



Order of the Secret Monitor

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Very Dear Brethren of our Wonderful Order,

We have now reached the halfway point of this Monitor year—and what a whirlwind it has been! The past few months seem to have flown by in a blur of activity and fraternal engagement.

During this third quarter, we were privileged to attend Installations at the following Conclaves:

- Balgowlah No. 11 – Re-Installation
- Oxley No. 24 – Re-Installation
- Randwick No. 12 – Installation
- The Colin Lawson No. 7 – Re-Installation
- The Earl of Courtown No. 10 – Installation
- Newcastle No. 3 – Installation
- Gunnedah No. 19 – Installation
- Sidney Holland No. 21 – Installation
- Picton No. 17 – Installation

To all the officers involved in these ceremonies: thank you. Your performance was marked by dignity and professionalism, and I am most grateful for your efforts and commitment to our Order.

In May, the M.W.G.S.R., accompanied by a number of Grand Officers, travelled to the Gold Coast for the Re-Installation of M.Why Bro. Wayne Smith as Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order in Northern Australia and Papua New Guinea. This special occasion took place immediately following their Conclave of Remembrance ceremony and was both moving and memorable.

As we enter the fourth quarter, we are preparing to attend a further six Conclave Installations, as well as three Grand Installations—at Melbourne, New Zealand, and Adelaide—which we traditionally support. These are among the most dignified and enriching events of our Masonic calendar, and we look forward to your participation and support.

Let me take this opportunity to again remind all Junior Grand Council Officers that they should be proficient in delivering at least one, and ideally both, portions of the Installation ceremony. Likewise, all A.G.D.C.s and D.G.D.C.s must be prepared to step into the role of D.G.D.C. at a moment's notice. This means staying up to date with your ritual work—you never know when you might be called upon.

The number of returns received continues to improve, though they remain below expectations. We strive to ensure all brethren have the opportunity to participate throughout the year. If you're unable to attend an event, please notify the G.D.C.—even a short note is sufficient.

Returns can be submitted via mail or email. If you keep forgetting to send it in, simply write it on a piece of paper and hand it to the G.D.C. at any Installation. There is an expectation that *all* Grand Council Officers will submit a return.

I look forward to sharing your company again in the near future.

Let us also remember that each of our Conclaves is part of a greater family—united in **Friendship and Brotherly Love**. That is the essence of the Order of the Secret Monitor. Our Four Visiting Deacons are vital members of this family. They offer wise counsel and gentle warnings in times of difficulty, and provide encouragement and support when needed.

But their efforts are only possible through **Communicating**—by staying connected with the members of their Conclave, caring about their wellbeing, and reporting back to the Conclave—the wider family—on the health and happiness of its members.

Let us continue to cherish, strengthen, and uphold these bonds of friendship, through **CARING, COMMUNICATING**, and commitment.

With fraternal affection and every good wish,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
M Wthy Bro Stephen Hayne.
Grand Supreme Ruler