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## VALE

DR WILLIAM McLAREN THOMSON KLJ

9 JUNE 1924 – 22 DECEMBER 2002

Members will be saddened to learn of the passing of Mac Thomson – our deepest sympathy is extended to Dame Dora. *Obituary page 13.*

## FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

Since last writing, the Grand Priory of Australia has had the honour of a visit from our spiritual protector, Gregory III, Greek Melchite Patriarch Of Antioch And all The East Of Alexandria And Jerusalem. Together with the Eparch of Australia and New Zealand, Archbishop Issam Darwish GCMLJ The Grand Priory of Australia held a reception for the Patriarch in Melbourne. A great many of the Melkite community were present, and I was delighted that so many members of the Order also attended. It was particularly pleasing to His Beatitude (and me) that every State Commandery was represented, and also that Mr Dominic Nardo CLJ attended, representing the Malta Obedience.

His Beatitude, accompanied by Archbishop Darwish, and Bishops Selim Gazal, Hanna Mansour and our Victorian Chaplain, the very Rev. Henry Dabbous, CHLJ spoke movingly of the problems in the Holy Land and their efforts to alleviate the very real suffering of the Palestinian people. I was very happy to be able to pledge A\$10,000 towards his relief work. Apart from \$6,000 from the Order's charitable account, I give grateful thanks to the many of you who sent a personal donation, and particularly to the West Australian Commandery who donated \$2,000. My further thanks and appreciation to Mr Kevin Blake of the Melbourne Overseas Mission who made it

possible to give tax deductible status to these donations.

I was obliged to return immediately after the Dublin meeting to go into hospital for a serious operation, followed by a course of chemo-therapy, so I had no chance to send you all my usual Christmas greetings. However, I do wish everyone of you a prosperous 2003, and pray that the present turmoil in the world will be peacefully settled.

2003 started so horribly with the disastrous bush fires, and my thoughts and prayers have been very much with our Canberra members.

Our Referendary, Greg Vickery, AM, KLJ completes his second term in office at the Sydney National Chapter in May and I know I speak for the whole Grand Priory when I thank him for his loyalty, wise counsel and steadfast attention to our affairs amidst his very demanding legal responsibilities – Greg a warm thank you from us all!

Finally, I very much look forward to our being together in Sydney, and until then – numbers 7, vs. 24 – 26.

Primrose Potter

***The following is the text of a letter received by the Grand Prior from the Patriarch of Antioch and all the East of Alexandria and Jerusalem, His Beatitude Gregory III, our Spiritual Protector:***

**To the Heads of Jurisdictions of the Order of St Lazarus**

Greetings from Damaskus, the city of St Paul!

Back from the St.Lazarus international conference in Dublin (4-8 September 2002), I thank the Lord our Savior! He helped us all to celebrate a dignified, beautiful and peaceful conference.

It was for all of us a great benediction to put the basic elements to achieve and implement the Union of the Order, to form one Obedience, with one Grand Master and one Spiritual Protector.

I am now writing to all Heads of Jurisdictions, to all those responsible in the Order, to ask them to prepare the members of their jurisdiction, spiritually, psychologically for the fulfillment of the Union of the Order in the year 2004. To tell them: This is your task!

I would like to stress the necessity for all jurisdictions to think and to act helping in a very special way, and with a substantial material way, first the Patriarchate in the Holy Land, especially in these difficult times! And in a second important moment, to assist the Patriarch in his program called, "Charity of the Patriarch", which is a fund which enables the Patriarch to support helping different projects in the whole Patriarchate, in the dioceses, religious orders and different organizations. In concrete I think the Order should be able to nourish the fund "Charity of the Patriarch", with a yearly sum that the members will decide later.

The Patriarch will propose to the members of the Order, the general need of the patriarchate, and the specific projects needing help. He will also give in detail, an account of the disbursement of all help given, with photos or other material. Transparency is important, as well as precise projects, and also the investment of the help in projects without delay!

Dear friends!

We have a wonderful work for the unified Order, not only in the field of material help, but also and mostly, in the spiritual progress of the Order, in its extension, in its Christian impact in the society, in all kind of works of love and help!

I hope this letter will find you in good health, it will be welcomed by you, your staff and all members of the Order.

I bless the Order! I pray for all of you, you may fulfill the will of God in your life, as Christians in this Order.

With my thank, love, prayer and apostolic blessing

Gregorios III

Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

Of Alexandria and of Jerusalem

**Mr Dominic Nardo, CLJ Malta Obedience, His Beatitude Gregory III, Lady Potter, AO DLJ  
GOMLJ, Grand Prior**

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**Bishop Selim Gazal, Bishop Hanna Mansour, Archbishop Issam, Darwish GCMLJ, Patriarch Gregory III,  
Lady Potter, Rev. Mons. Henry Dabbous CH LJ, Mrs. Rose Boyd**

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## FROM THE GRAND PRIOR EMERITUS

At the end of the Dublin Chapter I was re-elected as Chairman of the Governing Council for another term, and I called the next meeting of the Council for 5th September in Paris. That meeting is expected to endorse the Grand Master's nomination of the Duke of Seville as his successor. This will then go to the Chapter-General. I personally hope there will be no other nominations because they are unlikely to be acceptable to our Malta colleagues.

The meeting will also receive the reports and recommendations of the Reconciliation, Ecclesiastical and Constitutional Commissions and draw up an agenda for the Chapter meeting which will be held during the next International Reunion

in Toronto Canada between the 5th and 7th March 2004

If the Duke of Seville is elected as Grand Master of the Paris Obedience, I would expect him to facilitate the Reunification of the Order as and when Jurisdictions are ready for it

I believe this all very rational but sometimes that quality is not always present in some of the Order's doings

Your Grand Prior has been most supportive in achieving our aims and I hope you will all be equally supportive, especially at this particular time.

**Tony Sallmann**

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Members will have recently received the Invitation package for the National Chapter Meeting in Sydney in May. I hope that as many Members and Accompanying Persons as possible will attend as the National Chapter is the only real opportunity for the Members of the Australian Priory to discuss the activities of the Order and to meet Members from other Commanderies face to face.

There is no doubt that the National Chapter is an important event in our calendar and one that every Member should attend as often as possible. Admittedly, the cost of attending is significant – particularly for those who have to travel long distances – but we should all make the effort. The Tasmanian Commandery has submitted a paper and given notice of motions on the “cost” question as well as some other important membership matters, which will be considered by National Council and the National Chapter in Sydney. These are complex questions on which the considered views of Members will be keenly sought.

