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## VALE

**David Leon Pank AM AFC CLJ 1917 – 2004**

**Beryl Margaret deB. Hockey, OAM, OLJ 1941 – 2004**

Sadly we record the passing of two members; David Pank a long-standing member and, more recently, Herald of the South Australian Commandery and Margaret Hockey, a more recent member of the Queensland Commandery who had been ill for some time.

## FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

After an extraordinarily disgraceful start to the Governing Council meeting, followed by an attempted sabotage of the International Chapter General, matters were brought to a satisfactory conclusion and I believe the Order will now be able to successfully pursue reunification and get on with our main goal – that of our charitable causes.

Tony Sallmann, who I proposed as Chairman of the Governing Council for a further four years, conducted the meetings with great calm and common sense, strongly supported by the Patriarch and the Grand Master, all three of whom received unseemly abuse by the Central European faction. Led by expelled member Graf Piccapietra of Switzerland who even attempted physical violence. By walking out of both meetings en-masse the European team “shot themselves in the foot” as all motions are required by the constitution to be passed by a two-thirds majority of those present. This resulted in orderly resolutions of all agenda items and was overseen by the Chairman of Constitutional Commission, Chev. Mitchell Lathrop.

As there has been many irregularities in the administration of financial affairs an

investigation was commissioned to look into the matter under the new Grand Treasurer, Chev. Schalk Visser of South Africa who is presently in Switzerland trying to sort this matter out.

For your information Prince Charles-Phillippe of Orleans was illegally installed as a member of the Order in Hungary by Ireland, the UK and Switzerland. I cannot understand why this was done as the Grand Prior of France held a legal investiture at which he failed to appear. He was then “invested” as a Knight of Justice without the constitutionally required approval of the Grand Master. Hence he was not even a legal member of the Order! The Duke of Seville was elected as Grand Master Elect by 542 votes to 47.

I will not go into further details as Tony Sallmann has given most of this information in his report. However I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Mons. Tony Toms for his wise and measured council and also all the Knights and Dames who trusted me with their proxies.

Tony Sallmann, Tony Toms, John Bishop and I will give a fuller verbal report to you all in Perth. Until then may God keep you in his Grace.

Primrose Potter

## FROM THE GRAND PRIOR EMERITUS Toronto Synopsis

After somewhat noisy meetings in Toronto the following has happened

- The Duke of Brissac becomes acting Grand Master (or legally "Vicar" to the Duke of Seville)
- The Duke of Seville has become Grand Master Elect until he can be installed as Grand Master by the Spiritual Protector
- Lady Potter has become Vice-President of the Governing Council
- John Herbig has become Secretary to the Governing Council
- I resigned from the Council but accepted a unanimous resolution to be re-appointed for a further term of four years
- By decree 04/04 – which can be viewed at [www.st-lazarus.net/pariso/protocol.pdf](http://www.st-lazarus.net/pariso/protocol.pdf) – the following were relieved of their official positions within the Order:

John Kerry Keane of Ireland

Bernard Baron of Ireland

Robert Alexander Hopkins-Wooley of England & Wales

The Reverend Canon Jeremy Matthew Haselock of England & Wales

Dr. Eckhard Stegenwallner of Germany

Dr. Axel Mittelstaedt of Germany

Baron B. Schaffalitzky de Muckadell of Denmark

Lt. Gen./ Kent Harskog of Sweden

Count Vaclav Borek-Dohalsky of the Czech Republic

Josef-Roman Widmer of Switzerland

Alfred, Count Spornbour, of AustriaJaap Kraaijenhagen of the Netherlands

Gweneth Halford-Bell of New Zealand

Dr. Laslo Zoltan von Deak of Hungary

Markus M. Hasler of Liechtenstein

The above walked out *en masse* from our meetings.

The Central European Team who comprised the above were led by Count Graff Picapietra of Switzerland who has been expelled from the Order.

The Grand Referendary has been relieved of his office.

