



The N.Q. Compass



The District Grand Lodge of North Queensland

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News Letter

June 2025

Brethren,

A warm welcome to the **Twelfth Edition** of the NQ Compass for **2024-2025!**

I hope that you and your families continue to remain in good health and that you are all enjoying the good weather we have been experiencing in recent times!

The District Office has remained busy for the month May mainly as the **DGLNQ Teams** have commenced visitations for our **2025 Lodge Installations** and also with preparation for the **DGLNQ June QC which is set for Sat 14th June**.

Visitations undertaken and highlights for May are as follows:

Wed 7th – The **Townsville Kilwinning Sovereign Chapter No 12** held a meeting for the **Enthronement of Ill Bro Brennan Long** and **Investiture of Officers**. The ceremony was well conducted and a harmonious festive board was held in the Lodge at 50 Ingham Rd. **I am a member of this Chapter and was invested as a Steward.**

Thurs 8th – At their regular meeting, **Proserpine Whitsunday Lodge No 251** held a **1st Degree Ceremony** to initiate **Mr. Rogan Hunter** into Freemasonry. **The Dist GM** was in attendance and was accompanied by **Wor Bro Michael Litka-Fry (Pres of Dist BoB)**, who addressed the brethren on the most recent announcements from the **MFoB** at the festive board. During the ceremony, **The Dist GM** presented **Bro Kelso Greenwood OAM with his 60-year service jewel.**

Tues 13th – As **Dist GM / DGLNQ**, I am pleased to confirm that **Freemasons NQ** proudly presented a **cheque for \$30,927 to St Andrew's Meals on Wheels in Townsville.**

This donation represents the culmination of **two years of fundraising efforts**, along with the ongoing commitment of our volunteers who regularly assist with meal deliveries.

Following **the closure of Charters Towers Meals on Wheels**, the **NQ Freemasons** were determined to ensure that elderly and vulnerable residents in the District continued to receive regular hot meals. This donation has made that possible.

In addition to the Townsville contribution, **Ingham Meals on Wheels** received an additional **\$20,000**, to their previous donations, raised through the support and local fundraising efforts of **Ingham Freemasons**. These contributions have been made possible through the **Queensland Freemason Charity, Hand Heart Pocket (HHP)**, which supports grassroots fundraising efforts across the state.

Mon 19th - At the regular meeting of **Northern Travellers Lodge No 384**, a **1st Degree Ceremony** was held to initiate **Mr David Robson** into our Lodge. The **Dep Dist GM VW Bro Joel Coleman** represented the **Dist GM / DGLNQ**.

Sat 24th – As **Dist GM / DGLNQ**, I attended the **Proclamation for RW Bro Dave Scott** as **Dist GM of the DGL Carpenteria** and the **Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers** at the **Atherton Masonic Temple**. I was accompanied by **RW Bro Geoff Jackson, Dist Gr DC, and my wife Andrea.**

Tues 25th - I am currently **Ex First Princ of Cleveland RAC No 18** and at our May meeting, we advanced **Bro Chaise Smith of Unity Lodge No 300** to the degree of **Mark Master Mason**. **Bro Smith** conducted himself well and after the ceremony, we all adjourned to a harmonious and enjoyable festive board in the South. We also carried out the **Election of Officer's for the 2025 / 2026 year** and are pleased to confirm **Wor Bro Lee Bridson of St Andrew Lodge of Townsville** is our **Ex First Princ Elect!**

We will be working another **MMM Degree** at our next meeting on **Tues 22nd July 2025!** Our **Installation** is on **Tues 23rd Sept 2025** at Freemasons NQ—50 Ingham Rd

Date Claimers and Other Events on the DGLNQ 2025 Calendar are as follows and as advised within the NQ Compass!

- **DGLNQ Installation for 2025** at the **Townsville Masonic Centre, 50 Ingham Rd, West End, Qld, 4810.**
Date to be confirmed!
- **UGLQ Grand Installation in Brisbane 4th – 6th July 2025.**

Once again, I thank you for your continued support for DGLNQ and myself as Dist GM.