The Co-ordination Committee is of course very conscious of the expense involved and has endeavoured to contain costs whilst providing an acceptable standard of service and hospitality. This is of course even more of a challenge in Sydney than in some other capital cities. This year, the Registration Form refers to the availability of some private accommodation, which is a welcome initiative and a “first” for a National Chapter as far as I know.

The trend in the profile of the membership of the various Commanderies is another important challenge. Some Commanderies have been reluctant to recruit new Members while there was uncertainty about international developments, while health problems and “anno domini” make it increasingly difficult for some Members to maintain their contribution to the work of the Order. It is vital that we maintain our momentum and I hope that we may be able to identify and share some ideas and initiatives to this end in Sydney.

**John Bishop**

## FROM THE REFERENDARY

The Sydney National Chapter is only a few months away. You should have received a letter from me calling for nominations for the positions of national Referendary and Hospitaller.

Sister Juliana from Tasmania has been an excellent Hospitaller over the last 3 years and she is eligible to serve another term. It is assumed that she will be re-nominating for that position.

So far as Referendary is concerned, I am now completing my second 3 year term and a new person will be required for this role which has the responsibility for constitutional changes; supervising the national elections and offering legal opinions where required on the lawful operations and activities of the Order. The Order has many distinguished lawyers in its ranks and it is hoped that one will come forward to fill this important position. It is a position where the National Council recommends a person for confirmation by the Grand Master – so it is not formally elected as such.

I had hoped to say this year, there are no constitutional changes to be discussed at the National Chapter. However, this may have been a great disappointment for those who have enjoyed the constitutional debates at the last few Chapters. I am pleased only to say that we have one change, which has been notified, to all members and this concerns a minor change to the composition of the Chancellor's Committee – the national administrative body which usually meets only once a year. It is proposed to remove the Hospitaller from this committee as neither the Almoner nor National Chaplain are on it and we believe this change is required in the interests of national consistency and equity. The present National Hospitaller fully supports the change.

We have of course been anxiously waiting for the constitution of the International Order to be rewritten and it is hoped that this will occur in 2004 when we expect the 2 Obediences of the Order internationally to be reunited. Once a new international constitution is in place, the Priory's Constitution can be examined to ensure that it is wholly consistent until its international role. We can then in turn look at the commandery constitutions to see whether the pro-forma constitution we have recommended for commanderies requires any alteration. This will be a prospective task for the new Referendary, but I am more than happy to assist as required in that process.

As this will be my last report, I would like to thank all those who have made my duties as Referendary both meaningful and enjoyable. I have particularly enjoyed working with John Herbig, the Secretary General, our Grand Prior, Lady Potter, and prior to that Tony Sallmann and the Chancellor John Bishop. The senior officers of the Order spend a great deal of time on behalf of the membership ensuring that Order is well run and fulfils its constitutional and community obligations.

It has been a very enriching experience for me, culminating in the watershed meeting of the International Order in Dublin in September last year, which resolved some perplexing international uncertainties on the future of the Order and which allowed me to meet many more international members and in many cases to be overwhelmed by the wonderful charitable work they are undertaking all over the world. At least 15 million dollars (Australian) was spent in 2001/2 by the Order with France, Germany and the USA leading the way.

Greg Vickery

## FROM THE MARSHAL

*(Did everyone spot the error in the last issue of the Lazarus Letter? Marshal has only one 'L'.- Editor)*

I think readers of my articles will be aware of my fascination with the history of our Order, albeit with its unabashed bias towards the military aspects. As a military historian (amateur, but

enthusiastic) I give occasional presentations on various military subjects, necessitating a level of research demanded by audiences who invariably know more about the subject than I do.

Thus, whilst researching a presentation on the activities of the British offensive intelligence and

espionage agencies during WW2, I discovered a fascinating and intriguing story about our Order, which despite many hours of frustrating research, I have been unable to validate.

There can be no doubt that the story is factually accurate, and the main characters certainly were real. It is only the involvement of our Order in the narrative, which I cannot verify. So, this article is meant to be not only informative (and I hope interesting) but also challenging.

In the period following the disaster of the Dardanelles campaign in WW1, Winston Churchill, then in the political wilderness as a result, had time to ponder at length on the dreadful battlefield carnage which was set to eliminate a whole generation of British, French and German manhood. Consequently, he wrote an essay, which unquestionably remained a powerful influence on him in later years when he was faced with the leadership responsibilities of the conduct of WW2. The focal theme of his essay was – *“There are many kinds of manoeuvres in war, some only of which take place on the battlefield. There are manoeuvres in time, in diplomacy, in mechanics, in psychology; all of which are removed from the battlefield, but react, often decisively upon it, and the object of all is to find easier ways, other than sheer slaughter, of achieving the main purpose.”*

Little surprise, therefore, that in the early days of WW2, Churchill organised a top-secret bureau, which he established within his personal Headquarters in his underground bunker in Great George Street, adjacent to Parliament Square. The name of this small but elite and very professional bureau was the London Controlling Section (LCS) and its task was to plan stratagems to deceive Hitler and the German General Staff about Allied operations generally, and in particular about the pending allied invasion of France. Stratagems is defined as *“an act of generalship; an artifice or trick designed to outwit or surprise the enemy (so as) to obtain an advantage”*. Military doctrine places great emphasis on surprise – *“Surprise is to numbers (of men) as three is to one.”*

Churchill applied this doctrine to the task of reconquering fortress Europe by an invasion of the French coast viz.: *“It seemed to me that the fortifications of concrete and steel, armed with modern firepower, and fully manned by trained and resolute men could only be overcome by SURPRISE.”* (1)

This then was the task of the LCS – to develop and undertake stratagems, based on deceit, false

intelligence, and covert and clandestine “behind the lines” warfare in order to deceive Hitler and his Generals as to the time and place of the D-Day “Overlord” invasion. So successful were they in fulfilling their mission, that even days after the successful invasion of Normandy, Hitler and his leading Generals were still convinced that the main invasion was yet to be launched in the Pas de Calais. Most analysts agree that if it were not for the deception strategies of the LCS, the D-Day invasion would have failed.

Now, here is the conundrum - did the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, play a vital role in the success of the D-Day invasion and ultimately the defeat of Germany?

Vital to the success of the invasion plans was the co-ordination of the French underground by the LCS via its operational arm – MI6. The maintenance and the security of the secret Paris Headquarters of MI6 was certainly vital – a reality which the Allies and the Gestapo mutually recognised. What was particularly frustrating for the Gestapo was that they could not locate the HQ, even though they were monitoring its coded wireless communications between Paris and London. Despite their legendary efficiency and brutal methods, the location of the HQ remained secret and secure throughout the war.

