



Dear Brethren,

On behalf of our Grand Supreme Ruler, Most Worthy Brother David James Mackie Sherrit, I give preliminary notice of the 2017 Grand Proclamation of the Order of the Secret Monitor for Northern Australia and Papua New Guinea.

The Grand Executive, at their meeting on Sunday, 6th November 2016, confirmed the acceptance of the nomination of Most Worthy Brother David James Mackie Sherrit as Grand Supreme Ruler Elect of this jurisdiction for the 2017-2018 Monitor Year.

A cordial invitation is extended to you to attend our forthcoming Grand Proclamation to be held on Saturday 13th May 2017 in Darwin, Northern Territory.

The program is in the planning stages but as a guide:

Thursday evening: 7.00 P M Installation of the Supreme Ruler Elect of Beth Shalom Conclave No 15 in the Darwin Masonic Hall, 23 Stokes Street, PARAP, DARWIN, 0820 Northern Territory followed by an Installation Refectory.

Friday evening: 7.00 p m to 9.00 pm: Meet and Greet will be held at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, 116 The Esplanade, Northern Territory, 0801. Prepaid entry and Cash Bar.

Saturday morning: 10.00 a m, it is proposed to confer the First and Second Grades of the Ancient and Military Order of the Scarlet Cord on local and invited qualified candidates in the Darwin Masonic Hall, 23 Stokes Street, PARAP, DARWIN, 0820, Northern Territory.

Saturday afternoon: at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, 116 The Esplanade, Northern Territory, the Grand Business Meeting will commence at 3.30 p.m. followed immediately by the Grand Proclamation Ceremony. Ladies and visitors will be admitted at approximately 4.15 p m.

The Ceremony will be an Open Ceremony with Brethren and Companions being invited from surrounding Lodges and Chapters, and Ladies and visitors will be most welcome.

Saturday Evening, 7.00 p m: The Proclamation Banquet will follow in the Function Room of the same venue. Prepaid entry and Cash Bar.

Sunday Morning: An adventure from Darwin to a surrounding area. A bus trip will leave from the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## **Accommodation Details**

Accommodation is available at the hotel at a discounted rate for those attending our functions.

The Hilton has offered the following accommodation:

- Standard Guest Room - **\$140.00 per night, room only**, at the Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin – 116 The Esplanade (same location as the conference venue)
- Standard Guest Room - **\$160.00 per night, room only**, at the Doubletree by Hilton Darwin – 122 The Esplanade (our sister hotel which is just next door to the venue)

In this way, all our guests are close to the venue and to each other.

A special weblink has been created with a group code for you to book direct with the hotel.

You may either book online via the link or call us direct to make their reservations.

These rates are valid for stay on 11th May until 14th May 2017. Please request all attendees to book via the weblink below or alternatively contact the hotel direct and quote group code GOSMA .

**Your web page address is: (CTRL+ Click to follow the link)**

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DRWEDDI-GOSMA-20170511/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DRWEDDI-GOSMA-20170511/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

For those not up to this please call **08 89010705** and talk to reservations advising them you are attending our functions.

This link will allow the attendees to book and pay their own accommodation with a special 10% discount on their best available rates across the 3 Hilton properties in Darwin.

It is my belief that the earlier you make your booking the better the rate will be.

The Invitation and Registration Forms will issue in mid-February 2017 but I know some of you are keen to book your accommodation.

Those of you who book, would you please keep me advised.

Please distribute the information to your Grand Officers and your Concave Recorders and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards

Yours in Monitor Masonry

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