I have informed all members of the Governing Council that attendance at the next meeting of the Council in Damascus, Syria will signify that the jurisdictions of the above members have changed their minds and accepted the decisions of the Council.

The following new appointments were made:

Grand Secretary General - George Parent, Ottawa

Grand Treasurer: - Schalk Visser, South Africa

Grand Referendary:-Bob Vandewater, Winnipeg

The Order continues on a steady course although missing some of our friends.

Monsignor Toms, my "Ecclesiastical Adviser" did a great job explaining the canonical implications of the Duke of Seville's matrimonial position after having received confidential details from the Duke of Seville himself.

A good time was had by all – well nearly all.

Tony Sallmann

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM TONY SALLMANN Post Toronto

Members will be forgiven for thinking all looks bleak after what has happened.

Please be assured all is well. The Europeans acted deplorably but have been suitably dealt

with – although we temporarily have a smaller, but loyal Order.

The dissidents were led by an extremely unpleasant man who sought control of the Order through the election of a puppet French Prince.

This lot were soundly beaten and when they walked out of the Chapter there were cries of "Good Riddance".

I was ashamed to have to call the police to remove them from the Council meeting – they were encouraged by the Irish and an exceedingly stupid cleric from England.

But we now have a cohesive band of good people. What did impress me was the vitality of the Canadian and American Commanderies. They are doing a great deal of work and at the Investiture there was an extraordinary number of young postulants. It was an inspiration and made up for the squabbles among the hierarchy.

Tony Sallmann

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

You will have read in the reports from Tony Sallmann and Primrose Potter that the International Chapter General was a very difficult meeting.

My principal feeling was one of sadness - not only that details of the extraordinarily good works of the Order world-wide were overshadowed by the political machinations of some of the delegates, but that the superb arrangements made by the Toronto Commandery were considerably disrupted by the unpredictable behaviour of some of the delegates.

Whilst the overall outcome of the meeting was positive and in the direction which we in Australia supported, there is still considerable sadness at the withdrawal of a significant number of members from other jurisdictions.

I sincerely hope that time will help to heal these new divisions and that the long sought-after reunification of the Paris and Spanish Obediences can still be achieved in the foreseeable future.

John Bishop

## FROM THE MARSHAL

As an ancient Military and Hospitaller Order, it is not surprising that our Chaplains have, throughout our history, played such an important role in our chivalric mission.

The military chaplaincy has its roots deep in antiquity. As early as 7 B.C. there are records of the Assyrian Army having a cadre of military chaplains. Through the centuries, when the call to battle sounded, summoning peoples to arms, it also sounded for religious leaders who joined the common cause through caring for the spiritual needs of those engaged in serving their country in time of war or national calamity. The service of religious leaders within a military context continued to evolve with the dawning of the Christian era.

The title "chaplain" is derived from the word "capella", or cloak. The cloak in question belonged to St. Martin (born 316 A.D., died 397

A.D.), Bishop of Tours and patron saint of French medieval kings. Martin is notable for giving half of his cloak to a beggar at Amiens. Following the death of this saintly bishop his cloak (capella) became a religious relic and was carried into battle. It was guarded by a special group of clergy who became known as capellani, or in English, chaplains.

Chaplains have been formally involved in military service since the time of the Roman Army. For the Romans the presence of a priest before each battle was vital. Sacred animals had to be killed ritually. Then, their livers were removed and read by the priests for favourable or unfavourable omens. In Imperial Rome it was the priests who proclaimed war upon the advice of the Senate. Thus every war declared was both just and holy. Very convenient, politically!

The modern chaplaincy's roots are essentially medieval Catholic in origin. The Council of Ratisbon (742 AD) first officially authorised the use of chaplains for armies, but prohibited "the servants of God" from bearing arms or actually engaging in fighting.

Nevertheless, religious figures in this era often went into battle as fighting men with the army. Archbishop Turpin (Tilpinus of Rheims), whose exploits are to be found in *The Song of Roland*, is a notable example of the warrior priest. In 1066 at the Battle of Hastings, Bishop Odo, the younger half-brother of William the Conqueror, fought with a heavy blunt mace since as a religious man he had forsworn the use of edged or pointed weapons.

