

# L AZARUS LETTER

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## FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

Two of the most important matters facing our Order presently are Reunification and the Grand Master's moves to obtain Vatican recognition.

Those of you who attended the National Chapter in Canberra last April, heard our Grand Prior Emeritus and Chairman of the Governing Council, Tony Sallmann report on reunification of the two Obediences of St Lazarus. There is a slow but steady progress and as it is so important to all of us, it is good to know that things are coming together. It is planned that the matter be voted on at the Chapter General in Dublin next September, and I hope that as many as possible from the Australian Grand Priory will be there.

I attended the American Grand Prioral meeting in Chicago earlier this year when the Duke of Brissac and the Duke of Seville were both present, and both took part in the joint investiture ceremony. One of the highlights of this occasion was the investiture into the Order of H.E. Cardinal George as a chaplain member. His Eminence gave a reception at his residence the previous evening when in his welcoming address he stressed that one of the most compelling reasons for his joining St Lazarus was its ecumenism and the importance he attached to this.

*(The photograph below shows Duchess & Duke of Brissac, Lady Potter, Cardinal George, Duke & Duchess of Seville - Chicago 2001)*

The Grand Master is anxious for Vatican recognition of the Order of St Lazarus, and

some time ago commenced discussions with the Holy See to this effect. Such

recognition would appear to rely on our becoming a Catholic Order and giving up our ecumenism. At the Governing Council meeting in Zurich this was declared to be totally unacceptable and all heads of jurisdictions present, other than France, rejected such a move and further, directed that the matter should not be promulgated prior to reunification.

However, despite this, the Grand Master has continued to pursue the matter further, and as a result a meeting of the Governing Council has been called to handle the situation, in early October. I have every confidence that Tony Sallmann will handle the proceedings with all dispatch and his usual expertise and I will hope to be able to circulate his report to all Commanderies upon his return.

It might be useful to remember that nowadays the Order is a fully

international one and no longer can be considered purely French, indeed the majority of members now reside outside Europe. In France I understand that the Order of St Lazarus is not accepted as an Order of Chivalry, the Grand Master is not permitted to use the full name of the Order and members must be addressed officially as Hospitallers Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4 rather than as Knight or Dame Grand Cross, Knight/Dame, Commander or Officer etc. The perception of the Order is very different in other countries both in Europe and the New World!

On a happier note, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Archbishop Ian George, AO ChLJ of Adelaide, to the position of Deputy National Chaplain. His Grace has been a chaplain of the South Australian Commandery for some years and I thank him for agreeing to take on this position which most importantly ensures our ecumenical balance.

11 Timothy 4.22

**Primrose Potter**

*The Grand Prior Emeritus, Tony Sallmann, dining Chancellor of the Malta Obedience,  
Chev. Attard & Mrs Attard, at the Baur Au Lac Club in Zurich.*

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

As many of you know, the Grand Prior appointed me as Acting Chancellor earlier this year when Graham Harris found it necessary to tender his resignation as Chancellor due to ill health. The Grand Master's approval of my formal appointment was advised by Tony Sallman at the National Chapter in Canberra in May and it is only since then that I have been able to address some of the duties and responsibilities of this role.

I am delighted that Ian Chesterman, CLJ OMLJ, the current President of the Order in South Australia, agreed to accept the position of Deputy Chancellor and I look forward to working with him in the interests of the Order. It was a pleasure to see that Ian was appointed a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his extensive community service in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours and is to be invested by Her Majesty The Queen at Government House, during the Royal Visit to Adelaide in October.

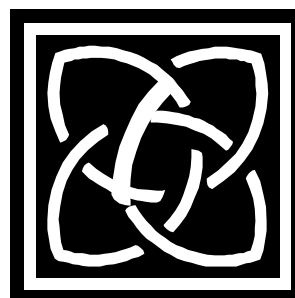
The Minutes of the National Chapter have been circulated to Commandery Secretaries for distribution to all Members of the Order and I hope that those who were unable to attend have been able to gain an appreciation of the success of the gathering. The Queensland Commandery will be hosting next year's Chapter and I urge you all to note the dates (May 30 – June 2, 2002) and try to attend.

