

# LAZARUS LETTER

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## FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY  
TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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The Hon Mr Justice Barry O'Keefe AM KCHS GCLJ (Ret) Grand Prior of Australia  
The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem Grand Priory of Australia  
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Dear The Hon Mr Justice O'Keefe

Thank you for your recent correspondence inviting the Governor-General to be Patron of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem Grand Priory of Australia.

The Governor-General has asked me to let you know that she is delighted to accept the position of Patron, and has asked to be kept periodically informed of the organisation's activities, for example by way of newsletters, Annual Reports, significant developments and changes of office bearers and/or any change of address that might occur for your organisation during the Governor-General's patronage.

I know you will appreciate that the many demands on the Governor-General's time, and the very large number of organisations of which she is Patron, mean that it may not be possible for her to accept all invitations extended to her as Patron. It is also prudent to advise you that the Governor-General's patronage should not be used directly for fund raising purposes.

Should you wish to note patronage details on any future letterhead, brochures, publicity material or your website, the Governor-General's full style and title is:

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6283 3536 should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely

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# FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

## THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The period since my last report has been very busy. In large part this has been due to the impending Chapter General scheduled to be held in Manchester in September 2008. In preparation for it the Secretary General sought proxies from the Knights and Dames of our Grand Priory in Australia and received 55 out of a possible total of 86 eligible to vote, four of whom ultimately attended the Chapter General. The proxies were transmitted by facsimile to the Secretariat in Canada, in advance of the date fixed for their receipt. More about the Australian proxies anon.

In addition, as your Grand Prior, I raised with Chev David James, the Grand Commander, a number of constitutional questions. These concerned the non compliance with the provisions of the International Constitution of 2006 that provide for the calling of the Chapter General and regulate the process for the approval of candidates for the office of Grand Master - five of whom had been found to have the requisite qualifications, but one only of whom was put forward for consideration by the Chapter General. Notwithstanding these irregularities I advised Chev James that I would not take the points, but would waive them in the interests of international accord and reconciliation.

With the date fixed for the Chapter General looming I set out for Manchester where I was to meet up with the Chancellor, Chev Will Bailey, Chev John Bishop and Dame Primrose Potter, who is a member of the Grand Magistral Council.

I duly arrived in Manchester and lodged the original proxies with the Chief Administrative Officer from the Secretariat, registered and met up with the Chancellor. He and I discussed the fragmented account documents that had been supplied for consideration at the Chapter General. We agreed that I would raise questions concerning the accounts at the meeting and that the Chancellor, as a former banker with more detailed knowledge of accounts, would support my remarks and move a substantive motion concerning future accounts.

I met with the Duchess of Brissac and the members of the French delegation to discuss with them the need to ensure that there should be a new Grand Master elected who was acceptable to all, who would bring a unity to the Order that had not been achieved in Houston, Texas, in 2006 and hopefully, ease the tensions within the international Order. I stressed that the overriding objective for the Chapter General should be to endeavour to put and end to division and restore the harmony that had prevailed when their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Brissac had visited Australia during the Duke's tenure as Grand Master. The French delegation agreed with this objective and indicated that the French Grand Priory would not vote adversely to Don Carlos Gereda de Borbón, Marquis d' Almazán, notwithstanding that the Chapter General had not been duly convened in accordance with the Constitution of 2006 and that the constitutional procedure for the approval of candidates for the Office of Grand Master had not been followed.

The day for the Chapter General, 12 September 2008, arrived. During the morning it came to my attention (informally) that the majority of the Australian proxies were to be disallowed by the Grand Referendary for reasons which were inadequate and clearly wrong, as a matter of law. I advised the Grand Referendary that I proposed to challenge the disallowance of the Australian proxies at the Chapter General, so that he would not be taken by surprise.

The Chapter General was attended by more than 200 Knights and Dames. The Duke of Seville passed the conduct of the meeting over to Don Antonio de Fortum y Manes, a Member of the Grand Magistral Council. The meeting then proceeded with reports being submitted by:

- The Grand Commander of the Order concerning, inter alia, the reunification process with the Norwich Group;
- The Ecclesiastical Grand Prior concerning the spiritual aims of the Order and the Church Services in which we would be involved during the course of the Chapter General;

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- The Grand Hospitaller detailing the charitable activities of the Order during the year. This was a most interesting and informative report and when the written version of his report is to hand I shall ensure that it is circulated to the Members;
- The Vice-Grand Chancellor (Finance) concerning the financial documentation that had been circulated to the attendees;
- The Grand Chancellor/Grand Referendary concerning the electoral process.

It was when the Vice-Grand Chancellor (Finance) asked for questions concerning the accounts of the Order that I rose and raised the matters which were concerning me and which had been discussed with our Chancellor, Chev Will Bailey. My criticisms were that the accounts of the Order were incomplete and lacking in detail. For example we had been given two documents, but three were referred to. The two documents which we had been given dealt with money that was held in a company in the United Kingdom and money that was held in Canada in the account of the Order. Neither of these accounts had been externally audited. Indeed the accounts of the English company were the subject of an express disclaimer by the auditors who had drawn them up but had been requested *not* to audit them.

In the course of my address to the Chapter General I suggested that the accounts should be consolidated in an appropriate way and externally audited. I was ably supported by our Chancellor, who impressively drew the attention of the meeting to the absence of auditing and moved a formal motion that the accounts of the Order be consolidated prior to the next Chapter General and properly audited. This motion was carried by the Chapter General without dissent.

After the reports from the Officers had been dealt with the business of the meeting moved to the election of a new Grand Master. His Excellency Don Carlos Gereda de Borbón, Marquis d' Almazán was duly nominated. A vote was taken. There was no adverse vote cast by those in attendance to his election. However the proxies still remained to be counted. The Grand Chancellor advised that of 42 jurisdictions 39 (including Australia) had

paid their International Oblations and that the total possible vote of Knights and Dames of the Order was 1356.

I then raised the proposed disallowance of any of the Australian proxies and addressed the meeting. I moved dissent from the adverse ruling of the Grand Referendary and, as a second part of the motion, moved that the Chapter General allow all the Australian proxies to be counted. After discussion the meeting unanimously carried both motions. This meant that there were 794 proxies to be counted. In the result 746 of these (including those from Australia) were in favour of the election of His Excellency Don Carlos, 19 were against and there were 29 abstentions. Accordingly our new Grand Master was overwhelmingly elected. I am proud to say that I was sitting next to him and was the first to congratulate him on his election as our new Grand Master.