And, the reason? Enter Madame Henriette Frede, the Mother Superior of the Catholic convent of *“the Sisters of St. Agonie, a branch of the Lazarites, a religious and military order founded in Jerusalem about the middle of the twelfth century.”* (1)

This convent was an ancient building situated under the walls of the lunatic asylum of Sainte-Anne at 127 rue de la Sante in Paris. Not only did this diminutive, elderly nun set up the MI6 HQ in her convent, but she secreted its vital radio transmitter in a small loft over the Sanctuary of the convent’s chapel. Not content with that, she and her nine young nuns operated a courier service out of the confessionals in Notre Dame cathedral for spies who had direct access to secret documents in the nearby Headquarters of the German military governor of Paris. Not surprisingly, her convent later emerged as the chief radio centre for MI6 in London and the clearinghouse for the collection of MI6’s secret mail.

The convent was nothing less than the vital link in the intelligence activities of the allies in France. It controlled some 1,500 sub-agencies throughout occupied France and it was the co-ordination

centres for allied agents transmitting crucial intelligence about the German army, in particular its order of battle and its military railway movements – all information crucial to the allied invasion plans. ***“By the late spring of 1944 ... the MI6 Reseau (HQ) in the Lazarite convent in Paris, had become Britain’s most important secret Intelligence organisation in France.”***(2)

The final episode in the extraordinary activities of Mother Superior Frede is perhaps the most intriguing – certainly it is the most bizarre. Since the start of the war, the chief of MI6, General Sir Stewart Menzies, had been in a top secret liaison with the Schwarz Kapelle (Black Orchestra), a small group of truly patriotic German officers and influential Germans who had been conspiring to overthrow Hitler and the Third Reich since the early days of the war. Almost unbelievably, the chief Schwarz Kappelle conspirator was none other than the Chief of the Abwehr (the German Secret Intelligence Service) - Admiral Wilhelm Canaris.

When it was clear to everyone except Hitler that an Allied victory was inevitable, Canaris secretly contacted London, suggesting that, if the allied terms of surrender were not totally unreasonable, then an early armistice by late 1944 might be possible. The proposal was that he would personally attend a meeting with an allied representative in Paris to receive the allied response. And where did the meeting take place? Not only in Mother Superior Frede’s convent, but also in her private bedroom where she hosted a meal for Canaris and the Head of the Paris HQ, Colonel Arnould, that she personally prepared and served. Canaris, could not, of course, have known that President Roosevelt, in an ill-considered retort to the media, had vowed that America would never agree to anything less than “the unconditional surrender of Germany”. Historians mostly agree that this apparently “off the cuff” political remark, probably delayed peace by six months at least, and was responsible for the German army’s fight to the death, with the consequent loss of an inestimable number of military and civilian casualties.

A two-page letter for Canaris from the allied high command was handed to him by Colonel Arnould in Mother Superior Frede’s bedroom. It simply reiterated Roosevelt’s policy. After reading it, she noted that Canaris visibly paled and declared that this was nothing less than the end of Germany. He rose from the dinner table, thanked her for the

dinner, and walked off down the Rue de la Sante, to disappear into the crowded street beyond.

I have a delightful photograph of Mother Superior Frede taken outside the walls of her convent after the war, which, unfortunately cannot be reproduced because of copyright. But, it is the photograph of a gently smiling elderly catholic nun in traditional habit - her hands folded and concealed under the sleeves of her habit, as was the customary discipline of the time. The only unconventional aspect is the medal of the Legion of Honour - France’s highest military decoration - affixed to her habit just under her starched wimple!

Knowing the story of this amazing nun it is not difficult to interpret her smile as being mischievous, even a little wicked, perhaps!

Now for the challenge! Is there, or was there ever, an Order of Nuns which was a branch of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem? The story as related in this article is certainly true. The primary reference (and more particularly the quotations) is from Anthony Cave Brown’s much acclaimed book “Bodyguard of Lies” first published in Britain in 1976. The title of his book is from Winston Churchill’s statement that – ***“In war-time, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies.”***(3)

Brown is an eminent historian and journalist with impeccable credentials. He is the author of many books and articles on the activities of the British and American intelligence agencies in WW2. It is difficult to imagine an historian of his reputation making such a definitive statement without having been satisfied as to its veracity. That the Order of St. Agonie existed is not disputed. But – I am not satisfied that the Order of St. Agonie was in fact a branch of our Order. I think it more likely that it was (is?) one of the many orders of nuns of the Catholic Church, which have been so profuse in France over the centuries. My research so far leads me to the belief that it was in fact one of several orders of nuns of the Order of St Vincent de Paul.

The Internet, today’s quick and easy preliminary research tool, is unusually void of any response to any of the key words obvious from this article. And, somewhat surprisingly, I cannot locate any authority on the history of our order in Europe who can verify Brown’s statement.

So, if any confrere has the inclination, the time, and the enthusiasm to do some research for me, I will be grateful indeed!

In the meantime, I have gone to print in this Lazarus Letter, simply because I thought that you might find the story as fascinating as your Marshal

certainly did when he accidentally discovered it! Note: The primary reference for this article (and more particularly the numbered quotations in italics- 1,2&3) is Anthony Cave Brown's much acclaimed book "Bodyguard of Lies."

Ellis Wayland

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The devastating bushfires of last month which caused so much loss of life and damage across Australia came extremely close to two members of our Commandery, Isobel McBryde and John Donovan, both residents of the ill-fated suburb of Chapman. Thankfully Isobel was away at the time and returned to find her home safe. Ann and John Donovan were not injured though fighting the fires at adjoining houses and although the inferno came within 100 metres their homes escaped damage. All the members of the Commandery know friends and have relatives who were directly affected. Gabrielle and Frank Long's daughter, Judy, and her husband, Malcolm Forsyth, lost their home in Duffy, the worst hit suburb, but again thank God neither they nor their children were injured and our sympathy and prayers go to all the victims. The miracle was that only four unfortunate people lost their lives.

On a happier note, the Annual Retreat was held on the 10th August, again at the Carmelite Priory. We are indebted to the Sisters for the use of their Chapel and again our Chaplain, Mons. Max Davis, lead a prayerful and reflective exercise.

We are pleased that the Commandery's close association with the L'Arche Communities has been strengthened by the appointment of the National Herald, Chev. Duncan Francis, as President of the A.C.T. group of homes which is known as L'Arche Genesaret.

The annual dinner to raise funds in aid of the L'Arche Communities was held on 26th October at the Southern Cross Club. This was the 11th such dinner and was an outstanding event. We were honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor General and Mrs Ann Hollingworth who expressed themselves as delighted to be able to attend. In addition to Dr Hollingworth's long association with the Order, Mrs Hollingworth is a patron of L'Arche Communities. Once again the Southern Cross Club contributed to the financial success of the evening by reducing the costs involved. As happened last year a magnificent anonymous donation of \$5000 considerably increased the amount of the donation to L'Arche. We were pleased that a number of the L'Arche Homes' residents attended and enjoyed the evening. Colin Slater and his "Blokes Choir" excelled themselves in entertaining the guests.

Our next meeting with the L'Arche residents is the annual Barbeque to be held on 23rd February. If we are fortunate to have rain on that day, not too many will be unhappy. Members continue to have contact with the Communities by attending the monthly prayer and reflection meetings and also the Christmas parties.

The next Church Service and dinner will be held on 29th March and any members of the Order in Canberra at that time will be most welcome.

David Crossin

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Since the last issue of the Lazarus Letter, the members of the Commandery met for the Annual General Meeting on November 18, 2002 and the following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

President:	Reg Hession
Secretary:	Bill Killinger
Treasurer:	Most Rev Patrick Murphy
Almoner:	Lindsay Kidd

Hospitaller: Raphael Panetta  
Herald: Aidre Sinclair  
Chaplain: Rev James Pettigrew

The National Chapter Meeting, scheduled for Friday 2 through Sunday 4 May 2003, has been planned as follows;

**Headquarters Hotel: – Four Seasons (formerly Regent Hotel), George Street North.**

**Friday 2 May:**

(Day) Chancellor's Committee, National Council, all other groups, within Four Seasons Hotel.

(Evening) Vigil Service (St James', King St.), followed by pre-dinner drinks in the Strangers' Dining Room Annexe and Dinner in the Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House

**Saturday 3 May:**

(Day) National Chapter Meeting, Four Seasons Hotel

(Evening) Investiture Service (St Andrew's Cathedral), followed by the Chapter Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel.

**Sunday 4 May:**

(Morning) Mass at St Mary's Cathedral followed by Lunch at the Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral.

It is expected that all members of the Order will receive the above information in full detail, through receipt of the registration documents for the meeting, in advance of the publication of this issue of the Lazarus Letter. Nevertheless, this information has been included here, as it provides a permanent record of the event, whereas registration documents are used and often discarded.

The National Chapter Planning Committee (which included Aidre Sinclair, Collette Cowle, Cara Brett-Hall, Ross Brown, Lindsay Kidd, Bill Killinger, Pat Murphy, Jim Pettigrew and Reg Hession), has worked well to produce the programme which is to be implemented. The next phase is to develop a series of tasks to be managed by individual members of the Commandery and this is now in progress. The object, is to provide a well-run

Meeting Schedule, with social and spiritual events to enhance the experience of fellowship with our confreres. It has been a challenge for us to match the results of recent National Chapter Meetings, however we are confident that the Sydney Meeting, will be one which all will enjoy.

The Patronal Feast Day Service and Dinner took place on Friday 6 December 2002. The Service was held at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, with the National Chaplain, Most Rev Archbishop George Pell officiating, supported by Most Rev Archbishop Aghan Baliozian, Most Rev Bishop Patrick Murphy and Rev James Pettigrew. The Commandery is most appreciative of Rev Bill Ives, for making St Stephen's available for the Service and we were able to express to him our thanks, at the formal Dinner which followed at the American Club, Macquarie Street. The Dinner was a great success and the American Club (thanks to the club membership of Sheila Pryor) provided an excellent and most convenient venue for the event. The Occasional Address for the evening, was given by our member, Prof David Flint and his cogent remarks relative to the "control" of the information given by the media to the public (in the guise of accurate reportage of fact), gave much food for thought.

As there had been a hiatus in the promotion of fund-raising functions in the second half of 2002, it was decided to utilise the Patronal Feast Day Dinner for this purpose, to support the Jean Colvin Hostel. This facility, was deemed to be most worthy of receiving benefit from the Commandery at this time of drought and extreme difficulty for people on the land, as it provides housing and care for country cancer patients and supporting family members, during their extended-stay courses of medical treatment in Sydney.

The next fund-raising function planned is for Friday March 7, at Le Montage (the old Apia Club). Our member, Dr Raphael Panetta, has been extremely active in harnessing the support of members of the Italian community in Sydney, as well as the management of Le Montage, to make the evening a resounding success. He has already managed to coerce the management of Le Montage, into producing a menu, which would equal that of most 5 star establishments, at a cost well within our budget, all in the name of charity! The Executive of the Commandery, is very excited about the prospects of developing an evening at Le Montage, which will transcend our best efforts to date.

The final event of the Commandery, prior to the National Chapter Meeting, will be our traditional Palm Sunday Service, to be held at St John's Gordon, on Sunday 13 April at 7.30pm. It has been a tradition that the Service is celebrated in song,

with choirs from St John's and other churches, participating. In past years, the choral presentations have been of superb quality and these have always enhanced the spiritual quality of the Service.

**Reg Hession**

## QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Commandery held its AGM on 29 October 2002. There were some changes in office bearers, which are set out below. We are such a small group of active members in Queensland that we all participate in most decision making. We have created some new positions to spread responsibility and increase involvement in the activities of the Commandery.

**PRESIDENT:** The Hon Justice Margaret J White DLJ

**SECRETARY:** Dr Gordon Mor CLJ

**TREASURER:** Dr Michael W White QC KCLJ

**HERALD:** Mr Bill Tunny CLJ

**ASSISTANT HERALD:** Mr Gerard Freer OLJ

**ALMONER:** Mrs Pamela Casagrande OLJ

**ASSISTANT ALMONER:**

Mrs Margaret De Burgh Hockey  
OAM OLJ

**HOSPITALLER:** Ms Regina McGuire OLJ

**ASSISTANT HOSPITALLER:**

Mrs Marlene Morahan DLJ

**ARCHIVIST:** Dr Fred Schubert KCHS KLJ  
CMLJ

**ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST:** Mr John O'Keeffe KLJ  
(and Chair of the Membership  
Sub-committee)

**CHAPLAINS:** Very Rev Arthur Grimshaw  
CMLJ GCSJ ChLJ (Dean  
Emeritus)

Very Rev Dr James R Spence  
ChLJ

In September members and their friends participated in a coach tour visiting many places of historic interest around Brisbane related to the Mayne family – generous benefactors, particularly to the University of Queensland. Dr Rosamond

Siemon, the author of *The Mayne Inheritance*, led the tour and explained the relevance of the various

stopping points, starting with a murder mystery on the banks of the Brisbane River and concluding with afternoon tea at *Moorlands*, the Mayne family home, now part of the Wesley Hospital at Toowong. The very successful afternoon was organised by Dr Fred Schubert, his wife Joan, Mrs Helen Tunny and their families.

