



L AZARUS LETTER

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The Journal of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
Australian Grand Priory

FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

As we look back to the end of the first year of the new millennium, the time has come to turn away from nostalgic celebrations and to turn to the future. The tragic event of September 11th must strengthen our resolve to redirect and redouble our efforts to improve the search for peace and goodwill and to try to turn the tide against terrorism and bigotry. There is so much conflict around us even within our Order at present. Much of this latter I suspect due to various ambitions and hidden agendas within some of the European jurisdictions. If this is not resolved sooner rather than later, the Order risks becoming irrelevant amongst the Orders of Chivalry.

This would be a pity considering the many wonderful hospitaller works we do. In the next few weeks (I write this in January) I go to London for a Governing Council meeting, when the Grand Master's intentions to make the Paris Obedience of the Order into an Association of the Faithful under Vatican authority will yet again be discussed. Despite the strong objections of the Council he continues to negotiate with the Vatican, whilst ignoring the more pressing objective of re-unification. I will be reporting to you fully on these deliberations at our National

Chapter in Brisbane, when you will be asked to decide on our future directions. I hope therefore that as many of you as possible will be there to participate. I would appreciate hearing from those of you who may not be present in Brisbane so that I have the fullest indications of members' views before such an important subject is discussed.

I was very sorry to receive the sad news from the Grand Priory of England and Wales that Dame Ruth Bowden died after being knocked down by a car recently. Dame Ruth was one of the most senior members of the Order and deeply committed to our objectives and work. She will be much missed and I sent our Grand Priory's condolences to the Grand Priory of England and Wales. Many of you will remember meeting her in Melbourne at the Grand Magistery meeting. On a very much happier note, I was delighted to see that our Grand Prior Emeritus, Tony Sallmann received a very well deserved AO in the Australia Day Honours list, and extend our warmest congratulations to him. I look forward to our being together in Brisbane in May, and until then Revelations 22 v 21.

Primrose Potter

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

It is difficult to come to terms with the extraordinary events which have occurred both internationally and domestically in the brief period since our previous Newsletter was issued last September. It seems that the new millennium is off to a very turbulent start and that there is a real need for greater stability, goodwill and understanding in so many aspects of world events and our daily lives.

Unfortunately, our own Order is not immune from unsettling events and challenges.

The Grand Prior's report deals with the forthcoming meeting of the International Governing Council of The Order in London next month. I am sure we all hope and pray that the Council is able to make positive progress on the important questions of Vatican recognition and Re-unification which are the main items on the

agenda. Tony Sallmann, as Chairman of the Council has a very challenging task ahead of him and on your behalf, I wish him well for this important meeting and congratulate him on his continuing efforts to help the Council reach a proper resolution of the issues.

It appears very likely that the International Reunion in Dublin in September will have a significant influence on the future activities of The Order and I hope that many of you are able to join a substantial Australian delegation to the meeting.

On the local front, preparations for our National Chapter in Brisbane are proceeding well. The agenda will include an update on international developments and a review of the nature and frequency of future National Chapters as well as active consideration of the membership issues raised in the Tasmanian Commandery's Discussion Paper last year. Please come to the Chapter and help to shape the future activities of The Order.

John Bishop

FROM THE GRAND PRIOR EMERITUS

There is a Grand Magistry and Governing Council meeting in London on Sat 23 February and the issues from my perspective are:

- The Order of Saint Lazarus is unique in that it is beholden to neither Church nor State
- Every member is expected to belong to his or her own Christian Church
- The Grand Master wants us to be a Catholic order

- This is the price he is prepared to pay for Vatican recognition; he believes other sovereign states would follow in recognizing the order
- Lazarus must not become a Catholic order-its Ecumenism is priceless

My task over recent months has been to marshal international opinion to halt this unfortunate move, I trust I have your support.

Tony Sallmann

FROM THE REFERENDARY

The 2002 Chapter Organising Committee are busy preparing for the 3 days in Brisbane starting 31 May. We have arranged a welcoming cocktail party at Government House on the Friday night, to be followed by the vigil service in the lovely stone church of St Mary's, Kangaroo Point atop the cliffs overlooking the City.

The main venue for the conference will be the Marriott Hotel but lower cost alternative venues are available close to it, as you can see in the attached material from OZACCOM.

The remaining services are at our two cathedrals, St John's and St Stephen's and we have two dinners planned at the Rugby Club (on the river) and the Brisbane Club.

In addition we will have private home functions on the Thursday night and Sunday lunch to help promote more informality. (Thanks for the Casagrandes and the Needhams for making their homes available).

At the all-important Chapter Meeting on the Saturday we will have to debate several options on the future of the Order and its commitment to Ecumenism and the possible reunion of two international branches of the Order. This will be a vital discussion for all the Grand Priory. Beyond that, there will be some constitutional changes as foreshadowed in Canberra on the swapping of the Marshal and Herald roles in the Grand Priory. The Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane, the Very Rev. John Bathersby has also

agreed to talk at the Saturday meeting on Ecumenism, which is now very topical.

At the 2001 National Chapter, I raised the possibility of a single company for the Order and its commanderies and a paper outlining the proposal was sent to all commanderies for comment in June last year. The only responses received were opposed to the idea at this time (although the Queensland commandery suggested we re-visit the idea in the future). The upshot is that no radical changes were required to our constitution this year. Some may also recall we had been anticipating some constitutional changes consequent upon alterations to the International Rules. These latter changes have not occurred due to the more fundamental issues being debated by the International Order.

I have appended to this report some brief details of the 2002 Chapter program and the registration form for those who are keen to make an early booking. Separate copies, together with accommodation and travel booking forms, will be sent to all members by early March at the latest.

All in all, we are hopeful of having a first rate National Chapter and given the critical importance in the discussions of the future of the Order, I hope we have an excellent attendance to enjoy the first days of the Brisbane winter.

Greg Vickery

FROM THE NATIONAL HERALD

In my past commentaries on the history, customs and symbols of our ancient Military and Hospitaller Order, I have mentioned flags and banners and, indeed, in the last issue of Lazarus Letter, I noted that the subject was worthy of a separate article.

Flags are steeped in history. They are frequently mentioned in the Bible, and the Old Testament, Numbers 2:2 states - *“The People of Israel shall encamp each by his own standard with the ensigns of their fathers’ houses.”* From this it would seem clear that flags were in common usage in ancient Israel to identify the various houses (tribes) and to serve as a marshalling device when the tribes were on the move.

Standards, flags and banners were, however, used in much earlier times, and 4,000 years ago the ancient Egyptians, Chinese, Greeks and Romans, as well as the nomadic Mongols, Franks, Indians and Asians used them to identify their leaders and to rally their armies. It is fascinating to observe that even in this modern hi-tech age with the fastest and most sophisticated devices available to today’s armies, standards, banners and flags, are not only still in use, but continue to play a vital role.

The following well-known poem perhaps provides us with a clue as to the reasons for this apparent anachronism:

*“A moth eaten-rag on a worm-eaten pole
It does not look likely to stir a man’s soul
Tis the deeds that were done neath the moth-eaten rag
When the pole was a staff, and the rag was a flag.”*

Always, I am reminded of this poem when I stand beneath Regimental Guidons and Colours “laid-up” in our cathedrals and churches. Incidentally, they are laid up in a church because all Guidons (for Cavalry) and Colours (for Infantry) are blessed and consecrated immediately before they are received by Regiments as a result of a Military Order decreed by the King in 1634.

The symbolism of the giant Stars and Stripes flying over the ruins of the World Trade Centre provides eloquent emphasis to the certainty that - *“A banner can become the embodiment of the organisation, and a potent symbol of its beliefs and hopes.”*

Our Order’s Banner is a plain Christian Cross (as distinct from our eight-pointed Maltese Cross) on a green field. Many members have intimated to me that they would be happier to have our distinctive green Maltese cross on our Banner as, indeed, it is on our Flag. It is important, however, to realise that there is a distinct difference between a flag and a banner, and there are quite profound historical reasons for the current design of our banner.

The first banner of the Holy Roman Empire was a plain white cross on a red field, with the arms of the cross extending to the edges of the banner. This symbolised the triumph of the cross-supported by the blood of the martyrs, and the fundamental role of the Emperor as the Protector of Christianity. His own personal flag, however, was entirely different – a black eagle on a yellow field. So, the banner was a symbol of the roles and ideals of the Empire as an organization, whilst the flag was the identification of the Emperor personally.

Our Flag serves this very purpose. It is, as you know, a green Maltese cross mounted over the green stars of the Southern Cross, all on a white field. Its purpose is to identify us as the Australian branch of the Order - which I think it does gracefully and distinctively. The Banner, however, is a representation of the Order's ideals and is an international symbol of our history and traditions.

In this context, our banner is, I believe, a very appropriate design. It is identical to the first

banner of the Holy Roman Empire except that the Cross is on a green field rather than a red field. The red banner in fact became the battle standard, as well as the banner, of the Empire, and as such was adopted by the first crusading military Order – The Order of St John. It is still the Banner of the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta to this day. As has been explained in my earlier articles, subsequent Orders, the Teutonic Order and St Lazarus maintained the same symbol but changed the colour of the field to black (for the Teutonic Order) and to green (St Lazarus).

The important point, however, is that the essential historical links in the design of our banner have been maintained.

Whilst banners are primarily about symbolism, flags are really all about identification. In our next issue I would like to offer some observations on the historical aspects of the importance of flags and their place in history, and in our Order.

Ellis Wayland



WALL PLAQUES OF THE ORDER

Order of St Lazarus wall plaques are still available from:

Dr F. Schubert
Unit 1 Waterford
88 Macquarie Street
St Lucia Qld 4067
Telephone: (07) 3870 7009

Cost: \$50 - includes postage

ORDER OF ST LAZARUS NATIONAL CHAPTER

Brisbane 31 May – 2 June 2002

Thursday 30 May	7:30 pm	Informal dinner at Pam & Luigi's Casagrande's residence at 19 Dickson Terrace, Hamilton
Friday 31 May	10:00 am	Registration at Marriott Hotel, 515 Queen Street, Brisbane from 10am onwards
	11:30 am	Chancellor's Meeting at Marriott Hotel
	2:00 pm	National Council Meeting (involving Commandery Presidents) at the Marriott
	5:00 pm	Government House Reception
	6:30 pm	Vigil Service at St Mary's Church Kangaroo Point
	7:45 pm	Dinner at Rugby Club, Waterfront Place
	10:00 pm	Delegates depart for Hotel by foot or taxi
Saturday 1 June	7:30am	Almoners & Hospitallers Breakfast Marriott Hotel
	8:30am	National Chapter commences – Marriott Hotel
	1:00pm	Informal lunch commences – Marriott Hotel
	1:00pm	Chaplains & Heralds, Treasurers and Secretaries Meet over lunch – Marriott Hotel
	2:00pm	National Chapter continues (if required) Marriott Hotel
	5:00pm	Investiture Service Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Investiture Service, St John's Cathedral Ann Street
	7:30pm	Formal Dinner, Brisbane Club, Adelaide Street
Sunday 2 June	10:30am	Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth Street (with Archbishop Pell preaching)
	12:00noon	Informal Lunch at Bob & Annette Needhams 40 Palm Avenue, Ascot
Dress:	Investiture Service and Formal Dinner	Black or White Tie and female equivalent
	All other activities	Jacket and tie and female equivalent
	Don't forget	White gloves for the Investiture Service

**Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem
National Chapter 2002 Registration Form**

Member

Surname _____ Initials _____ Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Rank _____

Preferred name for badge _____

Postal Address _____

Home telephone (_____) _____ Business telephone (_____) _____

Facsimile (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Accompanying non-member

Surname _____ Initials _____ Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

Preferred name for badge _____

If either person has dietary or other special requirements please note them here: _____

Activity	Per person	Amount due
Registration of member	\$170	
Registration of accompanying non-member	\$120	
Members dinner Rugby Club (accompanying persons & guests welcome)	\$60	
Saturday lunch Hyatt Hotel	\$25	
Conference dinner Brisbane Club (guests welcome, please give names)	\$85	
Sunday lunch, Bob & Annette Needham's residence	\$20	
Total		

Please tick the following boxes with the number attending for 2 optional functions - Government House will send out invitations for the Friday night (so at least 7 days notice is essential)

Thursday night Dinner (Casagrande Residence, Hamilton)

Friday night Reception (Government House)

No. Attend.

