## The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:

- Is the largest body of Freemasons in the world working under a single constitution. In numbers of members, it is second only to Craft Freemasonry
- Is also known as Rose Croix Freemasonry
- Is the only Masonic Order that provides an opportunity for the advancement to the 33°
- The Meetings are usually held approximately 4 times per year, the commitment is not onerous
- The Supreme Council for Australia is the only National Masonic body operating within Australia (AASR for Australia)



### District NSW South Eastern & ACT

**Three Rose Croix Sovereign Chapters  
currently meet in your local area.**

#### **Canberra Sovereign Chapter Sovereign No 24**

Meeting at Masonic Centre, 100-102  
St Albans Street, Canberra  
Contact : E & P Bro Geoff Driscoll 18°  
(H) 6281 4254

#### **Highland St Ninian Sovereign Chapter No 99**

Meeting at Masonic Centre, Crawford Street  
Queanbeyan at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of  
February, May, August and November.  
Contact : Em Bro David Horton 31°  
(H) 6231 5513

#### **City of Goulburn Sovereign Chapter No 229**

Meeting at Goulburn Masonic, Bourke Street,  
Goulburn at 6pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of  
February, May, August and November.  
Contact : V III Bro Neville Usher 33°  
(H) 4869 1406

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#### **District Recorder**

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#### **District Commander**

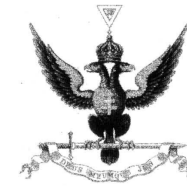
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## INVITATION TO APPLY TO JOIN THE ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF MASONRY

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to apply for membership of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry. The term Scottish does not imply that the Rite came from Scotland. In fact it was developed in Europe and "Scottish" is the translation of the French word "Ecosais", from their Ecosais degrees.

So that you may know something about the Rite, set out below is a portion of its history.

One of the important degrees in the Rite, now known as the **Rose Croix Degree**, is claimed to date from before 1700. Indeed by about 1730 some 12 versions of the degree existed.



In its early years the Degree had an interesting history and was an integral part in what were known as "The High Grades of Masonry". The 1762 Constitutions of the Rite of Perfection listed it as the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) in the twenty five Degrees of that Rite which rapidly spread throughout the "Masonic World".

Under "The Grand Constitutions of 1786", the Rite of Perfection was reorganised and extended to the 33<sup>rd</sup> and last Degree of Freemasonry. It was renamed the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry", with the Rose Croix Degree continuing as the Eighteenth Degree in the new Rite.

### History of the Rite in Australia.

The Grand Constitutions of 1786 provide for a procedure whereby a Supreme Council in one country can establish a Supreme Council in another country where a Supreme Council does not already exist. Under this procedure Supreme Councils are legitimately established. A Patent to establish the Supreme Council 33° for England and Wales was sought from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction USA and was granted in 1845. The Supreme Council 33° for Scotland was erected by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Morison in 1846.



Within a comparatively few years both the Supreme Council for England and the Supreme Council for Scotland had approved petitions for Charters to establish Rose Croix Chapters in Australia, the first one being Metropolitan No.1 in Melbourne in 1858. Until 1945 progress of the Order in Australia was slow but steady. After 1945 there was a marked impetus to the development of Rose Croix Freemasonry in Australia.

It was a natural development because of the growth of this Rite post 1945 that there should be a demand for a Supreme Council 33° for Australia. In response to that demand, in 1984 the Supreme Council for England and the Supreme Council for Scotland conducted a vote of all their members and chapters. The result of this proving favorable, the two Supreme Councils moved to establish a Supreme Council for Australia and on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1985 the 'Supreme Council of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia' came into being. We are now one of more than 60 regular Supreme Councils operating in different countries throughout the world.



We have over 150 active Rose Croix Chapters, together with over 60 Knight Kadosh Councils of the 30° operating in Australia. For administrative purposes the country is divided into Regions, each Region having several Districts. In most cases, wherever you live in Australia there is a Rose Croix Sovereign Chapter and Sovereign Council under this Supreme Council operating near you. Chapters typically meet bi-monthly or quarterly.

To become a member of our Rite you must be a member in good standing of a Craft Lodge owing allegiance to an Australian Grand Lodge or a Grand Lodge in amity with an Australian Grand Lodge. To remain a member of the Rite, you will be required to remain a member of a recognized Craft Lodge. Your three craft degrees are accepted as equivalent to the first three degrees of this Rite. If you truly seek greater knowledge of Freemasonry, I invite you to apply to join our Order. I am sure that you will find the experience both uplifting and rewarding.

There are two types of Chapters under the SC for Australia, those which are open to all MMs and those which require a Trinitarian Christian belief.

If you have received this invitation from a fellow Mason, he will no doubt be able to give you further assistance to apply for membership.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Dominic De Candia 33°  
Grand Secretary General H.: E.: