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<p style="text-align: center;">VALE JUSTICE ANN ROBINSON, DLJ FAERLIE FFLOYD SMITH, DLJ EMERITUS PROF. TIMOTHY MURRELL, AM CLJ</p>
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Justice Ann Robinson DLJ died on 19 June 2002 after a long illness and Faerlie Smith DLJ died suddenly on 14 August 2002. Both were members of the South Australian Commandery. Ann had been a member of the Order since 1985 and Faerlie since 1992. Of course Faerlie's involvement with St Lazarus goes back much further through her support for her husband, Grand Bailiff Emeritus Mervyn Smith CBE GCLJ GCLMJ. Sadly Prof. Tim Murrell died on 15 August 2002 whilst undergoing surgery in Adelaide. He had been a member of the South Australian Commandery since 1984 and recently transferred to the NSW Commandery following his retirement.

All of us mourn the passing of these fine members and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

<p style="text-align: center;">FROM THE GRAND PRIOR</p>
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By the time you read this, the Chapter General will have taken place in Dublin and the present sad situation will either be resolved or magnified. For the ongoing good of our Order, I hope and pray that the Grand Master will bow to the wishes of the majority of members, by retiring gracefully and accepting the title of Grand Master Emeritus with all honour and dignity..... Sadly there seems to be no chance of reconciliation whilst he is in office and this is now beginning to affect new memberships and thus our ability to carry out the Order's charitable works, apart from diminishing our standing in the community. The Grand Master continues to pursue negotiations with the Vatican against the express wishes of the Governing Council, and although promising to cease on one hand, he

has appointed a religious committee to further his plans for Vatican acceptance on the other.

We MUST protect our real ecumenical status, and I reluctantly believe that we must now further question the Grand Master's good faith and integrity of purpose. To quote Edmund Burke "A leader falters when his personal ambition overrides his duty to his people".

I attended the American Grand Prioral meeting in early June, at which both the Patriarch and the Duke of Seville were present. The Patriarch spoke movingly of the situation in the Holy Land and reminded us most timely that many of the Palestinians suffering at Israeli hands are Christians, not Muslims, a fact that not everyone is aware of.

The Duke of Seville (who speaks fluent English) spoke of his intentions should a reunified Order elect him as Grand Master. I

have a signed copy of the points he made. Unfortunately the Duke of Brissac has so far refused to agree to, or sign, such a document of intention on behalf of the Paris Obedience.

An invitation to the reception for the Patriarch is printed here as well as being sent to each Commandery for circulation. You will be most impressed by our Spiritual Protector and to hear what he will tell us about the situation in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The

Australian Grand Priory will make a donation towards his work, and if any of you would care to add to this it would be much appreciated.

I will do my utmost in Dublin to preserve our real ecumenism and to hopefully help plot a stable future for the Order and in particular for Australia. So many of you have offered prayers and best wishes for my success and I truly thank you.

Primrose Potter

STOP PRESS FROM THE GRAND PRIOR EMERITUS IN DUBLIN

The Vatican project has been abandoned, the Grand Master has signed a document witnessed by the spiritual protector that he will resign effective February 2004 and he has recommended the Duke of Seville for consideration as his successor.

I have called a meeting of the Governing Council for September 2003 in Paris to consider any other candidates for the post; and the process of reconciliation with the Malta Obedience will proceed.

I obtained the Grand master's concurrence that Bruce Harrington of America should start the process immediately under the careful eye of the Patriarch, who has been fully supportive of all that we set out to do. I obtained unanimous support for confirming the supremacy of the Governing Council between Chapters. Jurisdictions have now got to indicate a preference for a number of alternative clauses in the proposed Constitution which will be resubmitted to the Governing Council's next meeting.

The gathering started with my calling a caucus meeting at the Hibernian Club with our

supporters from Canada, South Africa, America, Zimbabwe, Liechtenstein and Brazil, where a plan of campaign was agreed which allowed me to tell the Grand Master that unless he acted, he would end his career by standing trial at the Chapter. The Grand Master acted with dignity and honour and I opened the Chapter by telling members that our differences were past and the Governing Council now pledged its loyalty to Duke de Brissac in his remaining time as Grand Master.

The presence of the Australian Grand Prior and so many Commandery Presidents was gratifying.

