

THE JOSEPH CRABTREE FOUNDATION

Australian Chapter (est. 1975)

20 January 2016

Dear Scholar,

42nd ANNUAL ORATION AND DINNER WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2016

The Chairman and Elders have pleasure in inviting you to the Australian Chapter's Annual Celebration of Joseph Crabtree's life and works. The date, Wednesday 17th February, is the closest Wednesday to St Valentine's Day, the 261st anniversary of his birth and the 162nd of his death.

This year's Orator is Scholar Emeritus Professor Martin Comte whose extensive and diligent research into an unknown and astonishing aspect of Crabtree's musical achievements will be revealed.

Emeritus Professor Martin Comte OAM took out a music degree from the University of Melbourne, followed by further studies in Australia and overseas for a Masters and PhD in the dual fields of music and education. His university appointments have included Dean of a Faculty of Education and Deputy Dean of Research. He has several books to his credit, including most notably 'Australian Pianists'. Since his retirement he has devoted himself to researching lost or hitherto unknown music manuscripts, including work by Joseph Crabtree, which will be the focus of his Oration,

"Crabtree the Composer: Under the Lamplight".

The venue for the celebration is the Melbourne Savage Club, 12 Bank Place, Melbourne,

Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 7.00 pm and formal proceedings start at 7.30 pm. Dress is jacket and tie for men and something equally formal for women.

The cost of the dinner is \$90.00 per head inclusive of three courses, coffee and beer, wine and soft drink. Please indicate any special dietary needs in your e-mail or on your reservation form.

Note that the third course (cheeses & greens) will be served in the social room where the Oration will be presented from the grand piano

Scholars may bring one guest and should bear in mind that guests automatically become members of the Foundation. Please take care that you introduce as guests scholarly and morally upright persons who are potential Orators.

Reservations and payment must be made no later than Wednesday 7th February:

1/ By e-mailing your acceptance (or apology) and the details of your guest to josephcrabtreefoundation@outlook.com . It is most important that you provide the e-mail address of your guest

2/ Then transferring \$90 for each person included in your acceptance to Crabtree Foundation, BSB 803 216, Account No. 15904869 at Pulse Credit Union Latrobe University. Please make sure you insert your name in the electronic transfer.

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OR – If you do not use internet banking, by completing the attached sheet and returning it to the address indicated, together with a cheque made out to Crabtree Foundation.

Scholars who fail to respond will be harassed.

A report of the 2015 Dinner is attached together with the menu for February 17.

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Booking information follows: