

# SALT & LIGHT

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Jesus said: "Ye are the salt of the earth ... Ye are the light of the world ..." (Matthew 5:13-14)

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## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. FRED & ELAINE  
You are very much loved!



**The following report of Fred & Elaine's 50th Wedding Anniversary Lunch, was prepared by the Australian Christian Nation Association (ACNA) Secretary.**

'On Saturday, 6th December, 2008, ACNA held its first Christmas Luncheon which included the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC and the Hon Elaine Nile. These dual celebrations were held at Sophocles Restaurant, Parramatta. It was a spectacular and memorable day for all who attended.

Elaine looked relaxed and elegant in a long black skirt and a jacket in black and white with large red roses on the hem. Rev Fred had told Elaine that it was the Christmas Luncheon for ACNA with the Anniversary just added on, so she was really taken by surprise to see so many faces from the past and the present.

Thanks to Bruce Coleman who agreed to be MC at the last moment kept the programme moving along without a hitch. Bruce welcomed every one and gave the blessing for the food, the first course being a Greek salad and dip served with pita bread.

Jung Hee Kam opened with a solo in Korean, dressed in beautiful traditional Korean dress. One could hear the poignancy in the lilt of her voice as she sang a song, which was originally written in 1941, when the Japanese occupied Korea. The Japanese were very harsh, stole their food and many died of hunger or were killed, yet others escaped to Northern China, many times leaving their wives behind.

The main course was turkey and vegetables alternating with chicken breast filled with spinach on a bed of rice and creamy sauce.

Judy Russell, Reverend Fred's secretary of 15 years, thrilled us all with the solo, O Holy Night, a song that is famous all over the world and which touched many hearts.

The first Tribute came from the Bridesmaid, Marilyn Southan, who had many happy memories to share of that special wedding day 50 years ago. The next was Rev Fred's brother, Jim Nile, who was Best Man, who said that when people criticized Fred he would say "do you know him?" Then he would stick up for Fred. He wanted to tell us more but decided that it was best to keep some secrets.

A friend, Mr Bill Blackhall, also had many memories to share of Church meetings and playing tennis as teenagers, saying that all the boys went to the Revesby Congregational Church because that was where the girls were. Do you think it has changed? He told us that all the girls thought that Fred was 'gorgeous' but when Elaine came along, he only had eyes for her.

Jacquie Shiha blew the 'Shofar' in a most forthright and challenging manner then read 'The Seven Blessings of the Jewish Wedding' as a Tribute to Rev Fred and Elaine.

Mr Malcolm Smith, our Public Officer, made a presentation on behalf of ACNA of an Amplified Bible and a glass paperweight with a very apt and timely scripture. 'FAITH – is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen'. Malcolm spoke on his years with FOL and ACNA then presented the gifts to Rev Fred, who accepted on behalf of Elaine and himself.

Sister Simona and Sister Gideona from the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary, Camden, sang a duet. Rev Fred remarked that they still sang like the angels they were when he first met them singing in the streets of Sydney in 1980 as they joined a group of Christians protesting about an evil film.

We thank Amy Coleman for leaving her workplace early to accompany the soloists and carols.



The meal finished with a most delicious plum pudding, custard and ice cream followed by coffee and tea.

Elaine made a beautiful speech of many of the memories along the way. Of particular note was that Fred always had a habit of being late so she threatened him that if he was not in the Church when she arrived on their wedding day, she would just walk out. Consequently Rev Fred was an hour early, arriving before the church was even open.

Rev Fred and Elaine cut the three-tiered wedding cake, which had been perfectly baked and iced by Mary, the sister of Samir Boulos.

Rev Fred said, "fifty years ago we were so busy standing in front of the cake for photos that we forgot to cut the cake". Fifty years later they didn't forget. We were all able to enjoy a slice to savour or take home and eat as we reminisced on the beautiful day.

Mr Robert Balzola, a guest at the luncheon stated that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. "The ambience, love and friendship just filled the room, in fact, it was a perfect day".

A wonderful tribute to an achievement of 50 years and many more to come.



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