The fact that the Chapter day ended in the small hours of the following day, with John Bishop at the piano, the Duchess dancing an Irish jig, and the hotel lobby filled with singing members of St Lazarus from all over the world, will give you some idea of how it all went.

I agreed to remain President of the Governing Council for a further two years.

Tony Sallmann

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

I am sure you will all be pleased to hear that the outcome of discussions at the International Reunion in Dublin could hardly have been

better as far as the Australian membership is concerned.

The issues of Vatican recognition and reconciliation with the Spanish Obedience

occupied a great deal of formal and informal discussion – particularly among the members of the Governing Council. We can be extremely grateful to Tony Sallmann and Primrose Potter for the major part they played in achieving the outstandingly successful agreement on the way forward over the next two years. Tony Toms has also played an important part in the negotiations and will have a continuing role in the Spiritual Commission which has been established to ensure the retention of the ecumenical status of The Order.

My overall view of the outcome from Dublin is that Australia's concerns about ecumenism, reconciliation, the Grand Master's position

and the need for a more democratic organisation and constitution as expressed in Brisbane will be satisfactorily resolved over the next few years.

The widespread relief at the achievement of a satisfactory outcome from the International Chapter meeting spilled over to a very spirited and extended session around the piano in the early hours of Saturday morning.

All in all, a very successful meeting, paving the way for some major initiatives in 2004.

John Bishop

FROM THE REFERENDARY

As I pack my bags for the all important international meeting in Dublin in early September, I am heartened by the strong support for ecumenism in the Order and the courageous international stand our Grand Prior Lady Potter is taking on our behalf on future direction of the Order.

The feeling at the Brisbane Chapter on this subject was overwhelmingly in favour of ecumenism and changes to the international leadership of the Order. I vividly remember the powerful speeches of our National Chaplain, Archbishop George Pell and the Anglican Bishop of Tasmanian, Philip Newell. It reminded us all (in case we needed it) of the very thing which distinguishes our Order from the other Orders of Chivalry – ecumenism among the main Christian faiths.

Let's hope good sense triumphs in Dublin and we can all put this major distraction behind us. Rest assured we will have a solid team there to support Lady Potter!

The National Chapter made some minor constitutional changes which can briefly be summarised as follows:

- Clarification that only Commandery Chaplains vote in National Chapter elections (and not all ordained members of the Order)
- Not including of the Commandery Presidents in the maximum of 3 permitted representatives for any one Commandery on the National Council
- Renaming of the Australian Meritorious Awards as "Medallions" rather than "Medals"
- Re-titling the National Herald as the Marshal of the Order (as is the case in other countries) with the consequent renaming of the Marshal as the National Herald – but with no change of functions to either role.

I have amended the Constitution to reflect these agreed changes and copies are available on request and at least one will be sent by the Secretary General to all Commanderies.

Greg Vickery

FROM THE MARSHALL

At the recent Brisbane National Assembly, the subject of so-called false or bogus orders was a lively topic of informal discussion, initiated, I

suspect, by the Chapter debate on recognition of our Order by the Holy See. As such, I

thought that in this issue of Lazarus Letter, I might devote my regular article to this subject.

The recognised contemporary authority on orders of Knighthood is Dr Peter Bander van Duren, a Professor of European Studies at the University of Lisbon. He is the author of ten books on the subject and is considered to be a foremost authority on orders of Chivalry and Heraldry. This article uses his latest book as its primary reference.

I am sure that most members will be surprised to hear that there are no less than 44 official orders of Knighthood, which are recognised as either original Catholic Orders, or Crown or State Orders of other countries e.g. The Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta (often called the Sovereign Military Order of Malta) the Order of the Garter, the Order of the Bath, the Order of the Thistle etc. But, in addition, there are another 39 recognised and official Orders which are now extinct e.g. The Order of Knights Templar.

Where it all gets very messy is that in addition, there are literally a hundred or more so called orders of Knighthood or chivalry, which have no official status and no recognition by any recognised authority. Most of these have their genesis in Europe where descendants of the old aristocracy, displaced by war and revolution, struggle to re-assert their place in society, often by resurrecting extinct orders and by derivating them by using minor variations or subtle manipulations of their old official titles. By way of example, van Duren says that “there are at least eighteen very active imitation orders of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the Venerable Order of St John all claiming to be the true Order of St John of Jerusalem.” Members will be intrigued to know that he has also identified “several imitation orders which use the name of St Lazarus of Jerusalem.”

