

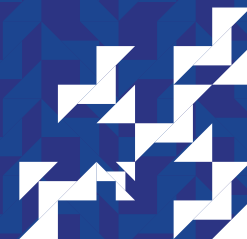
# STELLA

## 2024

AMORC AUSTRALASIAN REGIONAL CONVENTION

LIGHT, LIFE AND LOVE

# UNDER THE MILKY WAY



# Greetings from the Imperator

## Imperator's message

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

### Rosicrucian greetings!

Let me start this message to you with words by the famous German mystic, Karl von Eckartshausen:

*“Sons of Truth, there is but one order, but one brotherhood, but one association of humankind thinking alike in the one object of acquiring the Light...”*

I quoted those inspired words because I deeply believe that the reason we Rosicrucians, sons and daughters of Truth, meet is because we are searching for the Light, and because we are searching for it together. I think this is our inheritance, which carries within it the noble and chivalrous spirit of our brothers and sisters of the past. 'Light, Life and Love Under the Milky Way', the title of the convention, conveys how this Light to which we devote so much loving attention crosses the inner sky of



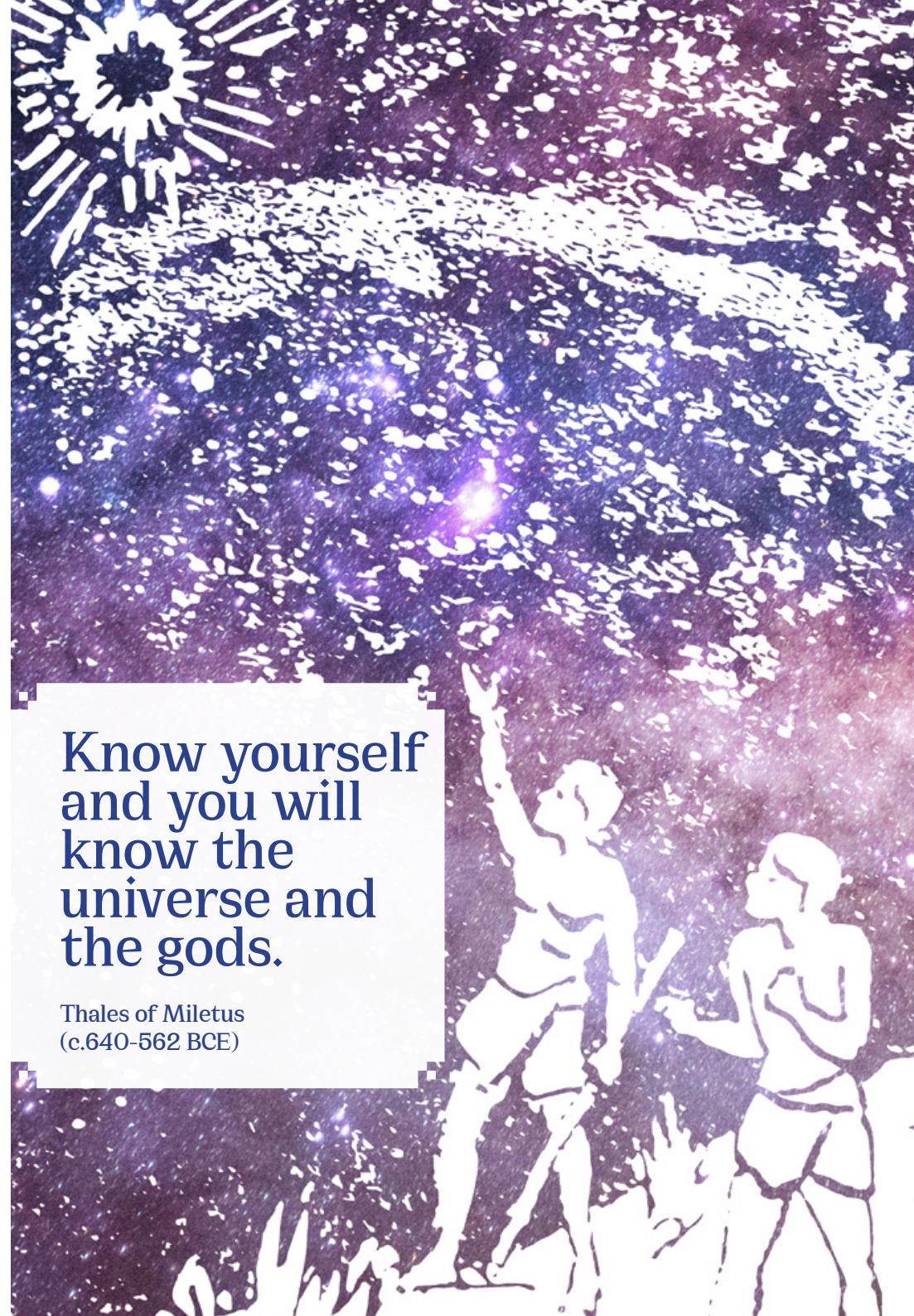
every human being, producing Life and then expressing Love.

With thoughts of meeting you all for this important moment of harmony, I extend to you my warmest wishes for Peace Profound.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
**Claudio Mazzucco**  
Imperator

**Know yourself  
and you will  
know the  
universe and  
the gods.**

Thales of Miletus  
(c.640-562 BCE)





# Light, Life & Love Under the Milky Way

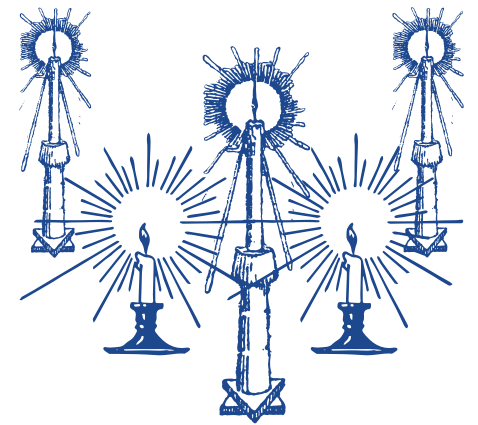
## Convention Outline

Stella 2024: 'Light, Life and Love Under the Milky Way' is the theme of the AMORC Australasian convention that will be held in January 2024. It will take place over three weekends in three separate yet united parts of the convention.

'**Light**' is the opening theme in Singapore, and is the first 'spiritual flame' to be kindled upon the convention journey. The second opening theme to be lit in our imagination is '**Life**', to occur in Adelaide, South Australia, including a trip to the Grand Lodge located in the Adelaide Hills. Thirdly, the flame of '**Love**' will be kindled as the opening theme in Auckland, New Zealand. Thus a star-filled progression of Light, Life and Love will complete its unity across the Australasian jurisdiction.

The Australasian jurisdiction spans both hemispheres and reaches from Afghanistan in the west to the International Date Line in the east. Therefore, the three parts will allow for participation in an event closer to your home, although you are very welcome to attend all three parts.

# STELLA 2024



## Dignitaries Attending

Imperator Frater Claudio Mazzucco and Grand Master for the English Grand Lodge for Australia, Asia, and New Zealand, Soror Lucy Crawford-Sandison, will attend all three parts of the convention.

Supreme Grand Lodge Vice President (Grand Master for the English Grand Lodge for Europe, the Middle East and Africa) Frater Sven Johansson will attend the Adelaide part of the convention.

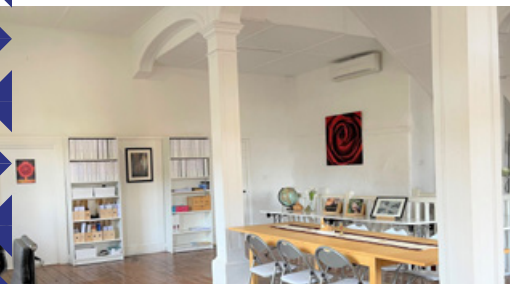
Various parts of the convention will be attended by various members of the Board of Directors, including Vice President and Groups Director Soror Mariana Torkington; Grand Lodge Treasurer Soror Sandra Young; and Secretary Soror Margaret Hill.

Grand Lodge field officers (Regional Monitors and Grand Councillors) from the Australasian jurisdiction, as well as some dignitaries from other jurisdictions, will be in attendance at some venues.



# Grand Lodge Visit

Strathalbyn, South Australia  
Monday 22nd January

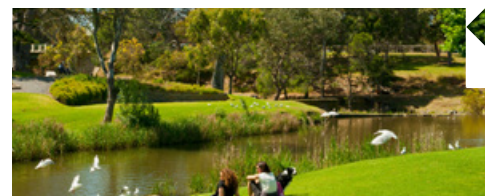


The event will include a tour of Grand Lodge, including viewing of the Grand Lodge special archives, insights into the printing and monthly mailing, Rosae Shop surprises, presentations and ceremonies.

Subject to completion, we are hoping to hold a special ceremony for the opening of a new library and the laying of a time capsule.



The Grand Lodge is the administrative headquarters and 'spiritual home' of the Australasian jurisdiction's overarching activities; a place where the Grand Master, staff and volunteers can work together peacefully. It is situated in the serenely picturesque historic town of Strathalbyn, near the banks of the Angas River.



The day trip, by coach to the Grand Lodge, will include some sightseeing on the way to Strathalbyn, as well as lunch at the historic Victoria Hotel.

Between the city and Strathalbyn lie the beautiful, rolling Adelaide Hills, with their scenic drives, charming villages, leafy avenues, orchards and well-known wineries surrounded by colourful vineyards.



You will find many options for retreat-style accommodation if you wish to find a tranquil haven for meditation, art, stargazing, walking and rest.

Art lovers can tour Hans Heysen's house, 'The Cedars', and rose lovers can tour a biodynamic rose and herb farm, both near Hanhndorf.







# Singapore

13th-14th of January

## Light



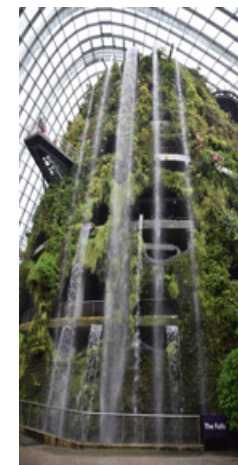
**Part I** of the convention takes place in the tropical South-East Asian island city of Singapore (Singapura), located just north of the equator, off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. Singapore is well known for its clean and green streets, eco high-rise architecture, colourful culture and rich culinary heritage. English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil are all official languages of Singapore, although locals often refer to the informal use of 'Singlish'.

There are 64 offshore islands that surround the main island. These include Sentosa—a popular island resort with myriad attractions—and havens for nature lovers, such as Pulau Ubin, St John's Island and Sisters' Islands.



This part of the convention is to be held over two days at the beautiful York Hotel in Singapore.

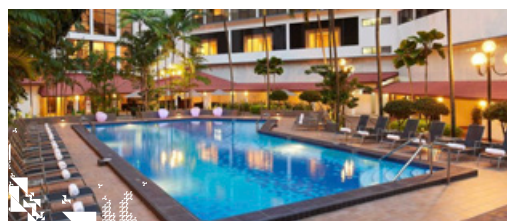
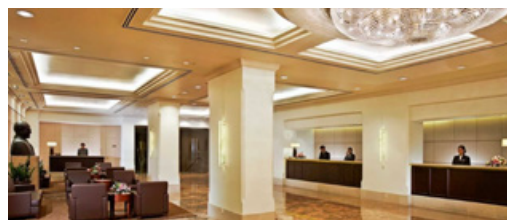
This **first flame** of the convention journey will begin with a Rosicrucian opening ceremony featuring 'the journey of the Light'. **Day 1** (Saturday) will then include presentations, the Council of Solace, lunch and an optional banquet dinner at a local restaurant.