Greg Vickery's report as Referendary elsewhere in this edition of Lazarus Letter gives an update on the possible restructuring of the Order raised by the Constitutional Review Committee. All

Commanderies have also been asked to consider the Tasmanian paper on a number of important membership issues and forward their views and comments to John Herbig by the end of October.

The preliminary timetable for the International Reunion in Dublin in September next year is also included in this Letter. The Grand Prior has indicated that this will be an historic meeting as a vote on the reunification of the two Obediences of the Order is likely to be on the agenda. Having had the pleasure of going to a number of International Reunions, I can thoroughly recommend them as an excellent opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of the magnitude and diversity of the charitable activities undertaken by the Order throughout the world. I hope there will be a strong Australian contingent in Dublin following our successful hosting of Reunion 2000 in Melbourne last year.

John Bishop



***The notification below was received from the Malta Obedience of the Order. In reproducing this notification we give grateful thanks for the life and work of our late Spiritual Protector.***

## FROM THE REFERENDARY

The Canberra National Chapter asked me and the Constitutional Sub-Committee to prepare a paper for all Commanderies on a proposal to have a single corporate structure for the entire Order in Australia, with the individual Commanderies being provided for as independent sub-entities in a national constitution. This is the way the Australian Council of Professions, the National Council of Women and the Nursing Mothers' Association operate.

The Constitutional Committee prepared a discussion paper on the subject to go to all Commanderies inviting a response by the end of July. Only two Commanderies, Queensland and South Australia, formally responded within the time frame set and neither were supportive of the concept at this time. I assume the other Commanderies were not very enthusiastic about the process, so we will not proceed further with the proposal at this time.

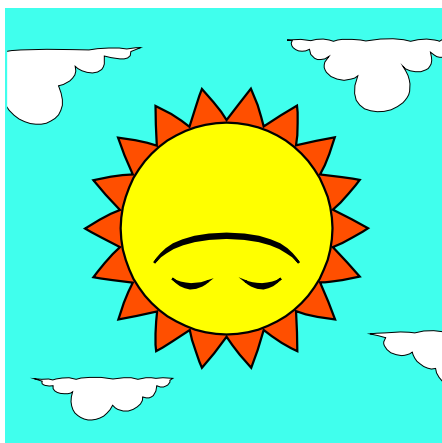
At the next National Chapter in Brisbane (of which I am the organising committee chairman) we will have some minor constitutional changes. One, for instance, which Ellis Wayland raised in Canberra will be the swapping of roles

between the Herald and Marshall to more closely accord with international practice. If you require any other changes, please let me know.

On the subject of the Brisbane National Chapter, the organising committee of Justice White, Dean Arthur Grimshaw, Dr Gordon Mor, Mrs Marlene Morahan and myself are endeavouring to make use of the most successful elements from recent National Chapters with some changes to allow for more mingling of attendees - which is expected to include two functions in private homes, generously offered by our members and an innovative combination of welcome drinks and the vigil service in the one place. We also hope that the Saturday Chapter meeting will feature a guest speaker and some workshops, and we will provide more free time on the Saturday afternoon.

All in all, the early planning is going well and everyone is urged to put the dates of 30 or 31 May to 2 June 2002 in their diaries. You don't want to miss the Brisbane Chapter in 2002!

Greg Vickery



## FROM THE NATIONAL HERALD

In my last article I made some observations on our Order's principal symbol, our green cross. Like any organization with a military heritage, symbolism plays a very important role in our ethos. From our crusader past we inherited our code of chivalry which was the genesis of our Hospitaller mission. It is, I believe, appropriate, therefore, that our most visual symbols in our current ceremonies are the Sword and the Banner. Banners are sufficiently important for separate coverage, so in this issue I will limit my observations to some comments on the Sword and its symbolic role in our pageantry.

The sword I used when I became the Order's sword bearer is an exact replica of Charlemagne's sword. Being a modest collector of edged weapons, I had been aware for some time that a very limited number of these replicas were in circulation and it seemed to me that it would be very appropriate if I could procure one for our ceremonies. How I eventually managed to procure one of these very rare specimens is the sort of story that I enjoy dining out on, and therefore has no place in this article.

On his way to becoming the first Holy Roman Emperor, Charlemagne, as King of the Franks, invaded Spain in 774 in the hope of driving the Saracens out of Europe. As such he is considered by many historians to be the first Crusader. His sword, a large double handed, double-edged broadsword seemed to me to epitomise the crusades, as it, and the smaller single-handed broadsword were the common weapon of the crusading knights. So, the sword as a symbol of the

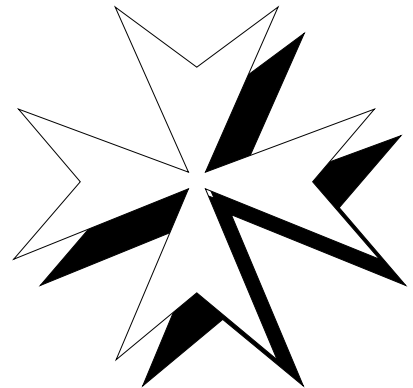
Order firstly reminds us of our military heritage, and the long history of the Order.

The hand-guard on a sword, where the blade meets the hilt, is commonly referred to as the crosspiece. Apart from being descriptive of its purpose, it was referred to as the crosspiece because Knights and soldiers of the time, particularly before a battle, would often drive the point of the sword into the ground and kneel to pray before the image of the cross thus formed. The custom remained through the centuries and even in the early 1900's when compulsory Church Parades were de rigueur in the Army, Officers customarily still placed their left palm over the hilt guard of their swords (slung in their scabbards) during the creed, by way of "swearing on the cross". It is, I believe, one of the nicer traditions which we maintain in the Order of St Lazarus.

The ceremonial sword is, however, rich in other symbolisms. It reminds us of the age of chivalry, and the Order's present day commitment to the code of chivalry – loyalty, courage, faith, humility, integrity, nobility of spirit, and protection of the poor and the sick. It reminds us also of our oath to defend the faith. Such ancient virtues would, I daresay, attract a good deal of cynicism in our current materialistic society. Others would simply say that, as noble as these virtues are, they are just quaint historical aspirations. But, they do have a modern context and do have a place in our lives and in particular for the members of the Order.

The Vigil ceremony is, of course, one of our most important rituals and the sword, in this ceremony's liturgy, is referred to as the "the Sword of Justice". It is placed on the altar in front of the postulants to remind them of the commitment they are about to make the following day when they make their oath. There surely could be no stronger symbol of everything for which the Order stands.

Ellis Wayland



## WALL PLAQUES OF THE ORDER

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## REUNION IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

# SEPTEMBER 2002

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### THE MILITARY & HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

#### Outline of Official Programme

			<u>Dress:</u>
<u>Wednesday</u> 4 September	18:30hrs	Official opening at The National Gallery of Ireland	Lounge Suit Miniatures
<u>Thursday</u> 5 September	09:00hrs	Address of Welcome by the Grand Master	Lounge Suit
		Delegate Reports	Miniatures
	13:00hrs	Working Lunch	
		Delegate Reports	
	17:00hrs	Departure for Christchurch Cathedral	Lounge Suit
	18:15hrs	Vigil Service	Cloaks
	20:00hrs	Government Reception at Dublin Castle	Miniatures
<u>Friday</u> 6 September	09:00hrs	Delegate Reports	Lounge Suit
	13:00hrs	Working Lunch Delegate Reports	Miniatures
	17:00hrs	Departure for St Patrick's Cathedral	Uniform or
	18:15hrs	Ecumenical Service. Investiture	White Tie
	20:00hrs	Banquet at historic Royal Hospital, Kilmainham	Medals
<u>Saturday</u> 7 September	10:30hrs	Departure for Trinity College/Book of Kells	Informal
		Afternoon free	
	19:30hrs	Reception	Uniform
	20:00hrs	Gala Dinner & Ball	White Tie
<u>Sunday</u> 8 September	09:30hrs	Departure for St Mary's Pro-Cathedral	Lounge Suit
	11:00hrs	Celebration of the Divine Liturgy	Cloaks
	13:00hrs	Farewell Lunch	
		END OF CONFERENCE	

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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES**

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

We were very pleased that the annual National Chapter appeared to be a happy and very worthwhile gathering of many members. The weather was kind and we were especially delighted with the quality of the services, most particularly on the Sunday at Duntroon, which was in large part due to the creativity and the hard work of Monsignor Max Davis. John Donovan, as leader of a small committee, was able to give us all advice to make the occasion as efficient and congenial as possible. Once again we are reminded of the strength of collegiality and working together and there was a strong feeling that every person in the Commandery played some part in the Chapter. Thanks to all those who came from afar to share with us.

At our AGM in July the following Office Bearers were elected:

President	Joan Kitchin
Treasurer	John Donovan
Herald	Pat Brazil
Hospitaller	Bernadette Layton
Secretary	Peter Wilkins
Archivist	Isabel McBryde

We resolved to continue to support the Bali Eye Hospital and to this end sent them an extra donation of \$2,500.00.

The same amount was sent to the L'Arche Community, the Hands On Studio, which provides therapy through craft and other activities to people with physical and intellectual impairments and to Kairos which provides a ministry to people in prisons.

We look forward to the following activities in the future:-

25 August - A retreat morning at the Carmelite Monastery when we shall be led by Monsignor Max Davis.

27 October - Our Annual Dinner at the Southern Cross Club in aid of the L'Arche Community.

15 December - St Lazarus Day Service at the Wesley Uniting Church and Dinner to follow at the Commonwealth Club for which we extend a warm invitation to all who may be able to attend.

Joan Kitchin

## NEW SOUTH WALES

The NSW Commandery has met formally on two occasions this year, with the main business being the organisation of Social Functions for fund-raising purposes. In addition, the Executive has maintained its drive in overseeing the activities of the Commandery and to plan future activities.

As reported elsewhere, a most successful social evening was held in February, in the presence of many members of the Armenian Community resident in Sydney. The financial result, enabled the Commandery to present a cheque for \$4200.00, to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand. The Primate, Archbishop Aghan Baliozian OAM ChLJ is a member of the Commandery and we are advised, the money will be used to assist needy Armenians in Australia.

The donation from the Commandery, of \$4000.00 to the Sight Restoration Clinic in Bali has been acknowledged by Rotary International and this was noted at our Meeting in May.

The next Social Function to be held by the Commandery, will take place on Friday 14 September, at La Mirage Function Centre, Five Dock. In keeping with the style of previous such events, the thematic approach has been continued, with the Function being titled a "Latin Night". The entertainment will be provided by The "Real Mexico" Folk Group, which has recently returned from a successful tour overseas. Proceeds of the evening will be divided between the Anglican Foundation for Aged Care and the Mercy Family Life Centre. Di Bortoli Wines Ltd. have again generously donated fine wines for the evening.

The Commandery has been alerted to the dates for the next National Chapter Meeting (Brisbane, 2002) and Members have noted the normal course of events would suggest Sydney as the venue in 2003. As such, the need for preliminary planning was discussed at the May Meeting this year, with this item being certain to claim a place on the agenda for the immediate future.

The Annual Patronal Service and Feast Day Dinner of the Order in NSW will be held in the Chapel and Dining Hall of St. John's College, within the University of Sydney on Friday, 14 December 2001. The National Chaplain, His Grace Archbishop Pell, has accepted the offer of the Commandery to preside at the Service and to be Guest of Honour and Speaker at the Dinner.

Reg Hession

## QUEENSLAND

Once again most happily, those members who were able to attend the National Chapter in Canberra in May returned home "renewed" spiritually and socially. The pleasure in seeing old friends and

making new acquaintances amongst members from around the country and being reminded of the spiritual, ecumenical and charitable ideals which bring us together makes regular attendance at National Chapters a goal for us all.

Queensland has been slow to start its activities this year, probably due to a complete change of office-bearers some of whom (particularly the President who has sorely tested the Secretary-General!) have had a lot to learn.

However, we had a lighthearted fundraiser when members and guests (100) attended the opening night of *Bridget Jones's Diary* on 26 July 2001 at the new Palace Cinemas in Fortitude Valley, followed by supper provided by members. We were able to approach young friends to come since the tickets for the film and supper were a modest \$20 (\$7 to the Cinema who were very obliging and included in the price a glass of champagne and staff to assist).

Our next event will be *Drinks in a Gallery* on 14 September 2001 to view the new Jeffrey Smart Exhibition at the Philip Bacon Gallery in Fortitude Valley. Philip has just opened a stunning new gallery on the site of his previous gallery and we are very grateful that he has generously made this venue available to us. We will draw our raffle *Dinner for Eight* that evening.

Our chaplains have arranged two days of reflection this year. The first was held on 17 June at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at Hendra where our chaplain, Dr Jim Spence is parish priest. Members participated in Sunday Mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea and reflection and discussion led by Dean

Grimshaw in Father Spence's residence next to the church.

The next reflection Sunday will take place on Sunday 9 September at St Augustine's Hamilton commencing at the 9.30am service of Holy Communion conducted by Dean Arthur Grimshaw with the discussion to be led by Father Spence.

Dr Michael White and Dr Gordon Mor have continued our 'hands on' programme in their assistance to Stan Gray, an aboriginal man who is a paraplegic. They have particularly assisted in organising his access to a TAFE College and in relation to some legal advice.

The next ordinary meeting of the Queensland Commandery is on 28 August 2001 at the United Services Club at 5.15pm and the Annual General Meeting will be held in October on a date yet to be confirmed. Our sub-committee is active in planning for the National Chapter to be held in Brisbane next year from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June 2002.

Any members of the Order visiting Brisbane are invited to contact any of our members and attend any of the above events.

Margaret White

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

On 18 March the Commandery held "A Lunch in the Country" at 'Koonowla', a vineyard in the Clare Valley. The day was perfect and more than 350 people enjoyed the outdoor luncheon on the lawns in front of the historic 19<sup>th</sup> C. home of the Michael family. The event was very successful and raised almost \$14,650 which enabled us to make the

final payment of \$10,000 to SOS Children's Villages Australia.

Some nine members of the Commandery attended the National Chapter in Canberra and enjoyed the opportunity to meet up with the members from elsewhere. Unfortunately illness prevented Faerlie Smith and Mervyn from attending. It is pleasing to report that Faerlie is well on the road to recovery.

On Sunday 17 June we held a members and partners luncheon at the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia. We were delighted that our Grand Prior, Lady Potter, was able to join us for the occasion and to share with us some news of the Order both within the Priory and abroad.

On Sunday 26 August I was privileged to accept an invitation to attend and process with the Order of Malta at their annual church service.

Our next fund-raising event will be a Film Night on 7 October to raise funds in aid of the Commandery's support for The Cora Barclay Centre for deaf and hearing impaired children.

Planning is in hand for the Order to hold our annual church service by joining in the morning service at St Peter's Cathedral on 16 December to mark St Lazarus Day which occurs the next day.

**Dates** The dates for the remainder of 2001 are:

**Commandery Meetings:**

18 September & 20 November

**Church Service:**

16 December at St Peter's Cathedral

Ian Chesterman

## TASMANIA

Members of the Tasmania Commandery hosted a very successful fund-raising Cocktail Party at Bishops Court, the home of the Bishop of Tasmania, The Right Reverend John Harrower OAM, on Friday 27 April. An added joy for those attending was the opportunity to visit the Montgomery Chapel situated in the beautiful gardens. The Chapel had been school for the late Viscount Montgomery, as a child during the period his father had served as Anglican Bishop of Tasmania. An amount of \$1,500 was raised for our charitable projects.

The Annual Quiet Day of Reflection was observed at the home of President, Sr Juliana, on Saturday 11 August and was conducted by one of our Chaplains, Bishop Phillip Newell. The twelve members attending were given the opportunity to reflect on the very symbolic readings in the garden and the prayer room. Spouses joined members for a delicious lunch provided by Calvary Hospital. We were gladdened by the presence of our newest member, Mrs Judy Collier.