Don Carlos is a man of distinction. He has an enviable curriculum vitae, a formidable track record in business and administration, is a highly skilled linguist, a charming person and a good man. The Order is indeed fortunate to have such a person as its Grand Master.

Following the Chapter General I took the opportunity to invite His Excellency to visit Australia, where I assured him he would receive a warm welcome. The Grand Master indicated that he was looking forward to visiting Australia and meeting our Members.

I also spoke with the recently elected Grand Prior of England and Wales. I raised with him the question of constitutional reform to reinstate the position of the Spiritual Protector and restore the powers and functions of the Heads of National Jurisdictions. Under the Constitution of 2006 (Clause 8.7) no powers or functions are defined for this body. However both of these matters were of concern to the Norwich Group and I was assured by the Grand Prior that they would be dealt with as part of the constitutional reform that was to be discussed in the coming months.

On Saturday 13 September 2008 the Investiture of the new Grand Master was held in the ancient and impressive Cathedral of Manchester. The liturgy that had been devised by the Ecclesiastical Grand Prior of the Order, Canon

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Paul Denby, was superb. No one could have asked for more. It was joyous and beautiful yet appropriately solemn. The opening address by Canon Denby, which stressed the objectives of the Order, was right to the point. The pledge of loyalty by the assembled Members to our new Grand Master was moving and impressive. It augured well for the future. The closing address by the Spiritual Protector, His Beatitude Gregory III, stressed the importance of the occasion as setting the tone for the future. In the course of his address he raised ten points for consideration by the Order - all of which were of considerable significance. When the written form of his address is to hand it will be a valuable indicator for future action by the Order at the international level.

In summary, the Chapter General was successful. The objectives directed by our last two National Chapters have been fulfilled in part by the election of His Excellency Don Carlos as our new Grand Master and the remainder is in the pipeline. All in all, a very satisfactory outcome from the point of view of the Australian Grand Priory.

I would like to thank the Members of the Australian Grand Priory for affording me the opportunity to attend the Chapter General in Manchester. It was an important occasion and appropriate that Australia, as one of the larger Grand Priory's of the Order, should be represented and make its mark.

### THE LOCAL SCENE

Since my last Report I have visited Hobart and Melbourne and attended a Vigil Service in New South Wales, as well as a luncheon and afternoon of entertainment at Miramare Gardens hosted by Chev Santo Severino and his wife Alba.

Unfortunately the visit to Hobart was a sad occasion, since it was to attend the Memorial Service of Dr Christopher Newell, son of our much loved Bishop Phillip Newell and his wife Merle. On behalf of the Order I wrote offering condolences to them and I would now like to place on record my appreciation of the beautiful Service that was held for Christopher in the Sir Stanley Burbury Hall at the University in Hobart. May Christopher rest in peace.

On a lighter note I attended the Annual Dinner of the Victorian Commandery, at Quat Quatta - a lovely heritage home in Melbourne. A great night was had by all and I thank the Victorian Commandery for its invitation to Jan and me to attend.

I am looking forward to visiting various of the Commanderies for their end-of-year Patronal Church Services.

Finally I would like to record my appreciation of the Vice Regal Patronage of the Order by His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC, whose term as Governor General concluded on 5 September 2008. Before his retirement I wrote to His Excellency thanking him for his interests in the Order and wishing him and Mrs Jeffery a long and happy retirement. I received a gracious reply from him in which he said that "it was a great honour to be Patron of such a fine organisation as the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem".

I also wrote to the Official Secretary to the Governor General advising him that the Order would be honoured if Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, would consider assuming the position of Patron of the Order when she took up office as Governor General. My best wishes to all Members.

Yours Confraternally

**The Hon Mr Justice Barry O'Keefe AM KCHS  
GCLJ (Ret)**

**Grand Priory of Australia**

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

This report is being written whilst I am travelling in Europe after the very successful Chapter General meeting in Manchester. The Grand Prior and our International Advisor Chev. John Bishop have covered the matters approved at the meeting. It was very much about the election of the Grand Master and the reconciliation and reunification which flowed from his appointment.

Since being appointed Chancellor I have been fully involved in the discussions and decisions which resolved the Australian Grand Priory's position for the Chapter General meeting. As the "new boy" in the Group I was privy to the hard work, dedication and contribution made by the others.

Chev. John Bishop, through his involvement in the reunification discussions over the years and his close relationship with the "Norwich Group" has spent a considerable amount of time and provided valuable input and advice. Mons. Anthony Toms likewise was a regular source of valuable information which he gained from his close association with his European contacts. He spent many hours during the middle of the night talking with his friends. Chev. David Crossin provided wise counsel which added much value as our strategy developed.

However without doubt I can record how lucky we were to have Chev. Justice Barry O'Keefe as our Grand Prior at this time. His experience in Law and his judgement, reinforced by his experience as a Justice of the NSW Supreme Court, added to his abundant commonsense served the Grand Priory splendidly as we decided the way forward. It is instructive for you to know that he represented the Grand Priory of Australia with skill and resolve on the floor of the Chapter General meeting. He introduced the concern we have with the International financial statements and allowed me to address the meeting on the need for consolidation of the accounts and the transparency which is essential. A motion on this important matter was moved by Justice O'Keefe and seconded by the Vice Grand Chancellor (Finance) who is responsible for the accounts. It was passed without dissent. I later received a copy of the draft consolidation.

Turning to domestic affairs I have received responses from four Commanderies to the letter I sent to Commandery Presidents on 11 April following the Canberra National Chapter meeting. Once the responses are received from the other Commanderies I will call a meeting of the Chancellor's Committee to consider the replies and prepare a report for the National Executive. All the matters referred to my Committee will be finalised at the Brisbane National Chapter meeting.

The new Manual is currently being amended by Chev. Bill Killinger to cover the Manchester outcomes and will be printed and distributed before the end of the year. The information brochure which will be taken from Manual will be prepared by our Marshall, Chev. Kerry Bowerman, and hopefully be available before the Brisbane meeting.

I was pleased to visit the NSW Commandery on 20 June and participate in a Vigil Service. In November I plan to visit the Tasmanian and West Australian Commanderies for fund raising events. It has and will be a busy year.

As we approach our Saint Lazarus day celebrations I feel the report by the Ecclesiastical Grand Prior, Canon Peter Denby, at the Chapter General meeting is worthy of reflection. His message relating to the priorities of the Order drew our attention to the three essential aspects; Christian observances, Hospitaller activities directed to lepers, the marginalised and support for our spiritual home, Jerusalem, and the Military structure which ensures good management and administration. All three are important but it is the Christian commitment, ecumenical as it is, which is paramount. He has written a hymn which was used at the Service of Installation for the Grand Master copies of which I shall send to Commandery Presidents. It would be very appropriate for use at our December Saint Lazarus day celebrations and certainly for use at future National Chapter meetings.