**Day 2** (Sunday) will include a Pronaos Convocation, a presentation, the Council of Solace, lunch and then an optional walk and Meditation for Peace in the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Accommodation is available at the York Hotel, but there are many other options for accommodation close by in the Singapore central area or on the islands around Singapore, as well as across the border in Malaysia. Group bookings for hotel accommodation in Singapore are currently being researched. Billeting with a local AMORC member might be available upon request.

Travel around Singapore is fast and efficient, with options of trains, buses and taxis. The Changi Airport shuttle takes approximately 1.5 hours to central Singapore (S\$10) and a taxi takes 45 minutes. You can browse Singapore tourism websites for more information.



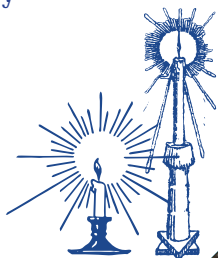




# Adelaide

South Australia  
19th-22nd of January

## Life

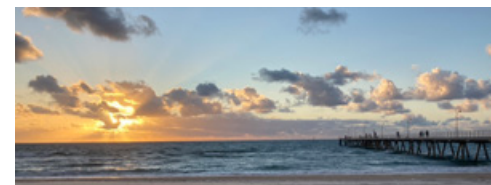
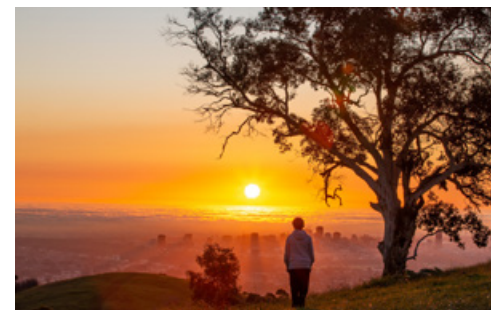


**Part 2** of the convention takes place in the city of Adelaide, which is set in the fertile land between the sandy beaches of the Gulf St Vincent, the Mount Lofty Ranges, and the vast outback deserts to the north. Adelaide, called Tarndanya (red kangaroo place) in the language of the Kaurna people, the original custodians of the land on which Adelaide is built, is also known as the 'City of Light', after its designer, the progressive polymath Colonel William Light, whose vision was for a city surrounded by green parklands. It is also known as the gateway to the outback and the city of churches.

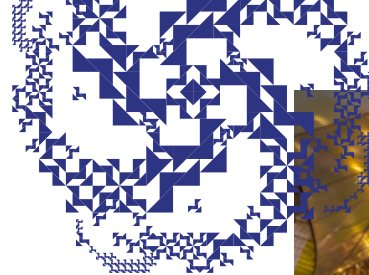


This part of the convention is to be held over three days at the **Adelaide Convention Centre** on the banks of the Torrens River/Karrawirra Parri, overlooking the Adelaide Oval and a short walk to the Adelaide Festival Centre and the South Australian Museum, Art Gallery, State Library and Botanic Garden. Adelaide in January is a place of summer relaxation and balmy evenings, filled with festivals and a vibrant culinary culture.

The **second flame** of the convention journey will begin with a 'welcome event' and evening welcome drinks on **Day 1** (Fri). **Day 2** (Sat) begins with a Rosicrucian opening ceremony about 'the journey of Life' and will include presentations, the Council of Solace, a mystical play, lunch and an optional banquet dinner. Non-member family and friends may attend some of the program (see convention planner page). **Day 3** (Sunday) will include presentations, the Council of Solace and a Temple Convocation. The Rosae Shop will be available for on-site purchases, and you'll be able to browse the 'Rosicrucian Gallery'.







## Accommodation and transport in Adelaide

### SA short trips

Kangaroo Island—only an hour's drive south of the city, plus a 45-minute ferry trip—with its untouched landscapes and natural features, is a place to get a sense of the ancient spirit of the land and to escape the restrictions of city and suburban life.