Arrangements are well in hand for a fund-raising Cocktail Party to be held in Launceston on Friday 14 September to precede the Annual General Meeting also to be held in Launceston the following day, 15 September. Our two Launceston members, Nancy Hummerston and Patrick Murray are to be congratulated on the excellent planning for this function. It affords the Commandery a wonderful opportunity to promote the aims and objects of the Order in the Northern region of Tasmania. Proceeds of the evening have been dedicated to The Manor Palliative Care Centre at Kings Meadows. Our

charitable fund-raising continues also to support the Whittle Ward Palliative Care Unit in Hobart and Hospitaller, Dame Dora Thomson, has undertaken the Hospice Care Volunteer Program and is committed to further her activity in Palliative Care Services.

Planning has already commenced to recognise our Patron, Saint Lazarus, on Monday 17 December next with a service of commemoration in the chapel of St Michael's Collegiate School to be followed by dinner made possible by former president, Dan McNeil, through the school's catering service.

Sr Juliana Coulson

## VICTORIA

The Annual General Meeting of the Commandery was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The following office bearers were elected:

President: Mr Will Bailey, AO CLJ  
Secretary: Dame Joyce Daws, DBE  
DLJ GOMLJ í  
Treasurer: Mr David Masters, CLJ  
Herald: Dr John Marum, KLJ  
Almoner: Mrs Barbara Hamer, OLI  
Hospitaller: Mrs Rosalind Lawrence, CLJ í  
í new to office.

Mrs Glenise Masters, CLJ has agreed to act as Assistant Secretary.

We were fortunate in being able to welcome four new members this year with the prospect of another six candidates joining us shortly. This expansion is gratifying, as some older long-standing members have opted to join the inactive list following action taken to ascertain the ongoing commitment of members to the Order.

During the last few months a project which the Victorian Commandery is

committed to support has moved ahead very quickly. Lazarus Centre has started operating from premises to be leased in the grounds of St Peter's Eastern Hill. A breakfast meal is being provided between 7.30am and 9.00am six days a week. At the same time premises are being prepared close to St Paul's Cathedral from which a range of support services for the homeless will be provided from 10.00am until 2.00pm then 4.00pm until 8.00pm daily. Lazarus Centre Inc. has been formed with the support of the Order, the congregation at St Peter's and the social welfare agency Anglicare, plus other organisations active in the welfare area. Funding for the leased premises has been obtained from the Commonwealth Government with running costs being raised from the sponsors, charitable foundations, local Councils and concerned individuals. Anglicare has been contracted to operate the service. The Victorian commandery is now active in fund-raising to support this new activity along with the established Green Cross Inc. projects covering two buses; one in Dandenong and the other in Footscray. The buses are proving to be valued by their communities with the Dandenong bus now being used for extended activities involving schools. In all we are looking to raise between \$20,000 to \$30,000 per annum to support these charitable activities.

An art exhibition fundraiser will be held at the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne residence – Bishops Court in East Melbourne – on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Our colleague, Bishop John Bayton, has put together an exhibition of 40 of his paintings under the banner *JERUSALEM – Images of a Broken Wall*. The Commandery will share equally with ANGLICORD in the net proceeds from the

entrance fee and 50% of the proceeds from the sale of paintings. We are indebted to Bishop Bayton for his generosity.

Interstate members will be concerned to learn that Chev. Norman Bevan has been far from well. After a stay in hospital he is now at home. He is recovering well but will require a lengthy period of convalescence.

There are still a large number of ties and scarves in stock following the International Reunion last year. Following discussions with the Chancellor it has been agreed that the Victorian Commandery will hold the stock and will account to the Chancellor as it is sold. In an effort to clear what is left it has been agreed that the proceeds will be shared as follows. Ties and scarves are available at \$30 each and mantillas at \$10. Under the agreed arrangement the Commandery which sells items will retain one-third of the proceeds for their charitable works. The remaining two-thirds will be shared equally by the National organisation and the Victorian Commandery; the two arms of the Order which were responsible for the International Reunion. Commanderies requiring items for sale should contact the Secretary of the Victorian Commandery.