Van Duren caustically dismisses these orders as – “serving one purpose only: the vanity of men and women to enhance their appearance by decorating themselves with pieces of enamel and metal, the only value of which is what people are prepared to pay for them.”

What is unarguable is that all of the original orders of Knighthood were Catholic. All were military orders of chivalry and many were also religious orders of the Church. All, without exception, were under the authority of the Pope. In this context it is important to remember that the Vatican is a Sovereign country in its own right, whilst the Holy See is the Church which has its “headquarters” in that country. To this day, as van Duren says, “for reasons of international law, the Holy See cannot recognise any order other than the Pontifical Orders - The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and the Order of the Holy Sepulchre - and those Orders granted by the sovereign States with which it has diplomatic relations. However, the Apostolic See as represented by the Pontiff can express cognisance of an Order’s status.”

In this context, van Duren, identifies the Order of St Lazarus as having the cognisance (as distinct from recognition) of the Pope. For that reason our order is given special treatment by van Duren, who has publicly supported the Order of St Lazarus as a Hospitaller order of chivalry. It is the only order in his whole book which is given a chapter of its own, and in which he explains why the Pontiff has given it special cognisance - alone above all of the unrecognised orders. He further argues that “nobody can deny, regardless of the Order’s evolution, that the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem is a Catholic-founded Hospitaller Order of Knighthood.” It is the only order among the hundred or so unrecognised orders to which he gives this accolade. Furthermore, he has publicly castigated his most “vociferous critics” of his acceptance of the Order of St Lazarus by accusing them of – “deliberately undermining and attempting to sabotage the Pope's personal wishes.” Strong stuff indeed!

Why then is the Order of St Lazarus not recognised by the Holy See? As it is an ecumenical order and not, therefore, specifically Catholic, then it obviously cannot be recognised as a Pontifical Order like the Order of Malta or the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. And - as no sovereign state recognises our order then in international law it cannot be recognised as a secular order. But - in addition, van Duren says it is simply

because the hierarchy of the Order of Malta - "have stated unequivocally that they would as a matter of principle never recognise the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus." As the Order of Malta is the senior Pontifical Order; is the oldest and most senior of all the world's orders of Knighthood; has its sovereign territory within the sovereign territory of the Vatican State; and has the backing of the Vatican Curia - even the Pope's cognisance of the Order and his obvious affection for it, is not enough, therefore, for recognition. What is known as "Vatican politics"! The writer of this article is also a Knight of Malta, and knowing something of its hierarchy I am sure that he is right.

What is important, is that the Pope's cognisance of our order has not been lost on the two recognised Pontifical Orders - The Order of Malta, and the Order of the Holy Sepulchre - and also with The Venerable Order of St John (St John's ambulance) which is an order of the UK established by Queen Victoria with recognition by the Holy See and with a documented formal recognition by the Order of Malta. This is why we invite these three orders to process with us at our investiture ceremonies and why they invite us to theirs. The relationship does not confer on us any form of formal recognition; it is simply a fraternal alliance - a mutual acceptance of our integrity and of the work we do. As such, our order has been given a privileged position which we must jealously preserve. This is why we four, meticulously avoid any of the other 24 orders who self-style themselves as orders of St John!

Now, in this context let me be absolutely clear and unequivocal. We are not saying, or even suggesting, that any of these orders are false or bogus orders (although most authoritative publications do) we are simply saying that we and the other three orders have mutually decided that we four are the only orders which will be admitted to our fraternal alliance.

Further, we acknowledge that a number of these other self-styled orders have some members who are distinguished members of our society and their personal integrity is beyond question. We also acknowledge that some of them are charities which do excellent work in assisting the underprivileged and the

sick. That is not the point - the point is that we four simply have mutually elected to form an exclusive fraternal alliance which is limited to us and us alone.

To form an exclusive "club" is our privilege just as it is the privilege of the Holy See to decide which orders it recognises, and presumably it is the privilege of the Holy Father as to which order he chooses to be personally cognisant. And, like any exclusive club, it retains its integrity by ensuring that no other order is admitted to its membership. The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem is unequivocally committed to maintaining the exclusivity and integrity of this club, and as my duties of Marshal require, I am personally committed to policing this policy within the Australian Priory.