In 1175, the Synod of Westminster (England) got serious about warrior priests and prohibited the clergy "to take up arms nor to go about in armour," but this was not generally heeded until the 14th century. By the time of the Reformation in the 16th century, the chaplain's duty was clearly defined - "to have care of souls, and it is well if he meddle with no other business, but make that his only care." Prime Minister Howard did not invent the idea of priests not engaging in politics after all!

It was not until the Crusades that the role of the chaplain became even more clearly defined. In this period chaplains were specifically charged with the spiritual and moral welfare of the troops. During the reign of Edward I (1272-1307) the military chaplaincy became more structured. At this time a chaplain's duties encompassed both the spiritual and the temporal. He not only had responsibilities for religious matters but, because of his educational qualifications, was often required to perform other military duties such as those undertaken by engineers, paymasters, and medical officers.

I can personally vouch for this multi faceted role of military Chaplains, for, as a newly commissioned Second Lieutenant, I well remember sitting at dinner with the then Regiment's Honorary Colonel, Major General R N L Hopkins CBE., who intrigued me with this anecdote about Chaplains. During WW1 Hopkins was a young second Lieutenant, serving in Palestine with our Regiment, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse. He confirmed that in those days the Chaplain was in fact a valued member of the CO's operational staff, the other members being

the Second in Command, the Adjutant, and the Regimental Medical Officer. As a thoroughly modern young armoured cavalry officer, having a doctor and a priest on a Regimental command HQ seemed to me to be very odd, if not extraordinary!

But, in the days of the Light Horse, with most other officers dispersed remotely from the HQ, the doctor and the chaplain, being well educated worldly men, were, according to the General, welcomed by the CO as colleagues and advisers, whose counsel he encouraged and valued. Just to prove the point, General Hopkins told this fascinating story. At the time, our Regiment was in the van of General Allenby's advance across Palestine to Aleppo. At an overnight bivouac, the CO was studying his map, deeply concerned about the urgent need to find water during the next few days. The Chaplain, looking at the map, quietly departed, and returned with his Bible, and searched for and found in the Old Testament, a reference to a Roman well on their line of advance, which in biblical times, was a recognised caravan route. He argued that there

was no reason to believe that the well was not still there. Lt Hopkins was sent off with a patrol by the CO to see if he could locate it, and, sure enough - there it was! With the aid of a spear-point pump (an Australian Army invention) horses and men were watered and the Regiment continued its advance.

As an aside, General Hopkins absolutely intrigued me, because as a twenty year old, I had difficulty coming to terms with the fact that this very elderly gentleman, having actually gone to war on a horse in WW1, was later to be the founder of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps in WW2. They built them so tough in those days that he lasted long enough for me to be the Chief Mourner at his military funeral. I had that privilege, as it was I who was then the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment!

So - this salute to our Chaplains! It is worth reminding ourselves that, in fact, it was a priest who founded our Order and in its early years its members were mostly monks. The tradition remains today, for in their hands lies the custody of our Order's spirituality and the maintenance of our mission to the sick and the underprivileged in our society.

Ellis Wayland



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

In August we held our Annual Retreat at the Carmelite monastery which was conducted by our Anglican Chaplain, Canon Geoff Sibly. The morning of prayer and reflection was greatly appreciated by all.

On 22nd August our Catholic Chaplain, Monsignor Max Davis, was consecrated Bishop in St. Christopher's Cathedral before a very large congregation which included Defence Chaplains of the other Faiths. The Apostolic Nuncio, His Grace Archbishop Canalini, our National Chaplain, His Eminence Cardinal Pell, and many other Bishops and other clergy were present. The main celebrant was Bishop Davis' predecessor as Catholic Bishop of the Australian

Defence Force, Bishop Geoffrey Mayne who, despite grave ill health, insisted on presiding. Bishop Geoffrey Mayne died one month later.