The celebration of the Feast of Saint Lazarus was held on Sunday, 15 December at Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley where our Chaplain, the Very Rev Dean Emeritus Arthur Grimshaw is the acting rector. We were joined by Dr Ian Marshall from the Order of Malta and his wife and Mr Kerry Gallagher from the Equestrian Knights and his wife. We were uplifted by the beautiful ceremony, the excellent choir and an interesting visit to The Pantry – part of the Trinity Centre – which distributes food to the needy and which the Commandery supports.

Dr Bob Needham and his wife Annette generously hosted us at brunch at their home which has become an annual event.

We have spent some time seeking out new beneficiaries for our fundraising – The Pantry and funding the Christmas lunch for Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, also in the Valley, are continuing commitments. Some may remember Father Jim Smith who was, in earlier days, one of the Commandery's Chaplains. He is now Chaplain/Director of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. No one expects or looks for gratitude for donations but we were moved by the letter of thanks from Father Jim and it reminds us that a little can mean a lot. In his letter to us he wrote:

“It is always with a great degree of expectation, excitement, gratitude and, need I say, relief that I open the mail from the Queensland Commandery of the Order of Saint Lazarus each October/November. It is not only those that come to the Mass and Banquet at the Centre who feel this ‘good news of great joy’ but the hundreds of hostel dwellers living isolated, sparse lives who also do through the

gifts our pastoral carers take them, financed by your donation ... It brings tears to my eyes when I answer the phone and a shy, timid voice has plucked up the courage to ask if they can join us on Christmas Day because, to use their own words, 'I have no where to go on Christmas Day and one of your other members told me your Centre would make me welcome'".

We are to support the Queensland Association of School Awareness Inc. this year, a very "hands on" organisation which goes into secondary schools in South East Queensland to help the schools and their students deal with issues of drug abuse, self-harm, suicide, poverty and unemployment.

Our first fundraising event is a film morning and brunch *Swimming Upstream* starring Geoffrey Rush and Judy Davis filmed in and about Brisbane, concerning a Brisbane family of swimmers. This will be shown on Sunday morning, 2 March. Other events have been planned for the year under the

capable organisational skills of Mrs Pam Casagrande, our Almoner.

We are delighted to welcome two new members (awaiting confirmation from Europe), Mrs Maureen Freer, known to us all as Gerard's wife and a great supporter of the Order in Queensland, and Mr David Slater, both of whom hope to be invested in Sydney in May. We are looking forward to the National Chapter, to renewing our friendships, and being inspired by the activities of other Commanderies.

Lady Potter is in our prayers. We know she is dealing with a challenging experience with courage, good humour and hope.

Our meetings are held at the United Service Club, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane (parking at rear) at 5.30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month and all visitors to Brisbane are most welcome to attend or to be in touch with any of our members.

Margaret White

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In October we held a Film Night at the Capri Cinema where the all time great film of 1942, "Casablanca", was screened. We sold more tickets and we made more sandwiches than ever before. The result was a surplus of almost \$6,950 which helped us complete our gift of \$12,500 to the Suneden Special School to assist in meeting the cost of resurfacing an area of the playground.

On Saint Lazarus' Day we held a Service of Investiture at St Cyprian's Anglican Church, North Adelaide. Three of our members, Susan Brennan, David Pank and Don Sarah who, for one reason or another, had been unable to attend recent National Chapters, were formally advanced to the level of Commander by the Grand Prior who graciously consented to open the conclave and conduct the investiture.

The Almoner's Committee under Almoner, Don Sarah, ably assisted by Pat Schroder when Don was out of action, ran a highly successful Film Night at the Capri Cinema. The 1942 film "Casablanca" proved to be very popular and we raised \$6,900 – more than we have ever done in the past. Maybe there is a formula here that we should follow.

Following the Investiture we adjourned to the nearby Kentish Arms Hotel for dinner. Both the Order of Malta and the Venerable Order of St John were represented at the investiture and joined us for dinner. I am particularly pleased that our Order, as an ecumenical Order, has developed close links with these Orders. The collaboration now seems to be well accepted as I was invited to the St John Investiture at Government House in May and to the Order of Malta annual Church Service in August.

On 18 February we held our Annual General Meeting and the following members were elected office bearers for the current year:

President:	Ian Chesterman
Secretary:	Max Tomkins
Treasurer:	Basil Taliangis
Almoner:	Pat Schroder
Hospitaller:	Peter Hetzel
Herald:	David Pank
Archivist:	David Seaton

We spent some time discussing the constraints of our Commandery constitution which states that *No office bearer may be elected to any one position for more than three years continuously in that office*. This is at variance with National office bearers, who can hold office for up to two consecutive terms of three years. We are seeking approval to amend the SA constitution to have the same effect in order to overcome the present restriction.

The dates of our Commandery meetings at St Cyprian's Church hall have been set for this year are:

- 15 April
- 17 June
- 19 August
- 21 October
- 18 November
- 17 December – St Lazarus' Day

Ian Chesterman

## TASMANIA

It is with a great deal of sadness that I report on the death of Dr William McLaren Thomson KLJ on 22 December 2002.

Mac was admitted to the Order on 10 October 1988 and served with great distinction, including a term as President of the Tasmania Commandery and host for the last National Chapter held in Hobart in 1998.

Mac was the husband of our Almoner, Dame Dora Thomson, and until his illness last year, both had been regular attendees at National Chapter meetings.

The Tasmania Commandery was well represented at Mac's funeral service at St Peter's Anglican Church, Sandy Bay.

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmania Commandery was held on 11 September 2002 and the following office bearers were elected:

- President     Mr Kerry Bowerman CLJ
- Secretary    The Hon Ken Lowrie KLJ CMLJ
- Treasurer    Chev Dan McNeill KLJ
- Hospitaller   Mr Brian Gallagher OLJ
- Herald       Prof Emer Dr Hermann Tisch KLJ  
                  CMLJ
- Almoner       Dame Dora Thomson DLJ

One of the Chaplains in the Tasmania Commandery, Rt Rev Bishop Phillip Newell AO GCSJ ChLJ celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his consecration and enthronement on 24 August 2002 with a eucharist service at St David's Cathedral. A number of Commandery members were in attendance.