Fraternally John / John Playford / Dist GM / DGLNQ

May LODGE MEETINGS and Events

Lodge/Event	Time	Date	Where	Work
UGLQ QC	7pm	4/6/25	Brisbane	
Millican 137	7:30pm	5/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Proserpine Whitsunday 251	7:30pm	5/6/25	Proserpine	1st Deg Tracing Board and Ballot
Ashlar Magnetic 509	3:00pm	7/6/25	Magnetic Is	
Townsville AIF Memorial 377	7:30pm	9/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	Ballot for 2 new initiates
BoGP Meeting	5:00pm	10/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Kennedy Lodge #11	7:30pm	11/6/25	Bowen	
St Andrew of Townsville 94	7:30pm	12/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	6pm Commonwealth Hotel Sth T'ville
DGLNQ QC	10:30am	14/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Northern Travellers 384	7:00pm	16/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Harmony Daylight 530	10:00am	20/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	
Unity 300	10:00am	21/6/25	50 Ingham Rd	Installation
Hinchinbrook Cordelia 69	3:30pm	28/6/25	Ingham	Installation

LODGE HAPPENINGS:

1st Degree Proserpine Whitsunday Lodge #251

On Thursday 8th May 2025, the Dist GM, RWBro John Playford travelled to Proserpine Whitsunday Lodge with Wor Bro Michael Litka-Fry, Pres of Dist Bd of Benevolence, to attend a meeting where Mr Rogan Hunter received his 1st Degree in Freemasonry.

RWBro Playford also had the privilege of presenting a 60 Year Service Jewel to Bro Kelso Greenwood OAM on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge. We entered the Lodge with a DGLNQ Team of four. The meeting held at 7.00 pm, was very well attended with 16 members and one visitor making it a memorable night for our candidate Bro Hunter and Bro Greenwood.

The brethren of Proserpine Whitsunday conducted an excellent ceremony and we adjourned to a harmonious festive board for supper where some heartfelt toasts and responses were delivered .



DGLNQ's Presentation to St Andrews Meals on Wheels

On the 12th May 2025, the North Queensland Freemasons proudly presented a cheque for \$30,927 to St Andrew's Meals on Wheels in Townsville. This donation represents the culmination of two years of fundraising efforts, along with the ongoing commitment of our volunteers who regularly assist with meal deliveries.

Following the closure of Charters Towers Meals on Wheels, the NQ Freemasons were determined to ensure that elderly and vulnerable residents in the District continued to receive regular hot meals. This donation has made that possible.

In addition to the Townsville contribution, Ingham Meals on Wheels received just over \$20,000 as the second part of the local fundraising efforts of Ingham Freemasons.

These contributions have been made possible through the Queensland Freemason charity, *Hand Heart Pocket* (HHP), which supports grassroots fundraising efforts across the state. Earlier this year, in February, HHP also assisted NQ Freemasons in facilitating a \$75,000 donation to GIVIT to support those affected by flooding.

Mick Litka-Fry



Order of the Secret Monitor Grand Conclave

Ted Bousen Award

On the 17th May 2025, at the OSM Grand Conclave's Proclamation, JS Popham has again won the above award for new membership making it three years in a row with a total of 9 new members over that period. R Wthy Bro Morrie Bligh proudly accepted the trophy on behalf of the Conclave.

Also JS Popham at the roll call had 8 members present which topped all Qld Conclaves. Well done on both accounts. Let's keep the ball rolling with more new Members.

Congratulations to those members who were elected to the Grand Conclave team, Bob Griffiths Grand Guide, Dallas Stoneman Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Vic Clarendon Grand Visitor, Naph Yague Grand Steward, Mike Litka-Fry Grand Guarder, Callum McColl Grand Organist and our Worthy Supreme Ruler, Clem Plath as representing Supreme Rulers on the Executive .

Iain Carnegie was reappointed Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler Southern and Gene Truan from Cairns as Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler for the North.

A great weekend to catch up with all our Sister Conclaves and members.