My report at the National Chapter meeting will flesh out some of the matters mentioned in this report.

**Will J Bailey AO KLJ OMLJ, Chancellor.**

## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RECONCILIATION ADVISER



It is very pleasing that the election of a new Grand Master at the Chapter General in Manchester has opened the way for a credible and completely acceptable international reunification of the Order of St Lazarus. This has overcome what has been Australia's principal objection to the reunification allegedly achieved under the Duke of Seville in Houston in 2006 and which caused us to withhold our financial oblations for over two years.

The new Grand Master, His Excellency, Don Carlos Gereda de Borbon, Marquis de Almazan - pictured here with Grand Prior Barry O'Keefe and Chancellor Will Bailey - is not only eminently qualified for this position but a very charming, witty and delightful man who spoke very eloquently of the Order and of his hopes for its future. The former Grand Master, the Duke of Seville spoke in full support of his successor and retired very gracefully and modestly.

On behalf of the former Paris Obedience jurisdictions which left the Order in 2004 and formed the Norwich Group, Lord Ferrers, Grand Prior of England & Wales, also signed a formal document of readmission of the Norwich jurisdictions. This satisfies Australia's second long-standing concern that all former Paris Obedience jurisdictions must be included in any effective reunification.

Our third objection - which relates to some aspects of the Constitution adopted at Houston in 2006 - has not yet been formally addressed. However, our views are shared by the former Norwich Group members as well as the French Grand Priory led by The Duchess of Brissac - and we have been assured by the Grand Commander that the constitution will be reviewed when other priorities have been dealt with.

The business proceedings at the Chapter General itself left a lot to be desired in that no written material was provided and questions or comments were clearly not encouraged. However, Barry O'Keefe succeeded in challenging a ruling by the Council that some of the Australian proxies be disallowed by gaining the unanimous support of the meeting that they be accepted and Will Bailey successfully moved a resolution regarding the need for formal consolidated financial statements to be prepared and external audit arrangements made in future.

All in all, I believe the outcome of the meeting completely vindicates Australia's stance over the past three years and we can now devote all our energies towards the important work of the Order instead of wasting time and resources on other distractions and personality problems.

**John Bishop**

**International Reconciliation Adviser.**

## FROM THE REFERENDARY

As the Referendary and having seen the various twists and turns of the negotiations over the past three years, I must pay tribute to our colleagues who represented us at the International Chapter at Manchester. The Grand Prior's report has made us all aware of the most successful outcome of the Chapter with the election of a Grand Master acceptable to all and who hopefully will strengthen the newly reunited Order. We all owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Grand Prior Chev. Barry O'Keeffe, the Chancellor Chev. Will Bailey and our special Representative dealing with the our International colleagues Chev. John Bishop. The Grand Prior skilfully led our delegation and manoevered the various factions to agree on the election of the Grand Master.

The Chancellor supported the Grand Prior in having the International accounts consolidated and externally audited and Chev. Bishop calmly and skilfully dealt with recalcitrant and hostile International colleagues over at least three years.

At the National Chapter in Brisbane I will move an amendment of the Constitution to delete the position of Bailiff which, so far as I am aware, has never been filled. As it is necessary to give one month's notice of any such motion, I will give the notice in due course.

**David Crossin OBE KCLJ**

**Referendary**

## FROM LADY POTTER

By now most of our members will have heard of the significant and successful Investiture and Installation of our new Grand Master, and the signing of reunification with the Norwich Group in the magnificent Manchester Cathedral.

Our Spiritual Grand Prior and Deputy Lieutenant of Manchester, Canon Paul Denby presided in the presence of our Spiritual Protector, His Beatitude Gregory III, who gave a strong and impassioned plea for our work and its success in reliving the suffering in the Holy Land and all other places and peoples in need. The Oath of Office was taken by Don Carlos to the general acclaim of all, and this was followed by the historic signing of Unity with the Norwich Group by Grand Commander H.E. Chev. David James on our behalf and H.E. The Rt. Hon Earl Ferrers on behalf of the Norwich Group.

On the previous day a meeting was held of the Grand Magisterial Council when it was unanimously agreed that H.E. Don Carlos de Borbon, Marquis de Almazan should be recommended to the Chapter General for election as Grand Master, and this had also been proposed and carried the previous weekend by the unanimous vote of the members of the Norwich Group at their Chapter General. The Grand Magistry agreed that for the present the Reunification Council would continue to function and that two members from the Norwich Group would be invited to be members of this body.

Chaired by Don Antonio de Fortun y Maynes, Baron de San Luis, a leading lawyer in Spain, the Chapter General was well attended by a most enthusiastic gathering, all delighted at this historic event in the affairs of the Order of St. Lazarus.

The Chapter was also greatly honoured to have the attendance of Her Majesty The Queen's Lord Lieutenant for Manchester, H.E. Warren Smith CBE at both the Investiture and the Gala Dinner.

Our new Grand Master is a charming man, who gave an address where he stressed the importance of young members and gave his undertaking to support and give full loyalty in his new role. Don Carlos is totally bilingual in English, having gone to school with the Benedictines at Downside in England.

At the Gala Dinner later in the evening he spoke again of his strong commitment to the Order's future and Earl Ferrers gave a magnificent speech on all that the Order had achieved.

For those who would like to see an account of the ceremony, a short documentary of the occasion has been filmed, and will shortly be available.

All in all, it was a wonderful and uplifting occasion, and I felt honoured to have been present.

**Primrose, Lady Potter**

**Grand Master's Delegate for Oceans**

# SPEECH

An edited version of a speech made by  
Jacquiline, Duchess of Brissac  
at the Gala Dinner in Manchester.

Your Beatitude,  
Your Highness, my dear Francisco  
You're Highness, Dear Grand Master,

On behalf of my husband, I wish to share with you his happiness about the brilliant election of H.H. Don Carlos as Grand Master, to whom, with God's blessing, he wishes, as they say in the Navy:

"Bon vent, Bonne mer",

That means a good wind and a good sea for sailing.

I would personally like to thank the Grand Priory of England and Wales and its Grand Prior for the very efficient organisation of this meeting, our dear Cannon Reverend Paul Denby for the very impressive Church Service, our Grand Commander David James for undertaking several month ago the preparation of this Chapter General and most of all His Beatitude Gregorios III for his blessing.