Bishop Newell was Bishop of Tasmania from 1982 to 2000.

The Feast Day of St Lazarus was celebrated with a service conducted by our Chaplains Monsignor Philip Green and Bishop Newell.

The service was held in Monsignor Green's Parish at the Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne. The service was followed by an enjoyable dinner at the local Lindisfarne RSL Club.

Commandery members and their spouses also enjoyed social gatherings at the film, Molokai and a barbecue at the home of Chev Dan and Mrs Barbara McNeill.

The Commandery was also represented by three members and their spouses at the Melbourne reception for His Beatitude, Gregory 111 Laham.

Planning is underway for the next fundraising activity on 11 April which is to be a cocktail function at Parliament House, Hobart. This will include an opportunity for a tour of both Houses of Parliament and an inspection of the underground archival and museum areas.

The Hospitaller, Mr Brian Gallagher OLJ, continues to liaise with Palliative Care facilities, including Calvary St John's Hospital. Palliative Care is still the main focus of funding by the Commandery.

The Manor Hospice in Launceston benefited to the extent of \$2,530 from 2002 fundraising activities, with \$2,000 of that amount being allocated towards the purchase of electric beds.

One new membership petition is currently being progressed and there are prospects of further petitions in coming months.

Kerry Bowerman

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## WISE FAMILY DOCTOR BUSY IN MANY ROLES

Dr William McLaren Thomson Born: Nottingham, England, June 9, 1924. Died: Hobart, December 22, 2002. William McLaren Thomson, known to many as Mac, was a highly regarded member of Tasmania's medical community for almost 50 years.

Mac graduated at Cambridge and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London in 1948 and served briefly as a ship's surgeon in the British merchant navy before joining the Royal Australian Navy.

He served for four years in the navy, including active service on HMAS Bataan in the Korean War.

He came to Tasmania and was appointed District Medical Officer at Koonya, on the Tasman Peninsula, in 1953.

After five years in this country practice he joined Paul Clarke in his Sandy Bay practice, where he was known as a wise family doctor with skills including obstetrics, haematology and radiology.

He remained in partnership in Sandy Bay until he retired in 1997.

He was honorary secretary of the Australian Medical Association for many years and also president, and state representative on the Federal Council. His outstanding services to the AMA were recognised in 1970 when he was made an honorary fellow.

Mac continued his attachment to the navy and his interest in matter maritime as a Surgeon Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve and as a member of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania and the Royal Hobart Regatta Association Committee.

He was medical officer and a board member of Hobart's Christ College and medical officer for The Hutchins School.

He was involved with the Friends of Vellore, supporting a hospital in India and was a Knight of the Order of St Lazarus, a charitable fundraising organisation.

Much of Mac's success as a GP derived from his interest in people and his involvement in the community as he followed many interests outside medicine.

He was a founding member of the Southern Branch of the Tasmanian Beekeepers' Association and a patron of the Derwent Scottish Pipe Band.

He derived great strength from his Christian faith and became a preacher in the Anglican Church in 1954.

He was an active member of the Church of St Peter's, Sandy Bay and of St Alban's, Koonya.

He also went as a medical missionary to Papua New Guinea in 1974 and 1982.

Mac was medical correspondent for The Mercury for many years and contributed articles to journals, including the Australian Medical Journal, on a regular basis.

He married Dora when they were both at St Bartholomew's Hospital. They have two sons and three daughters.

## VICTORIA

Since the last Lazarus Letter the Victorian Commandery has held its Annual General Meeting. The following Office bearers were elected:

President: Will Bailey AO KLJ (continuing)

Secretary: Beverley Charlton O LJ

Treasurer: Peter McWhinney RFD O LJ

Almoner: Barbara Hamer O LJ (continuing)

Hospitaller: Rosalind Lawrence CLJ (cont.)

Herald: David Masters CLJ

At the meeting it was also agreed that our Commandery will continue to support Green Cross Inc. (street buses in Dandenong and Western Suburbs) and Lazarus Centre Inc. (centre for the marginalised and street people in Melbourne City) with donations of \$10,000 each. Various fund raising activities are under consideration by the Almoner and her committee. The proposed medieval dinner in conjunction with other Orders, with whom we have fraternal relations, has been postponed. There is resistance within one other order to joining in the activity with us.

The reception hosted by the Grand Prior, Lady Potter, for His Beatitude, Gregory 111 Laham; the Spiritual Protector of the Order was a delightful event. It also provided the members of the Victorian Commandery to meet members of the congregation of the Melkite Catholic Church at which one of our Chaplains, Monsignor Henry

Dabbous ChLJ presides. We now have a strong possibility of gaining a couple of new members from the church.

The annual St. Lazarus Day church service and dinner was held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. 46 members and friends enjoyed a "family atmosphere" function, which was voted by those in attendance as a great event. Although not a fund raising function we nevertheless raised over \$1,500 for our charitable fund.

We will be holding our annual Quiet Day at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Seymour on 29<sup>th</sup> March. It will be lead by Monsignor Tony Toms ChLJ OMLJ, St. Mary's Parish Priest.

On the membership front discussions are continuing with four potential members.

**Will Bailey**

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia had a large contingent of members at the Dublin Conference and what a good occasion it was for all present, late nights, delightful venues and spirited meetings. The great concerns as to the outcome of various items to be discussed at the meeting proved that being well prepared certainly pays off. As a result of meeting with our new Spiritual Protector in Dublin and hearing of the problems faced by Christians in Jerusalem a donation of \$2,000.00 was sent to the Prior Lady Potter to forward on

Our major function for the year 2002 was held in late October in the extensive gardens of one of Perth's major residence of the Gold Rush era, an invitation to this event was much sought after. A grand total of \$20,000.00 was raised.

An annual donation was again given to St Bartholemews Home for Men and to Parkerville Children's Home of \$4,000.00 each. Many members have privately supported St Patrick's Community Support Centre in Fremantle, where \$100.00 covers the cost of the main meal of the day.

Our annual St Lazarus Day Dinner at the Weld Club was well attended as always, with members and guests. This year we had a most uplifting church service prepared by Bishop Don Sproston assisted by Bishop Kyme and accompanied on the organ by Rev John Shepherd, the Dean of Perth, a truly ecumenical service in the very delightful

historic Church of Saint Bartholemews in the East Perth Cemetery, where many a name famous to Western Australian pioneering days can be seen on the tomb stones.