So - to be clear and specific, let me list the four orders which van Duren says are "the only four Orders of Knighthood that qualify for this category" (of Knights Hospitaller) and which we mutually accept. Their full titles are:

1. The Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem and of Rhodes and of Malta.
2. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
3. The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.
4. The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Members should be aware of the fact that applicants to join our order who are existing members of any order other than the first three listed above will not be accepted for membership in the Order of St Lazarus. This is not a decision of the Australian Grand Priory - members' documentation requires the Secretary General to complete a declaration that the applicant is not a member of any false order when submitting recommendations on the member to the Grand Magistracy. And - the Grand Magistracy has regularly reiterated their firm commitment to their policy in regards to false orders.

By way of conclusion let me say that this article is an overly simplistic summary of an

unbelievably complex subject which has filled libraries throughout the world. Books written on the subject are so complex and so lost in history, tradition and mystique, that attempting simple answers is ludicrous. This article, therefore, is really nothing more than an attempt to provide you with one answer (as distinct from the definitive answer) to your questions.

It's essential purpose, however, is to declare and explain our official policy on our position in respect to other orders within Australia.

Ellis Wayland

PS Members seeking further information might like to start with some Internet research:

<http://www.kwtelecom.com/chivalry/stjohn/bogus.html>

and

<http://www.heraldica.org/topics/orders/lazarus.htm>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

A number of us attended the excellent gathering in Brisbane at the end of May and were most grateful to the Queensland Commandery for their warm hospitality and excellent organization. It was of pleasure to us all to see two of our Commandery advanced, Duncan Francis to Knight and Joan Kitchin to Dame.

We look forward to Dave Emonson returning from his time in East Timor and to him joining us at our meetings and events

Most members have been happy to support the Eye Hospital in Bali and our contribution for this year has gone to West Australia.

Our next time together will be on 10th August when we have our annual retreat conducted by Mons. Max Davis who gives most generously of himself and, to us, much food for thought and direction.

On 26th October we have our annual dinner in aid of the L'Arche Community. We are much honoured that the Governor General and Mrs Ann Hollingworth will be attending both the service before and the dinner. This is a very special night for us and our friends at L'Arche with whom we have continued to build up a very happy relationship. Any members of the Order who might be in Canberra at that time or on 13th December, when we have a service and dinner to celebrate the Feast of St Lazarus, would be most welcome to attend.

Our new committee is:-
President David Crossin

Treasurer Frank Long

Herald Pat Brazil

Hospitaller/Almoner Bernadette Layton

Archivist Isabel McBryde

Secretary Peter Wilkins

Public Officer Peter Wilkins

Joan Kitchin

NEW SOUTH WALES

Since reporting in the previous issue of Lazarus Letter, the NSW Commandery has met to develop further plans for its social programmes for the year, to raise funds for charitable purposes and to confirm the arrangements for the spiritual events, which have become features of the Commandery calendar. Together with this, the prospect of being responsible for mounting the National Chapter Meeting for 2003 (confirmed in Brisbane 2002), has caused the members to reflect upon busy times ahead.

At the Meeting of the Commandery held in February 2002, a Committee was formed to initiate the programme for the National Chapter Meeting for Sydney, as follows:

Aidre Sinclair (Convenor)

Cara Brett-Hall

Collette Cowle

Ross Brown

Commandery Chaplains (as co-opted)

Reg Hession (ex officio)

Since then, the Committee has met on several occasions and planning is under way, to bring the 2003 National Chapter Meeting into being. It was significant, that all members of the Committee were present in Brisbane, to take on board the positives of that Meeting, to ensure that the Order continues to move forward. Indeed, all from NSW who attended Brisbane 2002, were loud in their praise of the members of the Queensland Commandery, for the excellence of the Programme and the management of the Meeting. Accordingly, on behalf of this Commandery, I wish to extend congratulations to all responsible for making it such a memorable one.

The dates for the National Chapter Meeting in Sydney next year are Friday 2 May to Sunday 4 May and I recommend that these be entered into your diary for future reference. It is projected that the established format of a Cocktail Function, Vigil Service, informal Dinner (Friday), Investiture Service and Formal Dinner (Saturday), Morning Service followed by Farewell Luncheon (Sunday), will be followed. At this stage, it is expected that the various business sessions will be arranged throughout the Friday and Saturday, however the possibility of adjusting this due to necessity, is available. There is also an informal function under consideration for Thursday 1 May.