Amongst the very happy memories we shared during many years visiting Grand Priories, the first one present in my memory is when, in 1974, the Grand Prior of America, Hans Von Leden organised in Washington, D.C., for 12 Marines to present to my husband a reproduction of the Brissac Company's Flag, with our Coat of Arms, that Company having fought under Lafayette (who was the Duke's cousin) in the American War of Independence.

I also recall the pilgrimage undertaken by the American Grand Priory to celebrate 900 years of our Order in the Holy Land, when the two Grand Masters, the Duke of Brissac and the Duke of Seville prayed for unity and in a confraternal handshake took the first step towards reunification.

I shall add another personnel memory. When I was invited to the Grand Priory meeting in Houston, my luggage never arrived and I wore Ann Harrington's lovely clothes for 4 days. It has been the only time in my life I wore new clothes without ruining my husband's credit card. It was our first link to our friendship.

Speaking of friendship we cannot forget the great welcome we always received when visiting other Grand Priories abroad, Canada, Australia, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, South Africa, and all our European Priories.

Just before thanking God for this "Happy Day" I would like to thank St Lazarus and a Spanish Dominican, St Vincent Ferrer, who lived in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and is known as a "Prince of Peace".

First, he reunified under one Crown the three kingdoms of Aragon, Castile and Catalonia and that gave to Spain its unity

Then in 1416, during the Council of Constance he stopped schism between three Popes and that resulted in the election of Alexander V.

As he is a champion of reunification between three pretenders I begged him to reunify our three Obediences under one Grand Master. This is what has been achieved.

Now we can concentrate on our hospitaler works to help the poor and the sick people throughout the world behind our Grand Hospitaler Moritsugu, following our historic and 900 years old tradition under the banner of our Grand Master H.H Don Carlos, with our ecumenical spirituality led and blessed by our Patriarch, His Beatitude GREGORIOS III.

# FROM MANCHESTER



*H.B. Patriarch Gregory III*



*The Grand Prior with The Grand Master*

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

## Australian Capital Territory

On 5 July, Chev John Donovan (our immediate past president) married Andra Rose at St John the Baptist (Anglican) church, Reid ACT. The ceremony was conducted by our chaplain, Canon Geoff Sibly. This is the first time an ACT member of the Order has been married by one of its chaplains.

The Commandery's annual retreat was held on Saturday 9 August. On this occasion our Catholic Chaplain Bishop Max Davis led the prayers and suggested reflections for those present. Once again, those able to attend voted this a spiritual highlight of the Order's official year.

Our Winter Service and dinner were held on Friday 22 August at St David's Anglican Church Red Hill (our Anglican Chaplain Canon Geoff Sibly presiding) and at the Commonwealth Club. Several prospective members attended the Service and dinner as guests of the Commandery.

On Saturday 6 September, our president Chev Jim Leedman convened a planning meeting at his home. This was well-supported and led to

a better delineation of "the way ahead" for our Commandery, and also provided an opportunity for local members to express their views on a number of issues forwarded for consideration by the National Council. After the meeting ended, several members and their spouses met for an informal dinner at a nearby restaurant.

The ACT Commandery has two more major functions programmed for the remainder of this year. On Friday 31 October, the Commandery will host its annual benefit dinner for L'Arche Genessaret at the Commonwealth Club. This is our major source for funding our special charity. Then, on Friday 19 December, the Commandery's annual Patronal Day service and dinner will be held. Any members visiting from interstate will be most welcome to attend either. For catering purposes, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Peter Wilkins, at [gawaine@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gawaine@bigpond.net.au)

**Peter Wilkins**

**Secretary, ACT Commandery**

## New South Wales

### Life-long Relationships and Friendships

Our Commandery is progressing with our program of building life-long relationships and friendships among our Members. A mutually beneficial environment augurs well for increased humanitarian activity within the Order.

We are Christians, we love the Lord and we love one another.

### New Members

It has been very gratifying to see new postulants seek membership of our Order and this growth will strengthen our Commandery's ability to achieve charitable works. Our Commandery aims to have seven postulants admitted at our Investiture Service during the National Chapter in Brisbane next year. We now have 50 members and we are growing stronger by the day.

### Welcome to New Members

Earlier this year we held a delightful cocktail reception at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on Sydney harbour for prospective postulants to meet and talk with existing members. We are all looking forward to appreciating the positive contribution we believe our prospective postulants will make to the activities of our Order. Members of our Commandery are in the process of building life-long relationships, friendships and a community of mutual support amongst each other.

### Admissions

We were pleased to admit five new members at the National Chapter meeting in Canberra. Unfortunately one of our postulants could not make the vigil, so with the assistance of our

Chancellor Will Bailey we arranged a special vigil service for Simon Frame at the historic St James Anglican church in King Street Sydney. Will Bailey kindly attended and performed the reading, John 12, 1-8. The beautiful church organ was superbly played during the vigil which was very inspiring. Following this service well attended by Simon's friends, we held a delightful friendly dinner at the Spanish restaurant called Subsolo at 161 King Street only 50 metres from St James Church. It is pleasing to note that some of Simon Frame's friends have applied to become members of our Order.

## **Enza's Soiree at the Stamford Hotel**

### **A Social Evening - Fundraiser**

One of our members Enza Messina OLJ bravely undertook to personally conduct a fund raising event being a Soiree at the Stamford Plaza Hotel in the harbourside suburb of Double Bay. The activity was held in a comfortable, opulent and intimate venue. No hiring fees were required and the finger food provided was both tasty and abundant. Drinks were unrestricted. Generous and expensive prizes were donated for the raffle and auction which largely contributed to the profit margin.

A modern Classical Live Band and a large dance floor encouraged dancing and light hearted fun. The music group performs regularly at the venue and therefore no extra charge was required.

Enza says her main effort was drawing a commitment from her family and friends, making sure they all paid up on the day and encouraging all guests to buy as many raffle tickets as possible. Enza's personal assistant Samantha was a great help in managing the money. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and Enza was voted 'The Hostess with the Mostess.' Following the Soiree, Enza presented our Commandery with a cheque for \$6,000.00 being the proceeds of the evening. Congratulations Enza and our sincere thanks go to you for your wonderful virtually solo effort.