This year we complete the commitment made to the Bali Eye Clinic of \$108,000.00 over three years, at this stage we are \$13,000.00 short of that target. The greatest contributions were made by WA followed by Queensland, other Commanderies and many generous friends, it is hoped in the remaining six months I can find the remaining \$13,000.00. It should be noted that the commitment of our gift to Bali was made on the basis that every effort would be made, all being equal and subject to the charitable response. As a result of the Bali disaster the Bali Eye Clinic treated many of those wounded which has enabled the establishment of a burns unit thanks to Australian Medical Aid.

WA meeting days for 2003 are as follows:

Tuesday 18th February 2003.

Tuesday 15th April

Tuesday 17th June, AGM, followed by regular meeting.

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 17th December, St Lazarus Day Dinner.

**Geoffrey Summerhayes**

**ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE  
CHURCH OF SAINT CYPRIAN, NORTH ADELAIDE  
SAINT LAZARUS' DAY - 17 DECEMBER 2002**

I have read that shortly before the First World War, the Times of London carried the notable headline, "Channel Blanketed by Fog. - Europe Isolated."

Again, welcome to this Church under the patronage of Thascius Caecilianus Cyprianus. Barrister, Rhetorician, later bishop of Carthage, and strong opponent of Pope Cornelius.

It would seem to be a curious dedication for an Anglican Church. For Cyprian comes not from that tradition of European Latin Christianity, which under the direction of Pope Gregory the Great, Augustine brought to England in 600 AD. But from an older one which is the root of the present day orthodox faiths.

The bishop of Carthage looked not to Rome or Europe for his traditions, but to Alexandria, and Jerusalem, and Caesarea.

For English Christianity has always had roots and allegiances other than those of its closer neighbours in Europe. The early fathers of the faith in the British Isles - fathers like Columba or David or Dioniol - had more in common with Cyprian than they did with Clement, Cornelius, or Boniface.

They - for example - celebrated their Easter according to the orthodox calendar, not that of Europe.

And later when the long bowmen of the king fitted their arrows and cried, "For St. George and Merry England", it was a saint of the Greek Church whom they were invoking.

Europe was indeed isolated from them.

Of course many of the continental saints have been added to the calendar of the Anglican Church over the centuries. But it has still held fast to St. Cyprian.

Cyprian talks about our beginnings. Beginnings in a time very different from our own. Where tradition and mystery tend to merge, and one feels that things happened which still in some way over shadow the present.

But this is of course also the story of the Order of St. Lazarus, for it too has its beginnings in this pre-orthodox expression of the Christian faith.

Its traditional founder in 370 AD was St. Basil, the great archbishop of Caesarea. A city in the centre of present day Turkey which stood as an equal with Jerusalem, Alexandria, and Carthage in the middle-eastern world.

In 530 AD the Order's leper hospital was built in Jerusalem, where its members remained for over 700 years. Initially they took their place there as Hospitallers, but then later as defenders of pilgrims and preservers of the Christian faith in a world dominated by Islam.

But what a world it must have been. For the forces of Islam brought with them not only a new religion which the knights of the Cross felt bound to oppose, but also secrets of knowledge which seduced and entrapped them.

For with the Arab warriors there came also the Arab scholars. And with the scholars a great corpus of astrological and alchemical knowledge

Through Jerusalem, Alexandria, Carthage, and then finally through Morocco and Spain, the new knowledge captured the imagination of Europe and achieved victories that the armies of the Prophet never attained.

From our distant view we see medieval Europe as a slothful giant, waiting to be awakened by the quickening of the renaissance. That is far from the truth. In fact medieval Europe was a ferment of excitement as it sought with an ever-increasing thirst to ingest this new knowledge.

Before the Order of St. Lazarus finally left Jerusalem in 1291, Robert Grossteste - Bishop of Lincoln and first Chancellor of the University of Oxford - had written his extensive and learned works on astrology, and Albertus Magnus in France had produced his commentaries on the same.

Bologna University had established a chair in astrology, and St Thomas Aquinas had written De Judiciis Astrorum - Concerning the Judgement of the Stars. Pope John 19 himself had written several astrological works under the pen name of Peter Hispanus.

But it was alchemy - the Great Work - which was the most seductive.

The quest to transmute the impure to the pure. The base metal into alchemical gold by the Tincture. The infirm human state into one which suffered no illness by the Elixir. The transformation of the mortal into the immortal through the Philosopher's Stone.

The original members of that most mysterious of all the Holy Land Orders - the Templars - went to Jerusalem in 1118 ostensibly to protect pilgrims. A responsibility already being effectively carried out by orders such as your own.

The Templars conducted their primary work from a mosque which had been constructed over the site of Solomon's Temple. But it was rumoured that they were also engaged in an undisclosed search.

Eighty years later the Order undertook the building of Chartres Cathedral. It was completed in thirty years with unlimited finance. It was said that this had been possible because they had discovered the Great Secret in chambers beneath the Temple.

And in the middle of all this the Order of St. Lazarus lived and worked. It can look back to a past of mystery and ancient tradition, of excitement and discovery, of great valour and noble deeds.

Like the Great Work itself, it is a seductive history. One is tempted to luxuriate in it, to return to it again and again and tease out its meaning and its promises.

Abraham - the father of the Jewish nation - had no less a history. Called by God to leave Ur of the Chaldees and to move across the plains and mountains of the middle east. To encounter opposition and miracles. To know great distresses and even greater salvations.

In old age, how seductive it would have been to have relived that past, and to have reflected upon the achievements of a long and noble life.

Yet in the Book of Genesis we read. The Lord showed favour to Sarah .....and she conceived and bore a son to Abraham. The son who Sarah bore to him Abraham named Isaac..... Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born.

St. Paul - writing to the Christians in Rome - said of Abraham, Without any weakening of faith he contemplated his own body, as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old) ..... but strong in faith gave honour to God in the firm conviction of his power to do what he had promised.

Instead of looking to the past, even in extreme old age Abraham looked to the future, full of faith. He looked to a future which contained newness and hope and excitement.

That is always the challenge. And the more venerable the body or the order or the organisation, the more important that becomes. The trap is that one can have so much past that it can overwhelm and stultify.

Obviously this church dedicated to Thascius Caecilianus Cyprianus - even though a heritage listed structure - cannot claim any venerable history. It is only about twenty years older than Abraham was when Isaac was born. Yet it too had reached the point where the past was really more important than the future.