The Adelaide part of the convention will take place in the Adelaide Convention Centre, on the banks of the River Torrens/Karrawirra Parri.

Adelaide International Airport is an 18-minute taxi ride to the convention centre, or you can take a 30-minute shuttle bus ride. The convention centre is located next to the Adelaide Railway Station and the tram line.

There are many hotels and bed-and-breakfast accommodation options surrounding the Adelaide Convention Centre, or, if you prefer a beachside stay, a short tram ride will take you to Glenelg.

It's best to book early as January is the school holiday and festivals period of the year.

Grand Lodge has 20 rooms pre-booked at the Holiday Inn Express Adelaide City Centre, at a specially arranged group rate (see below), available on a first-come, first-served basis until 18 December 2023:

Queen Standard Room or Twin Room, AU\$230 per room per night, for three nights (Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st January). Includes breakfast.

A booking link is available on the online registration page, but bookings can also be made by emailing the hotel at [res.adlah@proinvesthotels.com](mailto:res.adlah@proinvesthotels.com) and using the reference 'The Rosicrucian Order AMORC'.

Billeting with a local AMORC member might be available upon request.



For lovers of the infinite starry skies, the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve is a 90-minute drive from Adelaide. Also, in the ancient Flinders Ranges, about 435 km from the city in the outback, you can stargaze in the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, the Andamooka Observatory, the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and many other places. Here you are on the traditional lands of the Adnyamathanha people.

Australia is oriented toward the centre of the Milky Way, so here many more stars can be seen with the naked eye than in the northern hemisphere.



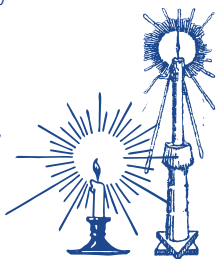




# Auckland

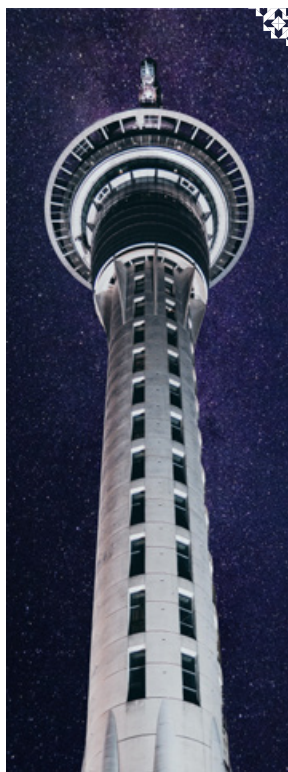
Grey Lynn, New Zealand  
26th-28th of January

## Love



**Part 3** of the Australasian convention will be held in Tāmaki Makaurau, the Maori name for Auckland. This name refers to the abundance of natural resources and their ecosystems and promotes the need to respect and protect them.

Auckland is based around two large harbours and is a major city on New Zealand's North Island. Auckland city is surrounded by numerous picturesque islands and is also known as the 'City of Sails' because of the great number of yachts that sail in these harbours and the adjoining Hauraki Gulf.



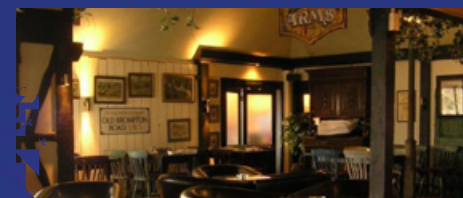
The Stella 2024 Convention venues in Auckland include The Surrey Hotel and Auckland Lodge, both situated within walking distance from each other and located in Grey Lynn, a residential area that is close to the city, the Auckland Harbour and surrounds.

Over the weekend, the **third flame** of the convention, will be filled with presentations, a convocation and other ceremonies. **Day 1** (Saturday) of the convention takes place in the The Surrey Hotel, where the journey of Light and Life will complete its unity in a Rosicrucian opening ceremony about 'the journey of Love'. On **Day 2** (Sunday) activities will take place in Auckland Lodge, the AMORC premises in Auckland, located at 1 Coleridge Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland. On **Friday evening 26th January**, prior to the start of the convention, a special visit to the Auckland Stardome has been arranged for members and friends.

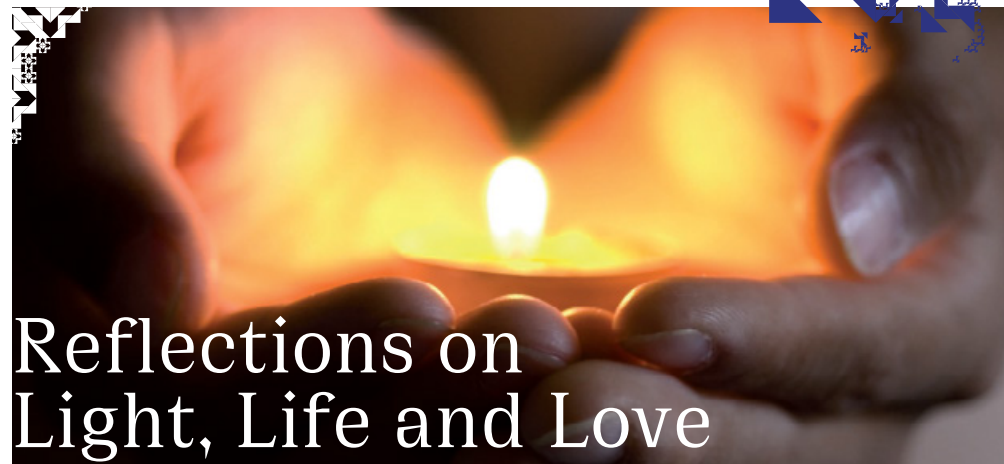
**Monday 29th January 2024 is Auckland Anniversary Day** and a public holiday. Every year, during the Auckland Anniversary weekend, there is a tradition of the Auckland Regatta, and visitors to the region will be able to take part in special celebrations, festivals and events to be held throughout the Auckland region.

### Accommodation:

The Surrey Hotel's Superior Rooms will be held for AMORC delegates until 1 October 2023. These are available as twin, king and family rooms, for **NZ\$185** per room per night. When booking a room, delegates should email [frontoffice@thesurreyhotel.co.nz](mailto:frontoffice@thesurreyhotel.co.nz) and use the reference 'AMORC'. Billeting with a local AMORC member might be available upon request.







# Reflections on Light, Life and Love

by Frater Sven Johansson

Supreme Grand Lodge Vice President (Grand Master for the English Grand Lodge for Europe, the Middle East and Africa)

The expression 'Light, Life and Love' was something I encountered very early in my membership of the Order. To be honest, my mind did not connect, in a coherent way, the unity and co-dependency of these three qualities for a further 30 years, when this trinity revealed itself to me quite clearly:

LIGHT is the All and nothing that can be thought of possesses anything other than Light. It can be visualised as the primordial first emergence of order rising out of the primordial waters of chaos in the ancient Egyptian Cosmogony. This concept of a first emergence of order equates Light with the highest possible rest-state of entropy in our universe at any given time.

LIFE is a unique and highly specialised subset of Light, which endows on this form of Light the ability to replicate

itself in ever more complex and versatile forms. This quantum lowering of entropy, through unknown orders of magnitude, yields all life forms we know of, including even the simplest self-binding laws associated with the formation of matter.

LOVE, in turn, is a highly specialised subset of Life, one in which the refinement of Life reaches its highest possible form in each living species. Love bonds together the members of each species in ways that no other form of refinement can achieve.

Humans know love amply, both from a biological level and from a far more refined spiritual level, which in turn points us in the direction of the next quantum leap in our evolution from finite, living humans to eternal, living souls. Love manifests for all species as the lowest and most specialised entropy achievable for that species.

