



Order of the Secret Monitor

for the Sovereign State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory

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Caring and Communicating

Quarterly Report October to December 2023

Very Dear Brethren,

The last three months have been remarkably busy but a time to remember. I thank you all for accepting me as your Grand Supreme Ruler. Judyth, and I thank all those who have supported us. Our 2023-2024 Masonic year started with another outstanding Grand Installation. It left most pleasant memories in the minds of the brethren and visitors from near and faraway places. I would like to congratulate all Brethren involved for a remarkable ceremony and thank you for your attendance in great numbers, which allowed NSW & ACT Jurisdiction to prove itself once more, as the leader in monitor masonry in Australasia. It could never have happened had it not been for the meticulous planning and preparation of our festival committee. I thank all the members for their time and help.

Friday night's Meet and Greet was enjoyed by all. The greeting pack made up by Judyth, I have been told by many of the ladies and brethren, was appreciated. The meet and greet was held at the Vibe Hotel located opposite the Sydney Masonic Centre.

Sunday was perfect for our Cockatoo Island/Wareamah visit. Originally a meeting place for Sydney's First Nations People it is an ideal location for us to travel through history and explore the Island's convict and shipbuilding history. The weather was perfect, the food was great and the company outstanding. The number of interstate and overseas members who joined us was most impressive. Thank you all for a wonderful occasion we will never forget. Most arrived at 10.00am and arrived back at the Vibe Hotel at 5.00pm.

During this First Quarter I have attended Installations at The Sydney Conclave, The Brothers Cooma, Illawarra Conclave, and Cootamundra Conclaves. I have also attended the Christmas meeting of the Sydney Holland Conclave. I was also invited outside our own jurisdiction on your behalf: Both Judyth and I attended the Grand Lodge Re-Installation & Communication – 16 September and we attended The Supreme Council for Scotland 33deg on 30th September 2023.

There were two invitations I was not able to accept as I had other masonic duties however the order was represented, M Wthy Bro Don Savage represented the OSM on my behalf at the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Appendant Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist, for New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory. On the 28 September, M Wthy Bro Roger Donsworth

OAM represented the OSM on my behalf at the Annual Grand Assembly for The Masonic Order of Athelstan in Australia and its Territories on 25th November. I attended the Grand Master's Heads of Orders Conference on 14th November 2030.

At the December Communication in Dubbo, I attended as the Grand Supreme Ruler for the Order of the Secrete Monitor. The Grand Master announced Conferred Rank to some Brethren. I would like to pass on my congratulations to the twelve brothers from the OSM whose received these conferred ranks.

The very best of good fortune for 2024 and please spare a thought for those who are unwell at present, and we wish them all a brighter future.

Stephen Hayne.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S Hayne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Hayne".

Grand Supreme Ruler.