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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Sydney Masonic Centre - Tuesday 14 February 2017

12.00 pm for 12.30 pm

The Association is delighted to announce that Mr Keith Bylund, a telegraphist with the former Postmaster General's Department from 1962 to 1972, will be the guest speaker at the Association's February Luncheon to be held in the Corinthian Room of the Sydney Masonic Centre on Tuesday 14 February 2017. His subject will be the History and Interesting Facts of Morse Code.

Prior to the use of the telegraph, messages were conveyed over long distances either by hand or by visual means using a system of flags or lights. The latter required the use of observers who would decipher a signal from a high tower and then send it on to the next station.



The system was replaced by the telegraph in 1834 and enabled messages to be sent over long distance using electrical impulses. Samuel FB Morse is accredited as being the inventor of telegraphy and the code used to transmit the messages. The code consists of a series of dots and dashes using a telegraph key and was first used in Australia in 1854.

Morse Code and the telegraph continued as the main means of communication until it was phased out during the 1960's with the last telegram being sent by Morse Code between Roebourne and Wittenoon Gorge, Western Australia in 1968.

This promises to be a most interesting talk and the Committee of Management looks forward to welcoming you at this very special luncheon.

Price \$45 per person includes a two-course meal; tea/coffee; beverages

Name: Name of accompanying person.....
Number of tickets: Total cost @ \$45 per person \$.....
Contact address: Contact telephone No.....

Method of Payment:

Cheques/Money Orders - payable to the ***Freemasons' Association (NSW& ACT)*** and sent to *The Secretary*.

Direct Deposit may be made through: **CSB – BSB 062 016 Account No 1134 5682 Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT)** – Please indicate ***February Luncheon 2017***

Please provide: Date of Payment.....AmountBank Reference

RSVP to the Secretary (Details in A/W letterhead) by Thursday 9 February 2017.

Refund Policy – The Association is required to provide the Sydney Masonic Centre with final figures 5 working days ahead of the function and to pay the SMC based on those figures. For this reason, the Association is unable to refund payments if advice of an inability to attend is received after mid-day on the RSVP date.