The members of the Commandery and their spouses were delighted to attend a lunch at the Royal Canberra Golf Club to honour Bishop Davis and to make him a presentation to mark the occasion of his elevation.

The annual fund raising dinner in aid of the L'Arche Homes was held at the Southern Cross Club on 25th October and was very successful despite clashing with a number of other events. More than \$16,000 was raised and after expenses we were able to make a donation of \$11,000 to L'Arche which was a most satisfactory result.

Prior to the L'Arche dinner the quarterly Ecumenical Church service was held at the Uniting Church Forrest. We were privileged to have His Excellency The Governor General and Mrs Jeffery attend and His Excellency read the First Lesson.

Our next event will be the Barbeque for the L'Arche residents to take place on 21st March, the

organization and running of which our Secretary, Peter Wilkins, assisted by David Emons, have insisted on doing. The other members are duly grateful.

Sadly we are losing David Emons as he has been posted to Queensland. Julie and he are leaving soon. Whilst he is our newest member, David has been fully committed to the commandery and he will be missed. Our loss will be Queensland's gain. However, our membership numbers will be static as we are privileged to have our National Hospitaller, Sister Juliana join us. She is coming to Canberra as a new member of the Province Team of her Order, the Little Company of Mary, which conducts Calvary Hospital Canberra. Sister has been a member of the Tasmanian Commandery since 1991 and will be greatly missed. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our ranks.

David Crossin

### NEW SOUTH WALES

The organizing of the National Chapter absorbed much time and effort for the Planning Committee and the Executive in the first months of 2003. Their efficiency was evidenced in the smooth accommodation and transport for the various events.

Thanks to the work of the Hospitaller, Dr. Raphael Panetta, the proposed dinner at Le Montage proved most enjoyable and successful. The Jean Colvin Hospital for the assistance of Cancer patients was the beneficiary.

Later in the year the Hospitaller arranged, with the assistance of Ivan Petch, a collection of Christmas toys for the Westmead Children's Hospital. The quality and number of toys was much appreciated by the Hospital Officers.

The annual Patronal Feastday Service and Dinner was held on 13 December. Cardinal Pell presided at the service in St James' Church

assisted by Bishops Darwish and Murphy, and the Chaplain, Rev. J. Pettigrew. The dinner followed at the American Club during which the retiring President, Dr. Reg Hession, shared his experiences of the difficulties and amusing aspects encountered in the arrangement of an International Convention. To share the enjoyment of this annual gathering many of the participants had to battle their way through the congestion characteristic of the city of Sydney in the pre-Christmas season.

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The election of the Executive, operative from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004 was:

President:	Bishop Patrick Murphy
Secretary:	Bill Killinger
Treasurer:	Lindsay Kidd
Herald:	Aidre Sinclair
Almoner:	Colette Cowle
Hospitaller:	Raphael Panetta
Chaplain:	Rev. J. Pettigrew

**Patrick Murphy**

## QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Commandery has started the year in fine form with a well attended gathering of members at a General Meeting on the 27th January. The main thrust of the meeting was to plan our activities for the coming year. Last year we had a particularly good year with invigorated enthusiasm from our new members. This culminated in a very successful gathering on the 14th of December last year for the Saint Lazarus Day celebrations. Over twenty members, guests and spouses gathered at the home of Mrs Regina McGuire after having been led by Rev Dr Jim Spence in a service at his church, Our Lady Hope of Christians. Mrs Pam Casagrande held a Christmas function in her own home at the end of the year. At this function guests were asked not to bring gifts but donate to a charity. As a result \$1,500.00 was raised for Catholic Psychiatric Care. A delightful night was had by all.

We have been extremely pleased to have Mr Tom Stodulka join our ranks. Tom comes from a background in law and has already shown that he is ready to pitch in and help where he can.

Our plan this year is to continue to support the charities that we are committed to i.e. QASA (Queensland Association of School Awareness), the Trinity Kitchen and Catholic Psychiatric help as well as continue our "hands on" work as required. Members have been asked to look at ways this Commandery can lend a hand to refugees. Attempts will be made to find out through our local churches where the Commandery might be able to play a role.