If you are interested in being billeted please let us know as there are some limited places available for early registrants.

Please enclose a cheque for the full amount due, payable to the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem. Registration fees may not be paid by credit card as the Order has no mechanism for accepting them.

Send the completed form to:

Justice White
Supreme Court Queensland
PO Box 167
BRISBANE ALBERT STREET QLD 4002

Other enquiries _____

Mrs Rexine Cooney
Phone: (07) 3247 4401 or
Fax: (07) 3221 7565

Dress: Black Tie or White Tie will be needed for the Saturday night Investiture Dinner

REUNION IN DUBLIN – SEPTEMBER 2002

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dress</i>
Wednesday 4th September 2002	Departure from Jurys Hotel for Official Opening at National Gallery and address of welcome by His Excellency, the Grand Master.	18.00	Lounge Suit Miniatures
Thursday 5th September 2002	Delegate Reports	10.00	Smart Casual
	Working Luncheon with Reports. Wines	13.00	Lounge Suit Miniatures
	Departure from Jurys Hotel for Christchurch Cathedral and Government Reception at Dublin Castle.	16.30	
Friday 6th September 2002	Delegate Reports	10.00	Smart Casual
	Working Luncheon with Reports. Wines	13.00	
	Departure for St Patrick's Cathedral Ecumenical Service and Investiture	16.00	Uniform or White Tie Decorations Mantle of the Order
	Banquet in the Great Hall of the Royal Hospital	20.00	
Saturday 7th September 2002	Chapter General	10.00	Informal
	Departure from for tour of Trinity College and viewing of Book of Kells	11.00	
	Free afternoon in Dublin. Optional visits.	13.00	
	Departure for Reception, Gala Dinner and Ball	19.00	Uniform/White Tie or Dinner Jacket. Decorations
Sunday 8th September 2002	Departure for Celebration of Divine Liturgy	09.30	Lounge Suit. Mantle of the Order
	Farewell Luncheon. Wines	13.00	

Further details – including registration forms - can be obtained from the Lazarus Ireland web site:

www.lazarusireland.org

See More of Ireland

Lady Potter has received information from the Canadian Grand priory about a seven-day tour of Ireland following the International Reunion in September.

Australian members going to Ireland are invited to join the Canadians on their tour.

The tour is being organised by Stephen Fox-Rivett, a member of the Order in Canada, through Adventures Abroad. Cost depends on numbers and is quoted at \$2,610/2,840 CAD (about \$3,265/3,550 AUD) per person. Single supplement is \$410CAD (about \$512AUD). Price includes: all accommodation, breakfasts, dinners, all tips & gratuities (not including the tour leader), all transportation, all sightseeing entrance fees, the services of an Adventure Abroad Tour Leader. Price does not include: insurance, departure taxes, incidentals and lunches.

Below is a preliminary itinerary. For anyone interested in further exploring this option they should contact Stephen Fox-Rivett (phone:+1-416-921-2851) or Adventures Abroad (phone: +1-604 303 1099) in Vancouver or visit their web site (www.adventures-abroad.com).

ADVENTURES ABROAD TOUR

Day 1 Dublin

Today we have a bus tour of the delights of Dublin. The culture of this charming capital is alive in its art galleries and museums. We visit Trinity College, founded by Elizabeth I, home to the famous Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels. St Patrick's Cathedral, the national Cathedral and the home of the first university of Ireland is our next visit. After our tour we will return to our hotel and the rest of the afternoon is yours free to relax or explore some more of this vibrant city on your own.

Overnight in Dublin. Jury's Inn or similar. Dinner.

Day 2 Dublin - Waterford

This morning we depart for Waterford. Travelling south we pass through the Wicklow Mountains, and arrive in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, in the national park area. Situated around two lakes, the monastic ruins of Glendalough create an atmosphere of romance and sanctity. We continue on through the wooded river valley to the Vale of Avoca, famous for its Hand weavers. The poetic beauty of this region once inspired the writings of Thomas Moore. At the end of our day we arrive in Waterford, the largest town of the Southeast. Situated on the bank of the River Suir, Waterford is best known for its glassworks whose production dates back to 1783.

Overnight in Waterford. Tower Hotel or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 3 Waterford - Cork – Killarney

This morning we have a guided tour of the famous Waterford Glassworks and a chance to make purchases at the plant's shop before continuing on to Cork. Cork derives its name from the Irish for a "marshy place", as the centre of this town is built on reclaimed marshes. The River Lee splits the city centre. In Cork we visit St Finbarre's Cathedral and then move on to Blarney's Castle, where you have a chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. A pleasant drive west then brings us to Killarney, nestled just off the northern tip of Killarney National Park.

Overnight in Killarney. Arbutus Hotel or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 4 Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

As we circle around the Ring of Kerry today we are continuously presented with a succession of picturesque land and seascapes. We will view several of these dramatic sites, including the village houses of Sneem, and the Skellig Rocks (once a home for Celtic monks). Crossing the northern edge of the Ring of Kerry provides us with great views of Dingle Bay and the Dingle Peninsula. We travel to Waterville and enjoy the view of the Lakes of Killarney from the same place as Queen Victoria once did.

Overnight in Killarney. Arbutus hotel or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 5 Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Limerick

Dingle Peninsula offers us more superb coastal scenery with a variety of beaches, mountains, and countryside. We will be able to view the uninhabited Blasket Islands from the Peninsula's most western point and then our drive will take us past more fishing villages, rolling green countryside, and many colourful small towns.

Our morning travels take us through Adare and Limerick. We spend the morning on the Dingle peninsula, and visit the 500 BC fort. After lunch, we visit Limerick and the wonderful King John's Castle on the River Shannon.

Overnight in Limerick. Limerick Ryan Hotel or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 6 Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway

Heading north we continue on to Galway, in the corner of Galway Bay. The highlight of our day is a visit to the Cliffs of Moher. These great dark cliffs rise from the Atlantic to heights over 200 m (656 feet). The panorama of the Clare coast is breathtaking, and these remarkable cliffs are home to a great variety of seabirds, including a puffin colony. If it is a clear day then we should be able to view the Aran Islands off in the distance. After a lunch stop we continue on to our Galway hotel, via the Burren.