Will Bailey

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The last months have been very active behind the scenes for the Commandery. Firstly the Canberra Chapter Meeting was much enjoyed by those who attended, again a good attendance from the west. Since we have returned home we have been planning the functions for the remainder of the year.

A weekend again at the Benedictine Monastery, New Norcia so much enjoyed last year has had to be put on hold until next year owing to the Monastery's heavy program of weekends for the year and our available dates.

I would like to thank the Commandery's who have continued to support the Bali Eye Clinic to this date. I am happy to report that we have been able to raise the

target for the first year, to September 2001, of \$36,000.00. We are now well under way with collecting donations for the second year, a particular thanks goes to the ACT Commandery who have been very quick to submit a second generous donation to the hospital.

Our Chaplain, John Shepherd ChLJ, Dean of St George's Cathedral, has again offered us a Vigil service where the Order will process and sit with the choir in the stalls.

'Passages', the drop in house for Druggies in Northbridge has continued successfully. Our member, Maurice Rousset OJ, continues to represent the Order on the administration of the operation. At present they have invited Centre Care, a Government agency, to reviewing the operation, staff and running of the service.

Our Secretary has arranged a major fund raising for this year to view one of the foremost private gardens in the Perth area on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2001.

Next meetings: 16 October 2001

St Lazarus' Day

Geoffrey Summerhayes

## GREEN CROSS PROJECT INC

### Chairman's Report AGM 2001

Our outreach service helping marginalised youth in Dandenong and the Western Suburbs continues to run smoothly and successfully. Although there were times when we experienced a shortage of volunteers, their enthusiasm and dedication remains high.

A Committee chaired by Mr Barry Strong manages the Western Suburbs Bus. Barry is assisted by Mary Barry who co-ordinates the volunteer nurses. Other members include a representative of the Western Hospital and a co-ordinator of the volunteer drivers. Client attendance has increased during the year. Over 900 clients have visited the bus. A record attendance of 70 was registered one evening. The West is planning an Anniversary and Recognition Dinner for their volunteers and supporters later this year. I am sure many of you will want to support that event.

As in the West, a committee chaired by myself manages the Dandenong operation. Members include our Dr John Clarebrough, Tony Scullin and Glen Taylor, employees of "Southern Health". A long time supporter was Peter Coughlan. Unfortunately, Peter changed job during the year and had to resign from the Committee. Moreover, Dr John Clarebrough, our committee member for many years, has resigned due to ill health. I wish to record my sincere thanks to John for his dedication and tireless support.

IMMUVAN, a Public Health Division initiative conducted a pilot programme providing immunization for our clients. It included MMR (Measles, Mumps,

Rubella) Hepatitis B and seasonal influenza vaccines. It was very successful.

The existing bus is rather worn and Ken Grenda has kindly donated a replacement bus – for which we are most grateful. It is being refurbished. With the introduction of the new bus and in association with Southern Health it is planned to extend the Dandenong Service. This would focus on prevention and health promotion services and may include school visits. However, it is in an early phase and much planning is required before it can be implemented. The Dandenong Committee conducted an appreciation dinner this month to recognize our volunteers and other supporters. In addition to nurses and drivers, Police Inspector Ken Dainton, the President of the Traders Association and a member of the Lions Club attended it. A number of volunteers were presented with a Green Cross Certificate of Appreciation.

Green Cross Project Inc's annual costs are currently running at about \$40,000. Apart from a small annual subscription income, it relies on donations to meet its expenses. I thank the many members who contributed. During the year we

received two major donations. It is with gratitude that I again thank the Victorian Commandery for their \$10,000 donation and Hella Pacific for \$25,000. The latter was a retirement present on behalf of Dr Uhlenbruch.

I extend my sincere thanks to the fellow members of the Green Cross's Board of Management. Dr Paul Nisselle, our Secretary; Mr Barry Jamison, our Treasurer; Mr Barry Strong, our Deputy President and Chairman of the Western Suburbs Bus; and Mons. Tony Toms and Mr John Castles who assist in so many ways.