Various members have attended functions with our brother Orders last year with considerable pleasure for all concerned.

The Commandery looks forward to the New Year with enthusiasm. As many members as possible are being encouraged to gather in Perth for the National Chapter meeting in August.

### General Meetings:

April 27	August 31
May 25	September 28
June 29	October 26 AGM
July 27	November 30

### Other Dates

March 14 – Sunday Film Day  
 April 18 – Church Service/Religious Retreat  
 July 18 – Large Fundraising Function  
 October 24 – Church Service/Religious Retreat  
 December 19 – St Lazarus Day Celebrations.

**Gordon Mor**



*The Queensland Commandery at the Saint Lazarus Day luncheon held at Regina McGuire's after Mass at Our Lady of Help of Christians.*

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Sadly I report the passing of another member of the South Australian Commandery with the recent death of David Pank AM AFC CLJ. David was our Herald and a member of the Order since 1988.

On Saint Lazarus' Day we held our annual Church Service at Saint Cyprian's Anglican Church, North Adelaide and afterwards, at the invitation of our Chaplain, Archbishop Ian George, we adjourned to Bishops Court for refreshments. The Chairs of the Order of Malta and the Venerable Order of Saint John and their wives joined us for the occasion.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 17 February 2004 and the following office bearers were elected:

President	Hon Justice Kemer Murray DLJ	New
Secretary	Maxwell Tomkins CLJ	Cont.
Treasurer	Basil Taliangis AM OLJ	Cont.
Almoner	Pat Schroder CLJ	Cont.
Hospitaller	Peter Hetzel AM CLJ	Cont.
Herald	Don Sarah AM CLJ	New
Archivist	David Seaton K <sup>1</sup> NO KLJ	Cont.

Our next fund-raising function will be a luncheon at the Adelaide Rowing Club on the banks of the Torrens River on 21 March. The funds raised will go towards supporting the provision of computing and related equipment to the Hackney Mission. We expect to hold another successful Film Evening later in the year.

We are keen to recruit new – and younger – members and I am pleased to report that there are three or four potential new members in prospect.

We were delighted to see the late Brian Fricker KLJ recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours by being made a Member in the Order of Australia and Joan Paroissien DLJ OMLJ awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

Our meetings for the rest of the year are:

- 20 April
- 15 June
- 17 August
- 19 October
- 17 December (Saint Lazarus' Day)

Kemer Murray

**TASMANIA**

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmania Commandery was held on 17 September 2003 and the following office bearers were elected:

President:	Kerry Bowerman CLJ	(cont)
Secretary:	Kenneth Lowrie KLJ	(cont)
Treasurer:	Patrick Murray CLJ	
Hospitaller:	Brian Gallagher CLJ	(cont)
Herald:	Hermann Tisch KLJ	(cont)
	CMLJ	
Almoner:	Dora Thomson DLJ	(cont)

The Commandery was pleased to welcome Mr Christopher Jones OLJ as a new member in December 2003. Christopher is a Chartered Accountant and is not to be confused with Canon

Christopher Jones ChLJ who joined earlier in 2003.

The active membership of the Commandery now stands at 17. Mrs Nancy Hummerston OLJ who resides in Launceston, has elected to transfer to inactive membership status for residential and health reasons.

In addition, we anticipate the transfer of Sister Juliana Coulson DLJ to the Canberra Commandery, at least for the next five years.

Sister Juliana, who is the National Hospitalier, has recently been appointed to a position on the new provincial leadership team for the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary based in Canberra.

The Tasmania Commandery acknowledges the outstanding service and generous hospitality provided by Sister Juliana and extends best wishes for her new role.

The Commandery was well represented at a recent public farewell for Sister Juliana and at a separate 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

The Feast Day of St Lazarus was celebrated with a service conducted by Bishop Phillip Newell assisted by Canon Christopher Jones.