### **Pascal Celebration**

In March 2008, the Pascal Celebration Palm Sunday Service was conducted at our garrison church, St John's Anglican Church Gordon, where we celebrated the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ in word and song. We were grateful for the generous hospitality of the Rector Rev Father Keith Dalby, Wardens

and Parishioners of St John's Church Gordon. This service featured performances from two excellent choirs, The Jacobean Singers and the St Andrew's Cathedral Singers who provided music that was outstandingly beautiful. Following the service a delicious supper was provided by the St John's ladies committee. This ceremony and supper gives us an excellent opportunity to further cement our member relationships.

### **Sunday Luncheon**

Recently we held a winter luncheon at Mirramare Gardens, the superb five star function centre created by our very own Knight, Santo Severino KLJ and his wife Alba. Located on the Mona Vale Road at Terrey Hills this modern event centre is a magnificent venue and we all enjoyed the wonderful hospitality with good friends, good food, good camaraderie and great friendship. A feature of the luncheon is playing bocce an Italian version of lawn bowls, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the NSW Commandery will be held on Monday 27 October 2008, in the historic National Trust building on Observatory Hill, Sydney. Built in 1815 this very early stone building was originally the military hospital and now houses the National Trust. It is a very convenient location on Observatory Hill overlooking the South Western pylon of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. On site parking is a great feature of the venue facilities.

#### **Patronal Feast**

On Friday 14 November, we will celebrate the Patronal feast of St Lazarus following a special service to be held in the beautiful and historic Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral. The service will commence at 7.00pm led by His Eminence George Cardinal Pell who is Chaplain to the NSW Commandery. Our feast day celebration will follow at the prestigious Australian Club located nearby in Macquarie Street. The club features a superb collection of Australian art. At the dinner His Eminence George Cardinal Pell will speak on achievements of World Youth Day. Being a formal occasion we will wear formal attire with cloaks, insignia and miniatures which helps promote visibility and awareness of our Order.

## **Charitable Activities**

### **The Spafford Children's Centre**

We have undertaken a project to support the Spafford Children's Centre (SCC) in Jerusalem. We are doing this through arrangements made by our national office, whereby our contributions can attract a tax deduction. Support of this charity is robustly consistent with the aims of our Order to practice Christian tenets of protecting and assisting the weak, helping the poor, aged, handicapped and sick.

### **Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.**

We are currently assisting patients of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children located at Westmead by donating gifts and presents at Christmas. This popular program enjoys some corporate support which assists in defraying costs.

### **Country Hope**

Country Hope is a support group for country families that have to bring or send their children to the city for treatment. Based in the Riverina at Leeton NSW, Country Hope provides valuable support for needy families. It is a small charity but one in which our contribution can make an impact.

### **Mother Teresa's Sisters**

#### **– The Missionaries of Charity**

In Sydney the Missionaries of Charity are located in the depressed areas of Redfern and Surry Hills. They see their main job as combating loneliness. Much of their work is visiting people. There are lots of single, lonely people in the area. The Sisters can provide meals and go to peoples' homes to talk and listen, or if required, roll up their sleeves and clean. The poverty they encounter here is spiritual poverty, one Sister says the most affecting sights she has seen in Australia, repeatedly, are in nursing homes for the elderly. "You walk in and people are waiting, staring. Just hoping someone will come and talk to them." A wonderfully deserving charity recommended by the Cardinal.

### **National Chapter 2010**

Now less than two years away we have formed a Committee to organize the Sydney Chapter 15-18 April 2010. An excellent program is being developed.

## **An Order of St Lazarus Foundation**

We are looking into the formation of a Foundation with a trust deed to accommodate gifts, bequests and donations. The aim being to grow the corpus and generate funds for charitable activities. Our Victorian Commandery has further developed this concept.

### **NSW Commandery Directory**

Our Secretary Bill Molloy was Convenor of a special sub-committee appointed to produce the 82 page Directory of members past and present. Bill was assisted by Almoner Kerry Jones who very capably performed the major Editing/Compilation function, while Anna Messina managed the formatting and collating. Phillip Clarkson (historian) and John Pegg (Treasurer) each made significant contributions to the Directory. Thank you one and all.

### **A New Grand Master**

We are all delighted to learn of the election of Chev Don Carlos Gereda de Borbon Marquis of Almazan KCLJ to the position of Grand Master of our Order. He is said to be very engaging and has many interests including astronomy, motor mechanics (classic cars) - currently involved in the design and production of a series of Bentley specials. He is also interested in music, classical if possible. He organises home concerts with young Spanish talent of piano and chamber music. We look forward to seeing him in Australia.

### **Thank you Grand Prior**

We congratulate and thank our Australian representatives, particularly Grand Prior Barry O'Keefe who with Chancellor Will Bailey, Chev John Bishop and Dame Primrose Potter attended the recent Chapter General meeting in Manchester and made such a positive contribution to achieving the successful outcome.

### **Invitation**

All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend any or all of our activities.

You will be most welcome.

Atavis et Armis - Valour in the spirit of our forefathers.

**Ross Brown**

**President, NSW Commandery**

## Queensland

The Queensland Commandery has been finalising details of the National Chapter to be held in Brisbane from Thursday April 30 to Sunday May 3, 2009.

The Marriott Hotel has been chosen as the venue for the National Chapter and it is requested that on booking accommodation the Order of St Lazarus is named and the special rate will be applicable.

Church services will be held at St John's Cathedral, All Saints Church and the Cathedral of St Stephen. All are within walking distance of the Marriott (transport will be provided if needed). Once again it is the Commandery's intention to provide home hospitality in the true Queensland fashion. The Commandery is looking forward to welcoming as many members as possible.

In April this year the Commandery had its movie morning fundraiser. 'The Painted Veil' was thoroughly enjoyed by our loyal supporters and funds raised were distributed to the Trinity Pantry and Catholic Psychiatric Care.

This was followed in August by a cocktail party at the Heiser Gallery where paintings by Ian Smith were showing and this was a great success due to the hard work and generosity of our members. Thanks to you all.

Support is still being provided to the young quadriplegic man who has been moved to a new facility. He has settled in well and several members are endeavouring to make his room more comfortable and personal. Other members of the Commandery are volunteering at the Trinity Pantry.

We still have several members who are not well. They are missed at our meetings and functions but we always remember them in our prayers. We ask you to do so as well.

The Queensland Commandery invites you all to attend the National Chapter next year and promises you a wonderful few days. We look forward to seeing you.

**Regina McGuire CLJ**

**President, QLD Commandery**

## South Australia

The optimistic news from the National Chapter regarding developments at the international level was received with enthusiasm by our Commandery and we look forward with anticipation to a resolution of our past problems at the forthcoming Chapter General. I make mention of this in the context of our drive for membership renewal - a programme which has been the focus of our planning deliberations since September 2007 recognising that a continuing inflow of new members is vital for our future operational viability and our mission for the plight of the sick, the poor and the rejected in our community.