Overnight in Galway. Flannery's Hotel or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 7 Galway - Connemara - Galway

Today we tour one of the most beautiful regions of this country, the Connemara. This region of mountains, lakes, and streams provides us with many photo opportunities. The scenic grandeur of Kylemore Abbey is reflected in its fairytale-like setting. Irish Benedictine Nuns now house a convent school in this Neo-Gothic mansion. Connemara National Park contains some of the West's finest scenery. After a full morning of touring we return to Galway, and the afternoon is yours to wander on your own. In the centre of town is the medieval St Nicholas Church, and just a short walk away is the 16th century Lynch's Castle.

Overnight in Galway. Flannery's Hotel or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 8 Galway - Dublin

Today we travel from Galway to Dublin with the balance of the day free in Dublin.

Overnight Dublin. Jury's Inn or similar. Breakfast and dinner.

Day 9 Departure

Departure from Dublin.

Breakfast.



TRAVELLING TO IRELAND?

John Petterson OLI, (a member of the Victorian Commandery) is an accredited I.A.T.A. travel agent operating under the name:

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Since August we have had three functions of note.

In late August we had a retreat morning when we met at the Carmelite Monastery and were most ably led in our meditations by Monseigneur Max Davis. He is always a source of inspiration and gives us food for thought as to where our Commandery may be going in its service to others

In October we had our annual dinner to raise money for the L'Arche Community which is always the focus for our endeavours in reaching out to others. It seems that the friends whom we have asked over a number of years have come to expect that it will be a good night and this occasion was a particularly happy one with much goodwill and wonderful generosity. As a result of the very generous subsidy of the Southern Cross Club as well as the fact that our guests dug deep into their pockets, we were able to give the people of L'Arche \$12,000.00. It's amazing how the prospect of a bottle of "Grange" will excite people! It was also fun to sing along with the choir that entertained us and, as usual, we were honoured to have members of the L'Arche Community as our guests.

To celebrate the Feast of St Lazarus in December we had a Service at the Wesley Uniting Church and dinner at the Commonwealth Club. We were delighted that The Governor General and Mrs Anne Hollingworth were able to accept our invitation to join us, to share in the service and to be part of a very joyful pre-Christmas feast. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation, by John Kelly, of his book of poems to the Governor General which was very gratefully and graciously received.

We continue to try to give some time, either in shared worship or one to one contact, with the people of L'Arche.

On 24 February we plan to have a barbecue, together with our friends of the L'Arche Community and we meet on 16 March at the Carmelite Monastery at 6.00 pm for a service and on to the Commonwealth Club for a dinner. We

should be delighted if any members from any other Commandery would be able to join us for either event.

We look forward to meeting up with so many of our friends in Brisbane in May at the National Chapter

Joan Kitchin

NEW SOUTH WALES

At the time of going to press for the September edition of Lazarus Letter, members of the NSW Commandery and their guests attended the Social Function, titled a Latin Night, held on 14 September, at the La Mirage Function Centre, Five Dock. In the order of 100 enthusiastic members and friends enjoyed fine food, wines and music, whilst assisting in the raising of funds, in support of The Anglican Foundation for Aged Care and The Mercy Family Life Centre. Thanks are due to the organisers of the evening, in particular Raphael and Florence Panetta and family, as well as our Almoner, Lindsay Kidd. Once again, fine wines were provided at no cost, by De Bortoli Wines Pty Ltd and the Commandery is indebted to the Company for its continuing support.

The Annual General Meeting of the Commandery, was held on 22 October, with the ensuing election of Officers for 2002 resulting as follows:

President	Reg Hession
Secretary	William Killinger
Treasurer	Bishop Patrick Murphy
Almoner	Lindsay Kidd
Herald	Aidre Sinclair
Hospitaller	Ivan Skellet
Chaplain	Rev James Pettigrew

In accordance with the plan to establish a Membership and Promotions Committee within each Commandery, it was agreed, such a Committee be formed, comprising the Herald (Convenor), President and Secretary. Accordingly, the Committee for 2002 is Aidre

Sinclair (Convenor), Reg Hession and William Killinger.

The Annual Patronal Service and Feast Day Dinner, was held on Friday 14 December at St. John's College, within the University of Sydney. The Service was arranged by our Chaplain in NSW, Rev James Pettigrew, and he was assisted throughout by Bishop Patrick Murphy. Archbishop George Pell presided through the Service, during which two Awards within the Companionate of Merit were conferred by the Grand Prior, Lady Potter - the recipients being Rev James Pettigrew and a non-member, Mr Kevin Scanlon.

At the Dinner, which followed, Lady Potter presented to the representative of De Bortoli Wines Pty Ltd (Mr Kevin Scanlon), the Plaque of the Order, suitably inscribed, as a mark of appreciation for the exceptional support given by that Company to the Order over many years. The 85 members and guests present were then entertained by His Grace, Archbishop Pell, who gave an Address which covered some of the history of the Order, related to many of the topical events which took place throughout the times of the Crusades. His Address did much to place into perspective the happenings of that period of our history, whilst tracing the shifts in human behavioural patterns, from then to this day. We are indebted to him for undertaking so much research, to provide the subject matter for our entertainment. Amongst the guests present were The French Consul General in Sydney, M. Marc Pinaud and the Chaplain for the French-speaking community in Australia, known widely as Father Jan. As mentioned earlier, we were also graced by the presence of the Grand Prior, Lady Potter, who not only attended to perform the ceremonial tasks relative to the presentation of the Awards within the Order, but did so as a Member of the Order.

At the time of writing this report, a number of functions are proposed for the year 2002, the first being a social evening to raise further funds for charitable purposes. The Easter Season will be heralded by a celebration of the Paschal Mystery on the evening of Palm Sunday, at St. John's, Gordon. This has proven to be a most successful spiritual event for the Members of the Commandery and the Choirs of several neighbouring Churches who participate.

As well as the development of the usual fund-raising and social programme for the year, an ad-

hoc committee is now working to ensure that the National Chapter Meeting scheduled for Sydney in 2003, will be an exciting one for all to enjoy. I shall report upon this at greater length, at the National Chapter Meeting in Brisbane, as well as in subsequent issues of Lazarus Letter.