The service was held in the Nixon Chapel of St David's Cathedral and was followed by a most enjoyable dinner at the nearby historic Hadleys Hotel.



*Kerry Bowerman and Sr Angela Kosmeyer, the Clinical Nurse Manager at the Gibson Unit of St John's Campus of Calvary Hospital.*

The Commandery has continued its support of Palliative Care facilities at both the Whittle Ward, which is a division of the Royal Hobart Hospital and the Gibson Unit at St John's Campus of Calvary Hospital.

The presentation of a lifting machine for the Whittle Ward was made on 30 September 2003 and the presentation of soft furnishings and music CD's for the Gibson Unit was made on 3 February 2004. The combined outlay for these presentations was \$6,000.

Planning is underway for the next fundraising activity on Friday, 7 May which is to be a cocktail function at Hobart's Domain Athletics Centre.

It is anticipated that the Commandery will be well represented at the Perth Chapter in August 2004.

**Kerry Bowerman**

## VICTORIA

The members and friends of the Victorian Commandery held a very successful Middle Eastern Dinner where just under \$10,000 was raised for the Charitable funds. The evening was well supported, a little different from previous functions, and included performances of belly dancing.

The Saint Lazarus Day Church Service and Dinner at Saint Peters in December was a meaningful occasion prior to Christmas. This annual event in our calendar, although not a major fund raising focus, added over \$2000 to the Charity account.

A further \$1000 was contributed as a result of a very pleasant Bridge afternoon.

The Commandery is currently examining further potential opportunities for providing charitable support in the future.

The mobile bus activities of Green Cross Inc have changed and do not warrant the same level of support from us as previously.

The support for the very active Lazarus Centre in the City of Melbourne continues.

Membership matters continue to be pursued as some five potential members are being reviewed.



We welcomed Mr John Molnar as our most recent new member at the February Commandery meeting.

We are looking forward to our Annual Quiet Day at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Seymour in March, hosted by Monsignor Tony Toms ChLJ OMLJ, St Mary's Parish Priest.

Max Carr

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Commandery held a Garden Party in early November, which has become a tradition over the last six years in spring. This year the function was held in the garden of Mr & Mrs Wordsworth in Peppermint Grove, a beautiful setting overlooking the Swan River. The Almoner, David Stephens, ably helped by members of the Commandery matched our previous profit goals. The function was enhanced by a hat parade auction with a number of attractive prizes generously donated through the Almoner.

We continue to support Parkerville Children's Home and St Bartholomew Home for Men

The Commandery was pleased to be allocated the National Chapter meeting in August 2004, to which end the President set up a small committee consisting of the secretary Elizabeth

Summerhayes, the Treasurer Tony Gardner, Maurice Rousset and himself as chairman. They have met regularly and have been able to progress the matter with satisfaction and in accordance with the wishes of the Ad-hoc Committee set up at the last Chapter in Sydney, based on the Tasmanian paper dedicated to the cost and affordability of past Chapter Meetings, for some members. We have succeeded in simplifying the number of venues as recommended and the costs of the functions and registration. It is hoped that the August Chapter Meeting will give an opportunity for members to consider the outcome of the occasion, in view of the feelings expressed by some in the past.

St Lazarus Day on the 17th of December was, as traditionally, started with a pleasant service at St Bartholomew's Chapel in the East Perth Cemetery, prepared by our Chaplains to be followed by a splendid dinner at The Weld Club.

We sincerely hope to see you in Perth at the August Chapter Meeting; although the program is simple we hope the warmth of Western Australian hospitality will make your visit worth while.

Geoffrey Summerhayes

## OBITUARY – BERYL MARGARET deB. HOCKEY, OAM, OIJ

Margaret Hockey died on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004 after a contributive life to many sections of the Australian community, including the OSL. She was a descendent of two distinguished Queensland families, the Collins and de Burgh Persse families, and lived all of her life in the handsome homestead 'Nindooinbah'. This homestead is built on an old grazing property about 80 kms south of Brisbane, near Beaudesert. The land was initially subject to a grazing lease from the 1840s. Her family had owned the homestead and surrounding land for about 100 years and the homestead was re-designed and extended by the famous architect Robin Dods in about 1910.