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WHAT IS THE **ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR?**

'The Caring Order'

The Order of the Secret Monitor, also known as the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, is a fraternal order within Freemasonry. It is open to Master Masons and is characterised by its emphasis on friendship, loyalty, and mutual support among its members. The order draws inspiration from the biblical story of the deep friendship between David and Jonathan, which symbolises the ideals of brotherhood and trust. Rituals and ceremonies within the order often reflect these themes, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and moral integrity. Members are encouraged to support one another in both personal and professional endeavours, strengthening the bonds of fraternity. JS Popham Conclave No. 7 meets in Townsville and is part of the Grand Conclave of Northern Australia and Papua New Guinea



JS Popham Conclave Meets in the Townsville Masonic Centre 4th Friday in February, August, 2nd Friday in October, 2nd or 3rd Saturday in April, (Installation)

Interested in joining or would like more information?? Contact Right Worthy Brother Morrie Bligh:
morrievalerie@bigpond.com or (07) 4723 2162

Northern Travellers Lodge #384 1st Degree

At the regular meeting of Northern Travellers Lodge on Mon 19th May 2025, the WM Tim Ahern and brethren were excited and privileged to perform a 1st Degree Ceremony to initiate Bro David Robson into the Lodge.

The Dep Dist GM VW Bro Joel Coleman represented DGLNQ and he entered the meeting with a team of seven and along with 13 members and three visitors they had a good number in the Lodge room.

The ceremony went well with some excellent work on the lodge floor and a harmonious festive board followed. It was considered by all as a great night for NT Lodge and the candidate.



Kilwinning Sovereign Chapter

Region 7 District Qld.

Enthronement of Ill Bro Brennan Long and Investiture of Officers of Townsville Kilwinning Sovereign Chapter No 12 on Wed 7th Day of May 2025. The ceremony was well conducted and attended and we adjourned to a harmonious festive board in the South.



DGLCarpentaria PROCLAMATION



The Dist GM, RWBro John Playford, his wife Andrea and Dist GDC, RWBro Geoffrey Jackson, represented DGLNQ at the Proclamation for RW Bro Dave Scott as he continues into his second year as Dist GM of Carpentaria. The Meeting was held in Atherton Lodge.

The ceremony for the Proclamation and Investiture of DGL Carpentaria Officers went well and we all adjourned to a light luncheon downstairs in the Lodge. During the festive board, RW Bro Dave Scott was presented with an

excellent painting of the William Wallace Lodge in Georgetown NQ. Great to catch with our friends on the day and we wish the Dist of Carpentaria every success in the coming year.



ATHERTON MASONIC TEMPLE
 ERECTION
 CONSTRUCTION - V. WOR. BRO. N.W. JOHNSTON PGDC
 STEEL FABRICATION - WOR. BRO. J.I.T. WILKINSON
 LAND DONATION - V. WOR. BRO. D.A. McDONALD PGDC
 CONSECRATION
 RT. WOR. BRO. R.H. CRUST PGM
 DISTRICT GRAND MASTER
 23RD NOVEMBER 1968



CLEVELAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER #18

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We thank our Dist Grand Educator Comp Andrew Young for attending our meeting! At this stage, we will be working another MMM Degree at our next meeting on Tues 22nd July 2025. Our Installation is on Tues 23rd Sept 2025 at Freemasons NQ 50 Ingham Rd.

May 31st—St John Davenport, Corinthian and Townsville AIF Memorial Lodges held their Installations. As there wasn't time to get reports for this edition, they will be included in the July edition of the Compass.



Grand Lodge Above

VWBro Robin John Warsop a past member of Charters Towers Lodge and DGLNQ, passed away on the 8th May 2025.

Aims of The N.Q. Compass.

- To promote those values and virtues we as Freemasons profess.
- To provide articles of interest to Members.
- To promote discussion and debate amongst Brethren.
- To highlight the activities of the Lodges in this district.
- To recognise individual achievements.
- To inform



Please stay safe and well. We know there are a number of brethren/wives who are not feeling 100%. Please know our thoughts are with you and we hope you have a speedy recovery .