It had originally served the poor Irish immigrants of Lower North Adelaide, and provided education and religious worship. Later it had continued this work among the working poor who lived around it. But then there had come the Depression and life became very difficult for many of the families of the area.

It had persevered with slowly decreasing numbers and slowly decaying buildings, until about seven years ago the question had to be asked, "Should it continue?"

We recognised that our principal asset was a building in a busy commercial street. Yet we asked, "Would you go to a restaurant in Melbourne Street that was ill kept, poorly presented, and with an uninteresting menu?"

We therefore committed our entire resources to the restoration of the church, and to making it a living part of the street. You can see the simple beauty of the restored church tonight. The garden is the delight of Melbourne Street. Every Thursday evening during Daylight Savings many of Adelaide's well known musicians perform here.

Young people come here to be married. Young couples who are now bringing their children to be Baptised.

We have also begun to restore the old day school behind the church. We plan that it should become a centre for the community of Lower North Adelaide.

We are no longer thinking about the past but looking to the future with anticipation. For a congregation as good as dead, something new has happened.

Obviously I know only a little about that commandery of the Order of St. Lazarus which has its life in South Australia. I have read your history, and the issues which have confronted the Order in recent years. I am aware of some of the works of charity which the Order has undertaken.

A long and venerable history is greatly to be cherished. Yet it means little unless there is also a vision for the future.

The central message of the Christian faith is that there is always renewal. One comes not to an end but to a fresh beginning. One dies in order that one may rise to new life.

I would express the wish that this Commandery of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem may not only rejoice in a venerable history, but also in a renewed and invigorated future.

That it may have a vision that can draw its eyes away from its past, and see that in a new century there are in fact new lepers who need its care, and new pilgrims who need its protection.

Father Ralph Holden  
Parish Priest

## TONY'S TWO THAI CHICKEN DISHES

*(Try saying this quickly five times – Editor)*

In this edition of the Lazarus Letter I have chosen two simple Thai Dishes for you to easily prepare. You will not find them on the menus of star hotels in Bangkok but you will, more than likely, find them on the dining tables of the average Thai family. The first dish is called *Khao Mun Gai* which translated into English means Chicken with Stock Flavoured Rice, this dish is of Chinese origin. The second dish is called *Gai Yang Khao Niao* and translated means Barbeque Chicken with Sticky Rice, it is of *Issarn* or north-east Thailand origin. During my fifteen years in Thailand these were two of my favourite chicken dishes and I am now happy to share their secrets with you.

**Khao Mun Gai (Chicken with Stock Flavoured Rice)**

### Ingredients:

1 fresh uncooked chicken  
1 stem of lemon grass  
Sauce  
1 red onion quartered  
1 bunch of coriander with roots

pepper and salt to season  
Maggi Thai Sweet Chilli

Thai Jasmine Rice

### Preparation:

1. Peel the red onion and cut into quarters. The lemon grass can either be chopped into centimetre lengths or simply crushed as its use is for flavouring only.
2. The coriander has two uses in this recipe, (a) to garnish the cooked rice and (b) the roots are very important in adding flavour to the stock that we will use to boil the chicken. Chop or slice the roots from the coriander leaves and give the roots a good crushing.
3. Wash the chicken and remove any giblets remaining inside place the chicken in a large saucepan and cover with water.
4. Add the onion, lemon grass, coriander roots and season with a little pepper and salt then gently boil the chicken till it is cooked and the meat easily comes away from the frame.
5. When the chicken is cooked gently remove it from the stock and set aside and cover with alfoil to retain its heat.
6. Strain the stock, as we will use the stock to cook the jasmine rice.
7. Whatever method you use to cook the jasmine rice, I prefer the electric rice cooker, use one cup of chicken stock to one cup of rice and a last cup for "good measure".

8. While the rice is cooking gently remove all the chicken from the frame and cover with alfoil and keep it warm.
9. When the rice is cooked, the traditional method of serving is to place all the rice on a serving plate (an oval plate always looks good) and then arrange the boned chicken on top of the rice and garnish with the coriander leaves.
10. The Sweet Chilli Sauce is used for dipping.

**Gai Yang Khao Niao (Barbequed Chicken with Sticky Rice)**

**Ingredients:**

Glutinous rice (three - four cups)  
 Whole roasted barbequed chicken  
 1 bunch fresh coriander  
 Maggi Thai Sweet Chilli Sauce

**Utensils:**

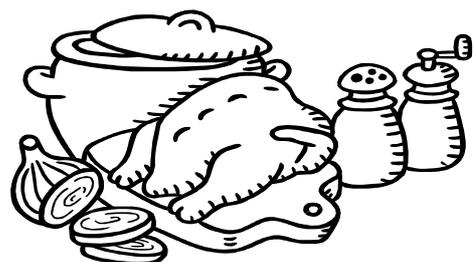
Steaming saucepan and a piece of muslin to cover the inside of the saucepan.

**Preparation:**

1. The glutinous (sticky) rice needs to be pre-soaked over night. Allow three quarters of a cup to a cup of rice for each person.
2. If you have a favourite take away chicken shop – I have one in Seymour that cooks its chickens over a real bed of burning charcoal – then the take away chicken will suffice or on the other hand if you prefer to roast and barbeque your own chicken then the choice is yours.
3. The method of steaming sticky rice is very easy. The steaming sauce pan has an upper and a lower pan. Half to three-quarter fill the lower pan with water and place the steamer on top. Place the muslin cloth inside the steamer so that you will be able to wrap it around the rice. Add the pre-soaked rice and cover with the muslin and place the lid. The rice should be cooked in 45 to 60 minutes depending, however you will be able to tell when it is soft and sticky to taste.
4. While the rice is cooking remove all the chicken flesh from the frame and slice into thin slices. Cover the chicken with alfoil and keep hot.
5. When the meal is ready to be served, serve in the same manner as the Khao Mun Gai in the previous recipe (9). Place the sticky rice on serving plate and arrange the sliced barbequed chicken on the rice and garnish with the coriander leaves.
6. Serve with the Sweet Thai Chilli Sauce for dipping.

Bon appetite, **Tony**

P.S. I am also happy to tell you that the sales of the Lazarus Recipe Book has now brought in just under \$2,000 - which has gone to Green Cross Inc. Requests for copies have come in from the USA, Canada and England.



## **AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS:**

Dr. Paul Nisselle AM CMLJ was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours. Paul is a member in the Victorian Commandery...

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