This has been a busy period also for our fundraising activities and the programme organised by our Almoner's committee included a pizza lunch for commandery members and guests and our annual film night.

The pizza luncheon was the initiative of the Chairman of our membership committee, Dr

Tony Cocchiaro and was held in the hospitality venue of his home complete with his wood fired pizza oven. This was fired up and gourmet pizzas produced with the help of three generations of his family, and the function was not only a successful fundraiser but a wonderfully enjoyable fraternal affair for members and their guests.

Our annual Commandery Film Night has now achieved a status of its own on the Adelaide social calendar and this year we were fortunate to secure *Mama Mia* for our 2008 film night held on Sunday evening, 31 August. The evening was another outstanding success both financially and socially. Once again the senior students of Scotch College volunteered to serve our champagne and sandwich supper - their youthful enthusiasm adding a nice touch to the occasion. Some 430 attended and the proceeds of the evening were donated to the Huntington's Disease Association.

## South Australia

On November 28 Elizabeth Jamieson, CLJ, will be making her home available for a cocktail party for members and guests with excellent prospects for another very successful fundraiser.

Following that function we will look forward to our Annual St Lazarus Day church service which will be held on Sunday 14 December 2008 in the beautiful chapel of the Dominican Nuns in their Cabra Convent. The occasion will be particularly significant this year as our Grand Prior has graciously agreed to join us and to present our Chaplain, Monsignor Robert Aitken, with his OMLJ. The service will be followed with a luncheon at the Adelaide Club during which the Grand Prior has agreed to address the Commandery.

In this, my first year as Commandery President, I acknowledge with sincere gratitude the continuing commitment of our members who have applied themselves so loyally and diligently to our fundraising activities and to our ongoing mission to those in our society who are our modern day lepers – specifically those who Bishop Newell so clearly defined at our National Chapter as “ *the sick and the dying, the hungry and the impoverished, the voiceless and the stateless, the unloved and the unwanted, those with disabilities, and those who despair of life itself* ”.

**Ellis Wayland**

**President, SA Commandery**



*John Bishop at Manchester*

## Tasmania

### **Celebrating Together**

The sense of collegiality engendered in a Commandery is developed as we meet together, pray and worship together, as we work towards the achievement of agreed goals. Shared social times are also important. Recognising the importance of this, we decided to hold a special dinner for members and spouses. So, in May, a well-attended dinner was held at the Tasmanian Club. The Club chef provided a splendid three

course dinner, and the occasion presented us with a wonderful opportunity to honour our founding member, Ken Lowrie, and to congratulate him on his receiving, in Canberra, the Australian Meritorious Medal (Silver). Responding to the toast in his honour, Ken touched on the early days of the Commandery.

It was a particular pleasure for me to present our Almoner, Bronwyn Wood, with her Brevet, advancing her to the rank of Commander.

## Garden Party

Our Hospitaller, Ron Banks, has proposed that this year's principal fundraising event should take the form of a Saturday afternoon Garden Party, on 8 November. Jim Grant and his wife, Annabelle, have kindly offered their home as the venue. This residence, High Peak, has magnificent grounds and gardens, and will be an ideal setting for what we believe will be a well attended function.

The proceeds will be devoted to our special projects in support of patients in palliative care at the Whittle Ward of the Royal Hobart Hospital and the Gibson Unit of the St John's campus of Calvary Hospital. Bronwyn Wood, the Almoner, will present some challenging projects to our next meeting.

## Two Bereavements

Two Commandery members have suffered bereavements since the last edition of the Lazarus Letter. The Commandery has expressed its condolences to Barry Pickard and family. Plans were in hand to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Barry's father. Sadly, but peacefully, he died just five days before the great day.

Whilst my wife and I were overseas visiting family members in USA and Canada, our eldest son, Associate Professor The Reverend Canon Dr Christopher Newell AM, died suddenly. The Commandery was represented at the Vigil Service and the University Service of Remembrance, with the Grand Prior, The Hon. Justice Mr Barry O'Keefe, kindly and caringly in attendance at the latter.

There was a large representation of Members and spouses, including our Chaplains, Fr Brian Nichols and Bishop Chris Jones, at the Requiem Eucharist held at All Saints' Anglican Church, South Hobart.

Merle and I thank all members of the Order for their love and prayers.

## Annual Quiet Morning

Our Annual Quiet morning will be held at High Peak on Saturday, 20 September, with members and spouses invited to attend this time of spiritual reflection and the luncheon that will follow.

**Bishop Phillip K. Newell**

**President, TAS Commandery**

## Victoria

The Victorian Commandery has been quite active since the last report.

Our bi-monthly business meetings continue to be preceded by short devotional services conducted by our Chaplains in the Chapel of Our Lord and Saint Lazarus at St Peter's, East Melbourne, giving an opportunity for reflection before our meetings.

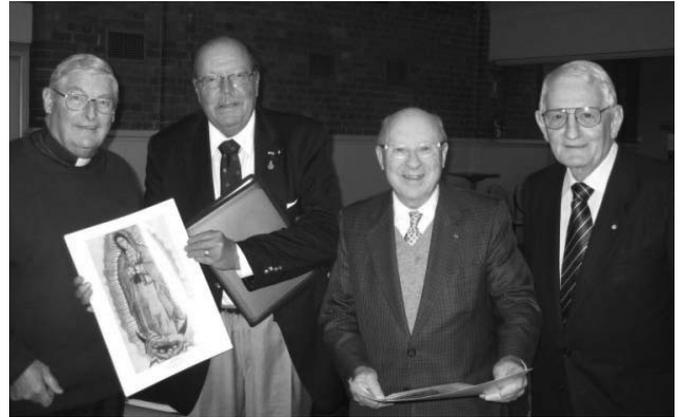
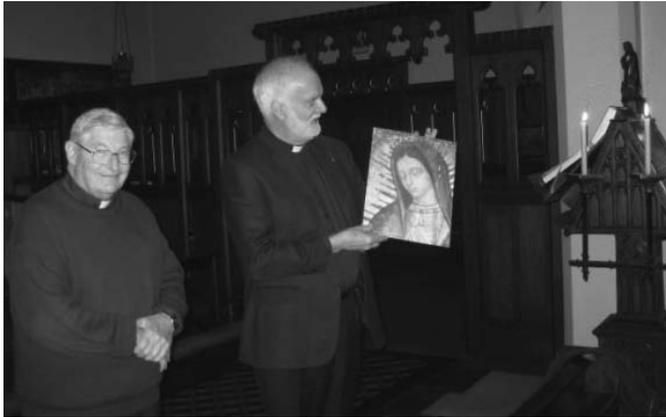
In fact recently, attendance has exceeded the capacity of the Chapel and the service has been held in the Church. Accompanying photos show Monsignor Tony Toms conducting, and members attending, a service in June.