Reg Hession

Breaking News: John McColl of NSW has been awarded the Legion of Honour, with the rank of Chevalier, for his service to the French communities in the Oceania region which includes Australia and New Zealand.

Editor's Note - See page 18 for the French Ambassador's speech on the occasion of the award to John Mc Coll on 8 February 2002.

QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Commandery's AGM was held on 23 October 2001. The following office bearers were elected:

President	Justice Margaret White DLJ continuing;
Secretary	Dr Gordon Mor CLJ;
Treasurer	Dr Michael White QC KCLJ continuing;
Hospitaller	Mrs Marlene Morahan DLJ;
Almoner	Ms Regina McGuire OLI;
Herald	Mr Bill Tunny CLJ.

Mrs Pam Casagrande and Ms M Bennett have agreed to assist the Hospitaller and Almoner respectively.

Once again Dr Bob and Mrs Annette Needham generously hosted brunch at their home following members participation in the 9.30am Sunday Mass on 16 December at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Hendra celebrated by one of our chaplains, the Very Rev Dr Jim Spence for the Feast of Saint Lazarus.

Michael and I were honoured to be invited to the investiture of a new Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at Saint Patrick's Church followed by dinner at Tattersalls Club. A cordial relationship exists between the Christian Orders of Chivalry in Brisbane and we try to reciprocate events where possible.

Dr Gordon Mor, who has resumed his previous role as secretary after a break of 12 months, took leave of absence for 3 months to travel as ship's doctor to Antarctica. He is, as many of you will know, a very intrepid fellow having survived being a volunteer doctor during the Sydney Olympic Games.

Dr Gordon Mor, ship's doctor on the "Aurora Australis". The trip involved a scientific expedition down to the Mertz Glacier, about the South Magnetic Pole and involved about two months at sea.

Our first meeting for the new year was held on 29 January at which members resolved that our meetings would be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 5.30 pm in the United Service Club in the city.

We have planned our first fund raising event for 7 March – the opening night in Brisbane of “A Beautiful Mind” and hope that interest in the film will attract many guests. We found last year that this is a relatively painless way to raise a little money and spread the word about the Order in an inexpensive and informal way. Our thanks go to our new member Mrs Pam Casagrande who has organised these evenings so effectively.

Planning for the National Chapter is well in hand as Greg Vickery explains in his entry in this Lazarus Letter and we are looking forward to renewing friendships and making new acquaintances during the weekend of May 31 – June 2. Please come.

Margaret White

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Our St Lazarus' Day service was held at St Peter's Cathedral on 16 December. As reported in the last issue, the Order of Malta invited me, together with the chairman of the Venerable Order of St John, to attend and process at the Order of Malta annual church service in August. In terms of ecumenism this was significant and so I was pleased to invite the chairmen of both the Order of Malta and the Venerable Order to join with us for our St Lazarus Day service and afterwards for refreshments at the home of our secretary, Max Tomkins. The Order of St John, in turn, has foreshadowed an invitation for me to attend their annual investiture at Government House in May.

Our fund-raising Film Night in October was successful in raising almost \$4,000 in support of the Cora Barclay Centre for deaf and hearing impaired children.

A number of members continue to provide hands-on support at the Hutt Street Centre which is run by the Daughters of Charity and provides meals to the homeless and marginalised in the city.

The commadery's annual general meeting was held on 19 February and the following office bearers were elected for this year:

President:	Ian Chesterman
Secretary:	Maxwell Tomkins
Treasurer:	Richard McKay
Almoner:	Don Sarah

Hospitaller: Peter Hetzel
Herald: David Pank
Ceremonial Officer: Ellis Wayland
Special Events: Jenny Linn
Archivist: David Seaton

For many years our commandery meetings have been held in the offices of KPMG. However, renovations and reorganisation at KPMG has resulted in us needing to seek an alternative location. Our Secretary has been able to arrange for us to meet in the hall of his parish church, St Cyprian's Church, North Adelaide and our last three meetings have been held there. There is ample car parking in the area and the hall, although spartan, is shortly to undergo renovation. Hopefully, in time, we will find a closer relationship with the parish and, with this in mind, it has been decided that this year we will hold our St Lazarus Day service on 15 December at St Cyprian's.

Our fund-raising committee is working on holding a barbecue on the banks of Torrens Lake later in the year.

Dates The commandery meeting dates for the remainder of 2002 are:

21 May
 16 July
 17 September
 19 November

Ian Chesterman

TASMANIA

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmania Commandery was held in Launceston on 15 September 2001 and the following office bearers were elected:

President Mr Kerry Bowerman CLJ
Treasurer Chev Dan McNeill KLJ
Hospitaller Mr Brian Gallagher O LJ
Herald Prof Emr. Dr Hermann Tisch KLJ
 CMLJ
Almoner Dame Dora Thomson DLJ

In addition The Hon Ken Lowrie KLJ CMLJ was appointed as Acting Secretary until the office is filled.

The Annual General Meeting was held in conjunction with a very successful fund-raising

Cocktail Party at The Manor Palliative Care Centre at Kings Meadows.

This was the first activity held by the Tasmania Commandery in the north of the State and we are hopeful that the obvious interest shown in the Order will result in increased membership.

The Feast Day of St Lazarus was celebrated on Monday, 17 December with a service conducted by our Chaplains, Monsignor Philip Green and Bishop Phillip Newell.

The service was held in the chapel of St Michael's Collegiate School and was followed by a most enjoyable dinner at the School.

The admission of our newest member, Mr Barry Pickard O LJ, was confirmed in October 2001. Our total membership now stands at 17.

The main focus of the Tasmania Comandery continues to be in the area of support for Palliative Care facilities.

The Hospitaller, Mr Brian Gallagher O LJ, has met with representatives of the Whittle Ward (Hobart) and Philip Oakden House (Launceston) in order to develop avenues in which the Commandery might financially assist these worthy causes.

Kerry Bowerman

VICTORIA

The art exhibition fundraiser at Bishops Court Melbourne on 31st August was a great success. In excess of \$20,000 was raised for the two charities sharing the proceeds viz: The Victorian Commandery's Charitable Fund and ANGLIcord's Appeal for Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. We are indebted to Bishop John Bayton for his generosity in providing his wonderful paintings.

