



Order of the Secret Monitor

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

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Quarterly Report January to March 2024

Very Dear Brethren of our Wonderful Order,

I hope everyone is finding themselves in the best of health and for those who are not, I wish you a speedy recovery.

We commenced our second quarter, after the New Year's break, by attending several installations and re-installations:

- Randwick Conclave No 12: Wthy Bro Robert Hurdell was re-installed,
- The Shield of David Conclave No 14: Wthy Bro Leslie Norman Hicks was Proclaimed as WSR and Bro Neville Mison was installed as WDSR.
- The Central Coast Conclave No 25: Wthy Bro Lee Pollard was re-installed.
- The Lachlan Valley Conclave No 5: Wthy Bro Bryan Hardy was re-installed.

I thank all the Grand officers who attended these meetings and worked so diligently in performing the ceremonies I know our WRS's and the Brethren of the Conclaves appreciate your efforts. It is one of the special attributes of our order that we attend our Installations in such numbers.

A special thanks to the ladies who accompanied us to the Randwick Conclave, Central Coast Conclave and Lachlan Valley Conclave. One of the great advantages we have in our Order is that we are privileged to have our ladies at our installations.

I attended and represented our Order with Judyth at the Grand Chapter of NSW & ACT Incorporated Order of the Eastern Star on the 16th March. The Installation was held in the Mirambeena Room, Bankstown Sports Club, Bankstown. It was a very enjoyable evening for all who attended.

I also attended the Regular Communication of the UGL of NSW and ACT on the 13th March when Deputy Grand Master RW. Bro Bernie Khristianne Albano was elected as Grand Master. I sent a letter on behalf of the Order of the Secret Monitor, offering our congratulations and support. At the March Communication, the Grand Master announced Conferred Rank to deserving Brethren. I would like to pass on my congratulations to the ten brothers from the Order of the Secret Monitor, who received these conferred ranks.

Brethren, in the next few weeks you will be receiving attendance forms for our fourth quarter. The number of returns received in previous quarters compared to the numbers sent out, are quite low. This makes it difficult for the Grand Director of Ceremonies and me to allocate the work not knowing if you are attending. We are trying to make sure that all brethren have the

opportunity to participate during the year. If we are not advised that you are attending, it is not possible to call on you.

May I also request that the Installation Work form be forwarded to the Grand Recorder and Grand Director of Ceremonies as soon as practical following the Conclave's election meeting. This would assist the Grand Recorder in preparing the Installed Supreme Ruler's Certificate and the Grand Director in the allocation of work.

The third quarter is very busy with ten installations or re-installations and has commenced with the Scarlet Cord Conclave No 30 and will end with Gunnedah Conclave No 19 in Tamworth on 29TH June.

Date to put in your diary.

The **Conclave of Remembrance** meeting is on Saturday the 13th July 2024 at Laurelbank Masonic Centre. This is a unique and very special ceremony. It is one in which we remember Monitor Masons who have passed from us, not only in this previous year, but also in years past. A very warm welcome is extended to all Brethren of the Order, ladies, and visitors. Please keep the date clear in your diaries so you can attend.

I will be attending the Proclamation of M. Wthy Bro Wayne Smith as the GSR of Northern Australia and Papua New Guinea on the 18th May. Rt Wthy Kevin Allen D.G.S.R and Rt Wthy Trevor Harris P.D.G.S.R. will also be attending.

Finally, I encourage all our members to support our Craft Lodges. The success of our lodges means we may have potential new members of our order thus giving the Order of the Secret Monitor a future.

Brethren I remind you of my theme "Caring and communicating."

Take care, enjoy life, and stay safe.

Yours thoroughly and fraternally.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Hayne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'S' at the beginning.

M Wthy Bro Stephen Hayne.
Grand Supreme Ruler