# CLUB



# CHAT

# NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

**CLUB CHAT - ISSUE 28 JULY 2020** 

## KEY EVENT DATES







be entertained by live musical

performances



**EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006** 

## WELCOME BACK!

Dear Members,

Firstly, thank you for all the well-wishes we have received and for your patience whilst the Club was temporarily closed. This was a very unusual time for all concerned.

We reopened the Lounge on the 1st of June for lunch from Monday to Friday. It has been such a pleasure to see our valued Members returning. We have created a new menu with daily specials for you to

enjoy, along with new service procedures in our COVID-Safe dining area. See further details in "Members Matters".

We also welcomed the Sydney Birthday Club, as our first function back since reopening, with many more functions being booked once again. We hope to see you in the Club soon.

Kind regards,

#### Paul Brasch

General Manager NSWMC & Castlereagh Boutique Hotel











# **EXCITING EVENTS**

## Member Events are Back!

### **DINE AND WINE TASTING LUNCH**

WHEN: 12.30pm Wednesday 1 luly WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Our Wine and Dine Luncheon is doing a clever "COVID pivot" this month to ensure members can engage with, and learn from, a top interstate winemaker.



Duke Ranson, award-winning Winemaker from Duke's Vineyard in Western Australia will join our lunch via a live stream on the large screen in Cellos.

Sam Biddle from Veraison Wines will attend the lunch in person, facilitating the wine tasting session and Q&A's with guests and "The Duke".

#### Tickets \$70 per person

Includes a 2-course meal and a glass of sparkling on arrival. Inclusive of GST and Members' discount.

Bookings: Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

Limited to first 50 people to book Book early to avoid disappointment.

> **NEXT WINE AND DINE LUNCH** is to be held on WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2020

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# NICE AS PIE

# in the Lounge

On a cool Winter's Day, there is nothing nicer than a freshly baked pie.

The Castlereagh Lounge is now offering a "Pie of the Week", alternating a delicious variety of hearty fillings.

Pie of the Week \$20.00

Follow us on our Facebook page @NSWMC for the type of pie being served each week or call us on 02 9284 1000.

### RECIPE: Easy as Pie

Enjoy this recipe for hearty Beef and Stout pie filling for 8 individual pies.

- 2.5 kg Diced shin beef
- 1 onion
- 2 carrots
- 1 litre Guinness
- Thyme, garlic, seasoning
- Soak beef in beer overnight
- Sear beef in pan
- Add all other ingredients
- Cover with rest of beer
- Braise in oven 160°C for 2 hours

Fill and bake pies in your favourite shortcrust pastry.

## **EXCITING EVENTS**

## Welcome Back Members!

#### LONG LUNCH CELEBRATIONS

WHEN: 12.30pm Friday 17 & 31 July WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

It has been a long while since we have seen some of our Members! We are excited to welcome you back to the Club with an extra special Long Lunch.

Enjoy a 2-course menu showcasing some of our most-loved dishes and musical entertainment with an element of surprise.

#### Tickets \$70 per person

Inclusive of GST and Members' discount. **Bookings:** Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

## **MEMBERS' MATTERS**

We are now a registered COVID-Safe business. This shows our commitment to assuring the safety and well-being of Members, Guests, Contractors and Staff. We have been pleased to hear positive feedback from Members regarding the procedures introduced during COVID-19. The level of compliance we have seen from our Members and Guests has been excellent - keep up the great work as we return to some sort of normal!

The new measures we have implemented include; new paths of travel, sign in procedures, temperature checks, social distancing, new food and beverage service procedures, to name a few.

We would also like to remind Members to keep bringing in and swapping books in our new library on Level 2. Sincere thanks to everyone who has donated books so far.





## HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

A change of scenery is known to boost your well-being and mood. Research shows that a change of routine and physical location can lift positive emotions and happiness.

Why not change your scene and immerse yourself in the historic charm of

the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, for a night or two away from home?

Members receive 15% off rates available to the general public, so now is the time to book a deal

from as low as \$119 per night!



- Visit www.thecastlereagh.com.au
- Enter your dates and the promo code "NSWMCMEMBER"
- Choose from a range of room types and offers

You can also call our Hotel Reservations team on 02 9284 1000 and ask for members' special rates on the dates you wish to stay.

# PAUL'S PUNS

"I have a split personality," said Tom, being frank.

Did you hear about the band "999 Megabites"? They are very good, but haven't got a Gig yet!





# Great Gatsby! Functions and Meeting are Back!

We're delighted to let you know that we can take function and meeting bookings of up to 50 people once again.

We expect restrictions on numbers will relax again before long, so it is an ideal time to explore our nostalgic, unique venue for future events: luncheons, Christmas Parties, meetings, seminars, special occasion dinners, reunions, commemorations, and more!

NOTE: In accordance with NSW Government guidelines, patrons must be seated at tables with no more than 10 people. Strict social distancing is required, and floor space of 1 person per 4 sqm applies.

Catering Packages start from \$41.50 per person Full Day Meeting Packages start from \$60 per person

Call our Events Coordinator on 02 9284 1006 to secure your date.