On Friday December 7th we held our Annual Church parade and dinner to celebrate St. Lazarus Day. A most successful evening was enjoyed by the gathering of approx. 60 members and guests. At the dinner Green Cross Inc. hosted a table which included four guests whose dedicated and valuable contributions to Green Cross were recognised through presentations of shields of the Order's Coat of Arms. The dinner also raised \$2000 for our Charitable Fund.

On Saturday March 2nd the Commandery's Quiet Day will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Seymour through the courtesy of Mons. Tony Toms ChLJ.

Following a letter being sent to all members regarding their commitment to the Order and the Commandery, six members have asked to be placed on the inactive list. Three have indicated that this will be a temporary change pending workloads easing. Another three members have tendered their resignation. On the positive side we have gained five new members during 2001 and three prospective members have received papers to progress their interest in the Order. With the action taken we believe the Commandery is in excellent shape.

Our commitment to our two major charitable activities has been recognised by resolving to donate \$10,000 each to Green Cross Inc. and Lazarus Centre Inc. Both these outreach activities are continuing to service their clients in a very pleasing manner. Through the efforts of Commandery members over \$130,000 has now been raised or pledged to support Lazarus Centre Inc.

During 2002 we will hold six Commandery meetings, a Quiet Day and two Fund Raising events. An active year is ahead of us.

Will Bailey

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The end of the year 2001 was a triumphant one for the Order in WA. On the 14th of October 2001 on a beautiful sunny spring morning we organised an open garden at the Dalkeith home of Peter and Tania Young. Over three hundred guests arrived and disappeared into an acre and a half of very beautiful garden, designed by a leading English landscaper. The Order members were all involved on the day, contributing to a successful profit of over \$11,000.00

Saint Lazarus day was celebrated at Saint Bartholemew's Chapel East Perth, as is our tradition. The Grand Prior, Lady Primrose Potter, honoured us with her presence in the West, to which the Members responded with a full roll up to the service and the excellent dinner provided by the Weld Club in their very attractive surrounds. Lady Potter thanked the

Commandery for their efforts in fundraising for the charities they support.

The Grand Prior and the President attended upon the Governor of Western Australia Lt. General John Sanderson and Mrs Sanderson, for morning tea at Government House, on the morning of 17th December.

The Almoner organised a Sunday morning at Houghton's winery in the Swan Valley in the New Year. In a delightful enclosed garden under a cathedral of trees, to listen to a member of the Australian Opera Company sing light music for an hour and a half. \$900.00 was raised. This money will buy 350 lenses to be fitted to frames donated to the Free Vision Clinic for the Homeless at Saint Bartholemews. The above added to a function at the end of last year \$2,200.00 has now been raised for the Low Vision Clinic at St Bartholemews.

The Order is still represented on the Board of Management of "Passages" by Maurice Rousset. The centre is caring for drop in youthful drug users with success.

The funding of the Bali Eye Clinic continues to budget. The Order President having accepted the chairing of the John Fawcett Foundation Perth in recognition the WA Commandery's involvement. In the name of the Order the first year's contribution of \$36,000.00 was honoured well in time, year two (to Sept) has contributed \$26,210.00 to date. My thanks again to the ACT, Q & WA Commandery and a number of individual donors from ACT, Q, Vic, & WA, who have very generously helped me to raise the funds necessary, thank you. Some promises have also been made for year three.

Our meetings for 2002 are to be held at the Weld Club on 19/02/02, 14/04/02, 18/06/02 (AGM), 20/08/02, 15/10/02, 17/12/02 St Lazarus Day.

Geoffrey Summerhayes

GREEN CROSS PROJECT

The Green Cross Project Inc. (GCP), founded by Confrère Commander Tony Sallmann, AO LVO, RAN Retd KM, GCLJ, Grand Prior Emeritus (Australia) and Nurse Mary Barry, is associated with the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. As is well known, the main role of the Order was to provide a service to outcasts and severely

disadvantaged members of society. The Order has carried out this role up to the present day.

In Victoria, this has been translated, in current times, into an involvement in works associated with AIDS and homelessness. Emanating from this, the Green Cross Project was set up to provide a health service facility to meet the needs of homeless youths in the community in relation to health maintenance and disease prevention. It provides primary care with Christian values of compassion, justice, and honesty and, in the main, recognising the rights of the individual.

The inaugural Chairman of the GCP was Confrère Brian McCarthy, KLJ, who was succeeded by Confrère John Herbig, KLJ. It has been my honour and privilege to take the Chair last year.

For some years now, the Green Cross Project in Victoria has a mobile bus in the Dandenong area, which moves to different sites during the week and is responsible for seeing, and offering much support to, its visitors. In the Western Suburbs, there is also a bus that moves from site to site. Thousands seek the services each year.

Many of the visitors have expressed their thanks, not only in relation to food and medical services provided, but also for counselling provided in their times of need. It is possible that many suicides have been averted over the years.

The Green Cross Project is maintained by approximately thirty members of the Order of Saint Lazarus, including members of the clergy, lawyers and other professional businessmen. The members are ably supported by a great team of volunteers in the Western Suburbs and the Dandenong areas. The Project does require a large amount of private funding to keep the buses on the road and it relies on contributions from the business sector, charitable trusts and also private individuals. Logistically, the service is assisted by Government Health Departments.

Last year, the Dandenong bus, known as “Ken’s Bus”, required replacement. We are grateful to Mr. Ken Grenda AM, Chairman of Grenda Corporation, for having made available to us a “new” bus, which has been re-conditioned and, with the support of many sponsors and individuals, is now ready for commissioning. It will be launched in March 2002.

The “new look” bus will be known as the “Green Cross Outreach Bus # 1”. Through the support of the Victorian Minister of Transport and VicRoads, we have been able to have the bus registered as “GCOB-1”. At the same time, the bus operating in the Western suburbs will be registered as “GCOB-2”.

A further report on the launch of the “new” Dandenong bus will be given in the next Lazarus letter.