## LIGHT, LIFE & LOVE UNDER THE MILKY WAY

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### Convention Planner

#### Part 1 – Asia

York Hotel, Mount Elizabeth, Singapore 13–14 January 2024

- ☐ Convention days 1 and 2 (Sat 13th–Sun 14th): AU\$290 (approx. S\$260)  
Early bird registration by 30 June 2023: AU\$260 (approx. S\$235)
- ☐ Fraternal dinner (Sat 13th) at a local restaurant: pay on the day

#### Part 2 – Australia

Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide, 19–22 January 2024

- ☐ Event for new members\* (Fri 19th), prior to welcome event: \$0  
(\*Members who joined the Order between 2022 and 2024)
- ☐ Welcome event (Fri 19th): AU\$65
- ☐ Convention days 1 and 2 (Sat 20th–Sun 21st): AU\$420  
Early bird registration by 30 June 2023: AU\$380
- ☐ Mystical afternoon (Sat 20th), open to non-member family & friends: AU\$70 (non-member fee)  
(For members, mystical afternoon is included in the convention ticket pricing)
- ☐ Dinner (Sat 20th): AU\$100 for two courses, choice of beverages
- ☐ Day trip to Grand Lodge in Strathalbyn (Mon 22nd): AU\$80  
(Includes bus trip to and from Adelaide and two-course lunch. Please note there is no cost for the visit to the Grand Lodge itself.)



### Part 3 – New Zealand

The Surrey Hotel and Auckland Lodge, Auckland, 26–28 January 2024

- ☐ Auckland Stardome Observatory and Planetarium visit (Fri 26th): AU\$14 (approx. NZ\$15). (A small discount will apply for a group booking of 20 people or more.)
- ☐ Convention days 1 and 2 (Sat 27th–Sun 28th): AU\$230 (approx. NZ\$250)  
Early bird registration by 30 June 2023: AU\$210 (approx. NZ\$225)
- ☐ Dinner at The Spencer Hotel (Sat 27th): AU\$75 (approx. NZ\$80)

### Additional information

All prices are per person. Currency exchange rates may vary.

**STARGAZER PACKAGE:** Participation in all three convention destinations (Asia, Australia and New Zealand) entitles members to a 15% discount on convention ticket pricing.

### Special Requirements

Please indicate on the online registration page if you have any requirements in terms of mobility, accessibility, hearing, etc.

### Donations

Donations will include contributions to the costs of dignitaries' travel.

### Cancellation and refund policy

Cancellation before the 12th of October will incur a 10% loss of registration fee, with the balance refunded. Cancellation *after* this date will incur a 100% loss of registration fee (and welcome event and dinner in Adelaide, if paid for already).

For support in planning and purchasing your convention experience, please contact the Grand Lodge on +61 8 7092 4111 or use our WhatsApp contact: +61 408 339 544.

# Invitation from the Grand Master



Grand Master's message

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

### Under the auspices of the Rose-Croix, Salutem Punctis Trianguli!

I warmly welcome you to attend this three-part 'star-filled' convention, where I hope you will experience the joy and serenity of gathering together, as well as an inspiring program of events in which your imagination can soar and you can deepen your appreciation for the mystical dimensions of life.

Infinite possibilities of living beings exchanging light, life and love are offered by dwelling upon our magnificent, hospitable home, planet Earth. These become increasingly cherished when measured by our objective mind against the

backdrop of a seemingly void and inhospitable universe.

Yet we need only lift our inner eyes in awe and wonder towards the exquisite cosmic architecture to know, without any doubt, that living in the quiet, peaceful and beautiful universe is a breathtakingly coherent intelligence, an orderly immensity whose source is the same source as those eternal possibilities of light, life and love which abide in each other's heart and eyes or are reflected in the illuminating clarity of a starry night.

With my best wishes for Peace Profound,

Sincerely and fraternally,  
**Lucy Crawford-Sandison**  
Grand Master





JANUARY 2024

SINGAPORE 13-14<sup>TH</sup>

ADELAIDE 19-22<sup>ND</sup>

AUCKLAND 26-28<sup>TH</sup>



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