Margaret devoted many years of her life to the care of her mother and her beloved Nanny. After they both had died she married the artist Patrick Hockey in 1983. They lived at 'Nindooinbah' and the gardens were extended and flourished under the care of them both. Patrick died in 1992 and Margaret lived on in the homestead, continuing to devote herself to the community. She was a patron, office bearer or member of numerous bodies which carried out humanitarian, historical, artistic and other good works, for which she was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Margaret joined the Queensland Commandery of the OSL and attended meetings and contributed to activities whilst her health allowed. She was a strong supporter of the Queensland sub-committee on the OSL Bali Eye Clinic charitable project. For the past few years, however, she had bravely struggled with the cancer to which she finally succumbed. Her funeral service at Beaudesert was a tribute to her fine Christian and humanitarian qualities. The large church overflowed with persons who came to pray and to bid her farewell. Her cheerful demeanour and comradeship will be missed by the members of the Queensland Commandery.

(Michael White)  
Hon. Secretary,  
Queensland Commandery



## TONY'S SPARE RIBS

I had already written for you two very tasty Thai chicken recipes that I prepared during my recent visit to the Realm last October. However, with the recent outbreak of the Asian Avian (Bird) Flu Virus and resulting deaths, perhaps this is not the ideal time to be writing about Thai chicken recipes. So, I have had to make a last minute change, just as you have to do when you suddenly find that unexpected guests are coming for dinner with a few hours notice!

Melbourne diners would know of Barbarinos and Wong, a restaurant on St Kilda Road, noted for its two very distinct and different menus, Spare Ribs and Chinese-Asian dishes. I drop in from time to time for a tasty and inexpensive dinner and my selection is usually a stack of spare ribs. Here is a quick recipe for preparing a meal at short notice which only requires a visit to the butcher and grocer.

### Ingredients:

A stack of marinated spare ribs (12-14 ribs) per person from the local butcher)

2-3 small chap potatoes per person,

Sour cream

Endive and rocket salad leaves

Balsamic vinegar and olive oil

BBQ sauce of you choice.

### Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees.

Take the marinated ribs, prepared by the butcher, and place them on an alfoil lined tray (s). When the oven has reached the desired temperature place the ribs in the oven and cook for ten to fifteen minutes making sure that they do not burn.

Steam, boil or microwave the small chap potatoes but do not ever cook.

Prepare the simple salad of endive and rocket and toss with a little olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

Just before you are ready to remove the ribs give them a light coating of your BBQ sauce of choice, and then two or three minutes more in the oven.

### Serving:

Onto a warm plate place a stack of ribs, two or three chap potatoes split open with added sour cream, and a salad spoon or two of endive and rocket salad.

The remainder of the BBQ sauce can be gently heated and placed in a bowl on the table as an extra condiment, should you diners prefer more.

#### **Rib Etiquette:**

It is absolutely permissible and allowable to eat ribs with your fingers should you wish to do so, however each diner should have a finger bowl with a wedge of lemon and a napkin ready to cleanse the fingers at the completion of the meal.



## **AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS:**

Congratulations to Joan Paroissien OAM DLJ OMLJ on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day 2004 Honours.

Members will also have been pleased to see that our late member, Brian Fricker AM KLJ was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day 2004 Honours.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Mr. Christopher D Jones OLJ      TAS

Bishop Donald G. Sproxton ChLJ      WA

John S. Molnar OLJ      VIC

## **GRAND PRIORY OF AUSTRALIA WALL PLAQUES**

Order of St Lazarus wall plaques are still available from:

Dr F. Schubert  
Unit 1  
88 Macquarie Street  
St Lucia Qld 4067

Telephone: (07) 3870 7009

Cost: \$50 + \$5 postage

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Commandery of the Grand Priory of Australia 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.”**