I also thank our many supporters who often attend Committee meetings. In particular, I thank our Grand Prior, Lady Potter and our President of the Victorian Commandery, Mr Will Bailey and Tony Sallmann.

I shall retire from the Committee at the end of this meeting and leave with my very best wishes for Green Cross and all its endeavors.

John Herbig.



Gaeng Kiao Wan

## TONY'S BON GOÛT

Thai Sweet Green Curry (Gaeng Kiao Warn)



Since our last Lazarus Letter in March of this year I have received a number of verbal requests for a good curry. Having spent fifteen years in Thailand sometimes known as Siam, the Land of Smiles or it's Capital Bangkok, the Venice of the East. The first curry that would come to the mind of a Thai would be, *gaeng kiao warn*, a delightful "semi sweet" green curry. The recipe that I will give you will require a visit to a good asian supermarket to obtain the fresh ingredients particularly the vegetables and herbs.

#### Ingredients:

750 gm good quality beef	fish sauce
5 or 6 fresh kaffir lime leaves	1 can coconut milk
1 stem of lemon grass	juice of one lemon
1 piece of galangal root	packet of Mae Ploy Brand Green Curry Paste
1 bunch of fresh basil	2 potatoes
1 red chilli for decoration	
Soy or food seasoning sauce	

#### Preparation:

1. Dice the beef into edible bite size pieces trimming off the outside fat and marinate in white soy sauce or other Asian meat seasoning sauce rubbing in a little pepper. Cover and refrigerate.
2. Chop the *lemon grass* into two centimetre pieces and crush the pieces so as to extract the flavour while cooking.
3. Tear and bruise the *kaffir lime leaves* to extract the citrus flavour.
4. If you have been lucky enough to get the *galangal* in your Asian supermarket chop it into five or six pieces about the size of a fifty cent coins. (When cooked we remove the *galangal*, it is used only for flavouring as it is very woody).
5. Peel the potatoes and dice up into bite size pieces and reserve in cold water to prevent darkening.
6. Squeeze the juice of the lemon and put aside.
7. Slice the chilli into four strips while keeping it connected to its base. Carefully clean out the seeds, (wash you hands well and under no circumstances rub your eyes), gently open the chilli to form a flower.

#### Method:

1. Sear the marinade of beef in a large frypan or wok and reserve in a bowl.
2. Add a tablespoon of vegetable oil to the pan and add one tablespoon of the curry paste for a mild curry (add more according to your stronger curry tastes)

until you detect the tantalising aroma of the curry paste, be careful not to overcook it.

3. Now add the seared beef to the curry paste and mix well.
4. Coconut milk. Give the can a good shake and then add about half the coconut milk to the curry and gently stir in. Wait till the coconut milk boils.
5. Transfer the contents of the wok to a saucepan and reheat the curry till it begins to simmer.
6. Now add the diced potatoes, *kaffir lime leaves*, *lemon grass*, *galangal*, and continue to simmer till the potatoes are cooked.
7. Add the fish sauce to taste, a desert spoon is plenty. Fish sauce is very pungent and strong, but it is an important ingredient which should not be omitted. I can assure you that when it has been absorbed into the ingredients it takes on an entirely different aroma.
8. A minute or two before taking the curry off the stove add about ten or twelve basil leaves and the remaining coconut milk. Add lemon juice to taste and when the curry is transferred to the serving dish place the flowered chilli in the centre of the curry for decorative effect.

#### Serving Suggestion:

By now you will have prepared for yourself and fortunate guests an enjoyable Thai curry. The selection of the rice is important and I suggest Thai jasmine rice which is readily available in most suburban supermarkets, however when you are shopping in your Asian supermarket, get the Thai jasmine rice with your other purchases.

Bon appetit,

**Tony Toms**

P.S If you enjoyed this recipe try Tony's Thai lemon scented chicken in coconut milk in the October 98 Lazarus Letter.



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**John Herbig**  
*Secretary-General*

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