We enjoyed a visit from a Knight of the Order from Mexico.

Ing Mauricio Porraz KLJ BrCrLJ BSCE OMLJ, Marshal Delegacion Mexicana brought greetings from his home Commandery and was a most affable visitor. As it happened, the Grand Prior was also present at the meeting

he attended and our visitor was excited to have been photographed with National office bearers as shown here. He made presentations to the meeting including a print of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



*The photographs show Monsignor Tony Toms and Rev Dr John Davis with the presentation, and our visitor (second from left) with Monsignor Toms, the Grand Prior and the Chancellor.*



*In recognition of his work in assisting in the creation of insignia now made in Australia at significant cost effectiveness, Mr John Hiatt was presented, by the Grand Prior at a recent meeting, with a Merit Award, with Chev Will Bailey looking on.*

In order to ensure that adequate attention is given to keeping in touch with members who from time to time become sick, it was considered at the recent meeting that we need a Welfare Officer. We are very pleased that Mrs Davina Johnson OLJ has volunteered for the position.

The Gala dinner at Quat Quatta in July was most successful.

Over 100 members and guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining, opera singing under the direction of Mr Richard Gill AOM, Music Director of Victorian Opera, and a spirited auction of a range of articles.

We were very pleased to have the honour of the presence of the Grand Prior and Mrs Jan O'Keefe on the occasion.

Over \$15,000 was raised towards our Charitable Fund.

We recently bade farewell to a very faithful member and former Chaplain of the Commandery, Bishop David Farrer ChLJ CMLJ. David and Helen have moved to the U.K. where David has been appointed vicar of the combined parishes of St Michael's Church Arundel and St Leonard's Church South Stoke, West Sussex.

Further progress is being made in formalising and expanding our Friends program, and in the recognition of some longer term members who warrant Emeritus status.

Work is also proceeding on the progress of some new member applications.

We look forward to Saint Lazarus Day Service, meeting and Dinner in December.

**Max Carr**

**President, VIC Commandery**

## Western Australia

Nine members and two spouses attended the National Conference in Canberra last April. All enjoyed the experience.

The Commandery held its Annual General Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at which the following Office Bearers were elected:

President: Tony Gardner CLJ  
Secretary: Gavin Fielding OLJ  
Treasurer: John Cunningham OLJ  
Almoner: Terry Jackson AM KLJ  
Hospitaller: Julie Gardner OLJ  
Herald: Richard O'Clery CLJ

This meeting brought to an end a long period of devoted service to the Commandery by Elizabeth Summerhayes DLJ and Jock Morrison KLJ OMLJ. Both had at different times served as President and as Secretary of the Commandery and we are indebted to them for their long and valuable service. They along with Geoffrey Summerhayes OAM, KLJ CMLJ can justifiably be proud of the work they have done to advance the cause of the Commandery.

The Commandery continues to hold meetings bi-monthly which have been well attended. These meetings are followed by dinner which enables members to enjoy the benefits of regular social contact with each other.

In addition to these regular meetings the Commandery meets on other occasions. On the 21<sup>st</sup> September ten members attended Evensong at St George's Cathedral during which the Cannon Precentor in his address drew attention to the role of the Order. The service was also attended by the Dean, the Very Rev. John Shepherd ChLJ OMLJ, and by Rt. Rev. Bishop Brian Kyme ChLJ OMLJ. Afterwards members joined with spouses, clergy, choir and parishioners for fellowship, enhanced by a glass of wine, in Burt Hall.

Our annual St Lazarus Day Service and Dinner is to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. We are delighted that the Grand Prior has accepted our invitation to attend both functions on this day.

Planning is well under way for our annual fund raising Garden Party which is to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. The same event last year raised approximately \$28,000 and we are confident of raising much the same amount again this year. So far this year the Commandery has made donations to the following charitable organisations:

Parkerville Children's Home	\$5000
St. Bartholomew's House	\$5000
Wynn Carr House	\$5000
Passages Resource Centre	\$5000

In addition, the Commandery continues to contribute to the tertiary education expenses of Jacob Coa, a student resident in East Timor. This year the Commandery contributed \$2000 towards those expenses. The Commandery also made a donation of \$5000 towards the St George's Cathedral Restoration Appeal in recognition of the help and support given to us over a long period by Rt.Rev.Bishop Kyme and Very Rev. John Shepherd, the Dean of Perth in respect of the annual St Lazarus Day Service and more recently the annual evensong service.

Although the pursuit of new members continues to be somewhat frustrating the Commandery is mindful of the need to attract new members and is actively involved in seeking new members. We have recently welcomed David Coffey as a new member.

**Tony Garner**

**President, WA Commandery**

# TONY'S FRENCH ONION SOUP



This is an authentic French Onion Soup recipe our mother used to cook for us on special occasions. After making two trial versions from her recipes, written over seventy years ago, I have had to substitute some ingredients not available in grocer's shops today. I must warn you that the soup is a meal in itself, however satisfying the most fervent appetite. If you follow my recipe instructions to the letter I can assure, you will never open another can again.

## Ingredients:

1 kg brown onions  
grated tasty cheese  
1 ½ lt salt reduced Campbell's vegetable stock  
250 ml dry white wine  
2 desert spoons of brandy / cognac per bowl  
2 tablespoons plain flour  
vegetable oil or virgin olive oil  
fresh parmesan cheese  
butter  
bread for croutons

## Utensils:

large heavy based pot  
wooden spoon

## Serving bowls:

serving bowls must be oven proof

## Preparation:

Peel and slice the brown onions into rings.