Dr. Walter W.J. Uhlenbruch AM, O LJ
Chairman



AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS:

Chev. Anthony Sallmann was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours for his contribution to financial administration of public hospitals and medical research institutes conducted by Sisters of Charity and to cultural life of Victoria.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. Margaret Bennett OLJ	QLD
Mrs. Pamela Casagrande OLJ	QLD
Mr. Barry Pickard OLJ	TAS
Mr. Brian O'Donnell OLJ	WA

John Herbig
Secretary-General

TONY'S BON GOÛT

Tony's Traditional Corned Beef / Silverside and Cabbage

Soon the Autumn and Winter months will upon us which opens the way for some interesting cottage style meals. The recipe I have chosen for the Autumn and Winter of 2002 is traditional *Corned Beef and Cabbage (CBC)*. Unfortunately this delicacy has, over recent years, been relegated to the "common" category and not a meal to serve to guests. However it has been my observation that whenever this "common" dish is served, guests are never backward in accepting a further serving.

First of all, the question is where to purchase your corned beef or silverside? If you are fortunate to have access to a local butcher he might still pickle his own meat (corned beef, silverside, pickled pork, tongues etc) I recommend that you get your cut from him otherwise your supermarket meat section will carry factory packed corned beef or silverside.

Ingredients:

A. Meat	B. Vegetables (according to serving needs)	C. Sweet Mustard Sauce
Corned Silverside / Corned Beef	Cabbage	1 Tablespoon butter
½ - ¾ Cup of brown malt vinegar	Carrots	2 Tablespoon plain/corn flour
1 Cup of dark brown sugar	Parsnips	1 Cup of milk
10 Dry bay leaves	Potatoes	Pepper & salt to season
15 Pepper corns	Parsley	1 Heaped teaspoon of Keens powdered mustard
10 Whole cloves	Sour cream and butter	
1 Large sliced Spanish onion		½ Teaspoon sugar

Method:

A. Meat

1. Rinse the meat under cold running water to remove excess brine and blood and note the weight of the meat.
2. Place the meat in a deep saucepan large enough to accommodate the cabbage and vegetables and add: $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of brown malt vinegar; 1 cup of dark brown sugar; 10 dry bay leaves; 10 whole cloves; 15 whole peppercorns and one large sliced Spanish onion (red).
3. Cover the meat with water and quickly bring to the boil. The time for cooking should be one hour for each kilogram of weight plus ten minutes for "good measure". Once boiling turn down and allow to simmer steadily. It should be noted that in the boiling process about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the meat will "be lost to shrinkage".
4. When cooked, turn off the heat source and leave the meat to stand in its hot liquid.

B. Vegetables:

1. I prefer to steam the cabbage to maintain its compactness along with the carrots and parsnips.
2. Boil the peeled potatoes until soft then mash adding the required amount of butter, pepper & salt, and sour cream to make a fluffy, tangy and creamy texture, then add the finely chopped parsley if desired.
3. When you estimate that the cabbage, carrots and parsnips are $\frac{3}{4}$ cooked add them to the last fifteen minutes of the cooking time of the corned beef. This does not include the extra ten minutes for "good measure".

C. Sweet Mustard Sauce:

1. Prepare your basic white sauce with 1 tablespoon of butter, 2 tablespoons plain/corn-flour and the required amount of milk. Add pepper & salt to season and taste.
2. Add 1 heaped teaspoon of Keens powered mustard and combine well, you may have to add extra milk to suite your sauce consistency. If the sauce is tart add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of sugar. An alternate to mustard is chopped parsley.

Observation:

The only difficulty in cooking *CBC* is the timing, so that the meat is hot, the vegies are not over cooked and are firm and that the sauce is smooth and not lumpy. *CBC* is a very popular family meal and also a hit with visitors.

Bon appetit

Tony

P.S. With luck I will have for sale at the National Chapter a Recipe Book with all my published recipes to date, plus one or two more. The proceeds going to Green Cross Project Inc.



For those who fancy translating some French the following is the French Ambassador's speech on awarding John McColl the Legion of Honour. – Editor

Remise des insignes de Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur

à

M. JOHN MAC COLL

Délégué au Csfe

Sydney – Résidence du Consul Général – 8 février 2002

Monsieur le Sénateur,
Monsieur le Consul Général,
Chère Hélène qui nous accueillez en cette fin d'après-midi,
Monsieur le Délégué, Cher John,
Chers amis,

Napoléon Bonaparte, fondateur de l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur il y a exactement deux cent ans, pouvait sans doute difficilement imaginer que cette plus haute décoration française serait remise deux siècles plus tard à Sydney à un Ecossais au nom bien français de John Mac Coll ! Il est vrai que c'est cependant le même Bonaparte qui, il y a deux siècles également, ordonna au Capitaine Baudin d'aller explorer les côtes de la « Terra Australis », expédition qui va être célébrée dans divers points de la côte australienne, dont Port Jackson évidemment, dans les mois à venir.

Mon cher John, pour être honnête et juste, nous devons cette sympathique réunion non seulement à Bonaparte mais aussi beaucoup à vous et à vos mérites. Et, selon un usage bienvenu, je me dois de les rappeler bien qu'ils soient certainement connus de vous tous. Je remercie donc le Consul Général et son épouse d'avoir organisé cette sympathique réception et vous tous, qui êtes les amis de John, d'être ici ce soir, et avant tout Monsieur le Sénateur Cantegrit et son épouse venus à cette fin nous visiter aux antipodes, de même que le Président de la Banque Transatlantique.

La vie de John Mac Coll illustre de façon remarquable et exemplaire, par sa diversité et son engagement, ce qu'est la vie d'un « honnête homme » d'aujourd'hui, partagée entre une activité professionnelle riche et variée, une vie familiale heureuse et le service de sa communauté, tout cela sur deux continents. Ceci mérite bien qu'on s'y arrête quelques instants.

Vous êtes originaire de Boulogne sur Mer, ville où Napoléon avait installé un camp pour s'attaquer aux îles britanniques – donc à vos ancêtre écossais -et où il remit les premières Légions d'Honneur. Vous y êtes né, il y a quelques années. Votre grand-père écossais s'était établi en France après s'y être battu pendant la première guerre mondiale.

Après le décès de votre mère, c'est à votre tour d'aller vous installer, avec toute votre famille, dans un autre pays que celui de votre naissance. Ce sera donc l'Australie, où vous êtes maintenant depuis plus de trente ans.