## Method:

1. Add three tablespoons of your preferred oil into a heavy based pot and add a tablespoon of butter. When hot add the sliced onions and stir well. The onions must be cooked until they are brown and caramelised. This might take up to 20-30 minutes. Make sure the caramelising onions do not burn on the base of the pot.
2. When the onions are brown and caramelised, stir in two tablespoons of plain flour. Mix well to remove any lumps of flour. This will thicken the soup.
3. Add 2 ½ lt of Campbell's salt reduced beef stock. Stir well then add 1 cup 250 ml dry white wine. Add cracked pepper and sea salt to season and taste. Simmer and occasionally stir for about 30 minutes.
4. While the onion soup is simmering prepare the croutons. Use toast sliced bread, remove the crusts, cut into quarters and fry in your preferred oil until light golden brown. Depending on the size of your soup bowl, allow enough croutons to cover the surface of the soup.
5. When the consistency of the onion soup is ready, add 2 desert spoons of brandy or cognac to each bowl and ladle in the onion soup. Top the soup with the fried croutons and heap grated tasty cheese on top, Finish by sprinkling fresh grated parmesan cheese.
6. Place the bowls of soup under oven griller to melt and brown the cheeses to a golden brown consistency.

# ST LAZARUS DAY

## A Memorandum from Dean Arthur Grimshaw

There are also a number of differing dates of commemoration for Lazarus, in different parts of the world. An annual commemoration of St.Lazarus gives us a date focus for keeping the Hospitaller work in our cycle of prayer. If we follow the identification of our St.Lazarus as the brother of Martha and Mary, there might be considerable sense in Australia making our commemoration on (or proximate to) the feast day of St.Martha on July 29 (designated Mary and Martha of Bethany in the Anglican Calendar in Australia and in the Benedictine Sanctorale). If, however we follow the view that the order derives its name from identification with the poor man covered in sores in Luke's account of Jesus' parable (Luke 16: 19-31), we might tend towards a feast-day in his honour on June 21, as kept by the Ethiopian church. Either choice would avoid the difficulties by the December 17th date, currently observed in Australia.

The identity of St.Lazarus of Jerusalem must remain something of a conundrum - there being a number of choices for identification, and possibly this is the more important prior question, before considering an alternative date for the annual commemoration.

### Which St Lazarus?

The most obvious choice might seem to be the person more usually designated Lazarus of Bethany, brother of Martha and Mary (see S.John chapter 11). While the village of Bethany is distinct from Jerusalem, it is only a few kilometres distant, and if he is the candidate, it is possible to see his naming as Lazarus 'of Jerusalem' being a reasonable identification. The Greek tradition states that he died bishop of Kition in Cyprus. There is also a French legendary association of him with Marseilles. This dates from the eleventh century, and has no apparent historical foundation. In Bishop Murphy's notes there are references to relics of St.Lazarus in Constantinople, Marseilles and Autun.

### Lazarus of the parable of Dives and Lazarus

The Benedictine "The Book of Saints" lists St Lazarus (the poor man of the parable in Luke 16) as the one whose name the Order of St.Lazarus adopted. It may well be that the Order of St.Lazarus of Jerusalem took its name from primary focus of their hospitaller work in the hospital in Jerusalem during the Crusades. Throughout Europe the Order of Saint Lazarus established Hospices dedicated under the name of Lazarus because of their ready succour to people suffering from the physical pain, and social isolation of Leprosy (now known as "Hansen's Disease"). In mediaeval England, the love for acting Bible stories as a method of teaching led also to the bestowal of a name on the rich man of the parable (Dives) and this has come through in the English folk-song "Dives and Lazarus".

Jesus' parable is placed by Luke among the teachings immediately prior to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also significant that in St.John's Gospel the account of the raising of Lazarus stand in close proximity to the events of Holy Week.

The Ethiopians keep a feast-day in his honour on June 21, though there is no suggestion in scripture of his being anything other than a fictional figure, whose name is derived from his condition.

#### Reference:

The Book of Saints (Cassel) - A Dictionary of Servants of God canonised by the Catholic Church, compiled by the Benedictine monks of St.Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate (6th edition 1989)

St.Lazarus Bishop of Milan (d.c.450) - February 11th (feast translated from March 14 to avoid celebration in Lent)

## **St.Lazarus, the poor man of the parable: June 21**

St.Lazarus, Bishop of Kition in Cyprus (1st century): July 29 - this is the brother to Mary and Martha, whose feast day is now linked with that of his sisters.

### **Bishop Murphy's notes on St.Lazarus**

The late Bishop Patrick Murphy provided these notes in an OLJ Handbook c.1986 in which he specified December 17 as the feast day of St.Lazarus.

### **ST. LAZARUS (first century)**

In the eleventh chapter of his gospel St John gives a full account at the raising from the dead by our Lord of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary of Bethany and the much-loved friend of Jesus; but the Bible is silent on the subsequent life of this man called back from the dead. Nor is anything really known.

The pseudo-Clementine writings say he followed St Peter into Syria, but according to the tradition received in the East he, with his sisters and others, was put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, and by a supernatural interposition of providence landed safely at the island of Cyprus. He was, they say, made bishop at Kition (Larnaka), and died there in peace after thirty years. In 890 the Emperor Leo VI built a church and monastery in his honour at Constantinople, and translated some of the reputed relics from Cyprus.

The presence of St Lazarus in the West is first heard of in the eleventh century, in connection with the legend of St.Mary Magdalen in Provence. In a letter written by Pope Benedict IX on the occasion of the consecration of

the abbey church of St Victor at Marseilles reference is made to its possessing the relics of St Lazarus of Bethany, but nothing is said of his having been bishop there or preaching in Provence as the mediaeval legends assert. According to these Lazarus was put into the oarless and rudderless boat with the others (Mary Magdalen, Martha, Maximus, etc.) and landed with them in the south-east of Gaul. He made a number of converts at Marseilles, became their bishop, and was martyred under Domitian on the site of the Saint-Lazare prison. He was buried in a cave, over which the abbey of St Victor was subsequently built. From there his relics are supposed to have been taken to Autun, where some human remains were enshrined in the new cathedral in 1146.

The existence in the crypt of St Victor's at Marseilles of the epitaph of a fifth-century bishop of Aix named Lazarus, who resigned his see and visited Palestine before dying at Marseilles and being buried there, may throw light on the origin of these curious legends about St Lazarus of Bethany; and also the bringing of relics of St Nazarius from Milan to Autun in 542.

There is abundant evidence that the memory of Lazarus was devotionally honoured both in the early days at Jerusalem and later throughout the Church. The pilgrim Lady Etheria (c. 390), tells us of the procession which took place to the Lazarium (where Lazarus had been raised from the dead) on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Etheria was much impressed by the enormous crowd which packed the whole vicinity. But we also find some similar celebration, nearly always connected with Lent, in the Western Church. At Milan, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and in Africa, as we learn from St Augustine, the gospel of the restoring to life of Lazarus was read at the night office before the dawn of Palm Sunday.