Diplômé de sciences économiques de l'université de Lille, c'est naturellement vers la profession bancaire que vous orientez votre carrière. Vous travaillez d'abord pour la Commonwealth Bank avant de rejoindre en 1974 la Banque Nationale de Paris où vous avez assumé pendant dix huit ans la responsabilité du bureau commercial chargé de la promotion des investissements français et de l'implantation de sociétés françaises en Australie. Et, depuis bientôt cinq ans, vous dirigez le bureau de représentation de la Banque Transatlantique. C'est une banque que les diplomates connaissent bien car, à peine sont-ils entrés au quai d'Orsay, ils ont généralement la visite d'un agent de cette noble institution fondée par un des frères Péreire pour orienter, aider et servir les Français partant à l'étranger.

Servir est justement ce que l'Etat veut reconnaître et mettre en exergue en vous conférant la Légion d'Honneur. C'est justement ce rôle que vous avez joué et que vous jouez toujours, depuis plus de trente ans, pour accompagner les Français venus et installés en Australie. Dans vos fonctions au sein de la BNP, comme à la Banque Transatlantique, vous avez œuvré, vous œuvrez, à la promotion des investissements français et à l'implantation de nos sociétés en

Australie. A travers les hauts et les bas de nos relations avec ce pays au cours des décennies écoulées, cette continuité n'est pas un mince mérite. Mais, bien que vous ne prétendiez certainement pas en être le seul responsable, il faut reconnaître qu'aujourd'hui le résultat est plus que satisfaisant : avec plus de 250 sociétés françaises implantées dans ce pays continent et y faisant en général de très bonnes affaires, la France peut-être fière de sa présence économique.

Mais vous avez très rapidement compris qu'il ne suffisait pas de favoriser les intérêts des sociétés, qu'il fallait aussi s'occuper de leur personnel expatrié et aussi des français qui se trouvent en permanence en Australie et qui constituent un appui naturel et un vivier de talents. C'est ainsi que vous vous êtes mis tout naturellement au service de la communauté française en général pour ses besoins les plus variés.

Votre priorité a toujours été l'éducation. C'est ainsi que vous avez été particulièrement actif au sein du Comité préparatoire à la création du Lycée Condorcet de Sydney qui sera inauguré en 1991 après des années d'efforts. Mais vos efforts ne sont pas achevés lors de cette naissance : depuis cette date vous n'avez cessé de militer à Paris comme à Sydney pour le développement de cet établissement. Et c'est ainsi qu'avec votre appui le Lycée Condorcet va, nous l'espérons tous, pouvoir bientôt franchir une nouvelle étape et s'installer de façon plus large et confortable dans de nouveaux locaux.

Je dois aussi, pour être complet et juste, ne pas oublier l'appui que vous apportez aux autres établissements franco-australiens. Je pense notamment à Telopea Park School, le lycée franco-australien de Canberra, qui a traversé au cours des mois écoulés des difficultés bien inutiles à la suite de fausses manœuvres bureaucratiques parisiennes. Je pense aussi aux petites écoles implantées au sein du système éducatif local, bénéficiaires désormais du programme Flame, notamment à Melbourne et dans le North Shore.

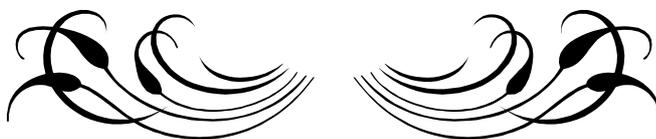
Il n'est donc pas étonnant que cet intérêt vous ait conduit à devenir le Trésorier-Administrateur de l'Association Nationale des Ecoles Françaises à l'étranger et que vous vous apprêtiez à assumer les fonctions de Président de la commission de l'enseignement et de la culture du Conseil Supérieur des Français de l'Etranger. Nous comptons bien tous ici sur vous en cette double qualité. Nous savons que nous ne serons pas déçus.

Vous êtes donc membre élu, et réélu depuis 1991, du CSFE. Cette élection, vous la devez à la reconnaissance de vos concitoyens installés dans le Pacifique, mais pas seulement pour vos accomplissements dans le domaine de l'éducation. Je rappellerai, en effet, que vous vous êtes aussi Vice Président de la Société française de bienfaisance de la Nouvelle Galles du Sud, Président de l'Union des Français de l'Etranger, Vice-Président de l'Association des Amis du Musée LaPérouse, membre des bureaux de la Chambre Franco-Australienne de Commerce et d'Industrie, de l'Actim et du Comité de coordination des associations françaises de Nouvelle Galles du Sud. Et je passe sur vos activités franco-australéo-écossaises qui vous sont pourtant particulièrement chères.

Dans toutes ces fonctions bénévoles, votre disponibilité, votre expérience, votre dévouement aux personnes les plus importantes comme aux plus humbles, ainsi que votre très bonne connaissance des bureaucraties Australienne et Française, vous permettent d'aider de nombreux compatriotes, qu'ils soient établis de façon permanente ou résidents temporaires.

C'est ainsi que, malgré une vie professionnelle bien chargée et réussie, et une vie familiale également heureuse, John Mac Coll, n'a jamais fait passer au second plan sa volonté de servir sa communauté. Ce volontarisme, il le doit sans doute pour partie à ses ancêtres écossais dont il est à juste titre si fier. Le calédoniens ont la tête dure comme leur sol et leur climat : ils savent ce qu'ils veulent et savent le faire aboutir. Tel est John Mac Coll.

En créant l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur, en 1802, le Premier Consul (pas Marc Finaud !) avait souhaité que la République reconnaisse publiquement et récompense ainsi les meilleurs des serviteurs de la République. Il avait compris que la France s'honorait elle-même en distinguant ses citoyens les plus méritants. Après ce que j'ai rappelé du parcours de John Mac Coll, vous conviendrez qu'à n'en pas douter il devait figurer dans cette cohorte glorieuse. C'est ce que le gouvernement et le Président de la République ont décidé ; et c'est ce qui me donne le plaisir et l'honneur de vous remettre aujourd'hui les insignes de Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur.





The New Dandenong Green Cross Bus



FORM OF BEQUEST

**“I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem for the general charitable work of the
 Commandery of the Australian Bailiwick the sum of \$..... and I**

declare that the receipt of the Commandery Secretary or Treasurer will constitute a sufficient discharge for my executors or trustee.”