During May, a most successful Cocktail Function took place at the home of the Consul General for France, hosted by the Consul General, M. Marc Finaud and Mme. Finaud. The proceeds of the evening were supportive of the French Benevolent Society in NSW, the recipients being, French - speaking people resident in Australia who are in need, but who are not able to receive Australian Government social relief. These are mainly, those from the old French colonies within the South Pacific, who are of Polynesian extraction. To this end, a cheque for \$4,000.00, was delivered to that Organisation, on behalf of the Commandery.

It was noted at the February Meeting of the Commandery, that the style of selecting with care, smaller charities where our support may be of relative significance, should be pursued.

Prior to Easter, the Paschal Mystery was celebrated at St. John's Gordon, with the

support of the Rev. Bob Sutherland (Rector) and our Members Rev. Jim Pettigrew and Bishop Pat Murphy. The Choral performance from three choirs was once again quite magnificent, with that from the Armenian Church, Chatswood, being outstanding.

In closing, I wish to report that our spiritual events for the year will conclude with the Annual Feast Day of St. Lazarus, which is to be celebrated at a Service at St. Steven's Church, Macquarie Street, on 6 December 2002, followed by Dinner at the American Club.

Reg Hession

QUEENSLAND

We enjoyed very much hosting the National Chapter in Brisbane in May/June this year. It was a pleasant way to know better or for the first time those many members who were able to attend as well as learning of the strengths of our own Commandery. We thought that the services were uplifting and would particularly like to acknowledge our thanks to our chaplain and Deputy National Chaplain, the Very Rev Arthur Grimshaw, for the beautiful liturgies.

We look forward with happy anticipation to the National Chapter next year in Sydney and will be glad to share our experiences with New South Wales' organising committee (as well as donating our surplus stock and the lanyards for the nametags).

Our chaplains have arranged two reflection days again this year, the first to be on Saturday, 21 September at 11.00am at the home of the Very Rev Dr James Spence; the date of the second is to be announced. These are of considerable spiritual benefit to the members.

Dr Fred Schubert has arranged for Dr Rosamond Siemon, the author of the best selling book, *The Mayne Inheritance*, to lead a bus tour of the sites of interest from her book about the philanthropic Mayne family of Brisbane, "from a murder to a medical school", on Sunday, 15 September 2002 at 2.00pm.

The Commandery expects to hold a fundraising film evening later in the year and

hopes that it might secure the premiere (or near to) of a new film with a Brisbane setting (not *Inspector Gadget!*).

We are exploring new beneficiaries for our fundraising efforts and to that end had a stimulating talk by Mr Charles Wheeler from the Queensland Association of School Awareness Inc, a voluntary group which provides a range of support services, initially through schools, for children concerning drugs and abuse. The group also provides pantry support for families in need and camping experiences for abused children. The volunteers do outstanding work with little monetary support. We were also able to meet with Brother Des Purcell, a Christian Brother, who has set up educational establishments in North Africa particularly to assist disadvantaged groups.

We await with some anxiety the outcome of the Dublin Reunion knowing how important it is for the future of the Order.

Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 5.15pm for 5.30pm at the United Service Club, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane. Visiting members are invited to be in touch with any of our members so that we may offer hospitality.

Margaret White

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

It is with sadness that I write of the death of two of our members. Justice Ann Robinson DLJ, a much admired and deeply loved member of the South Australian Commandery, passed away aged 59 on Wednesday 19 June 2002 after a long illness. I was fortunate to have been able to spend a little time with Ann on the Monday before she died. I came away knowing that she was facing what was to come with a calmness and a peace that allowed those around her to let her slip away with dignity and grace. At her memorial service, in a packed St Peter's Cathedral, members of the order processed ahead of the clergy and I read a lesson from Proverbs 31.

More recently (14 August 2002) we were all stunned to learn that Faerlie Smith had died unexpectedly after surgery for a broken femur

following a fall. Although she had been ill and had undergone extensive treatment, she was otherwise progressing well and making plans for the future. St Saviour's Anglican Church was packed for Faerlie's memorial service on 21 August. As many members as were able attended the service at which Mervyn courageously read the lesson (verses from 1 Corinthians 13). We will miss Faerlie enormously.

Frailty and illness also prevented a number of our members from attending the highly successful National Chapter in Brisbane and our representation on that occasion was modest with only five members attending. Fortunately I can report that Beverly Seaton and Don Sarah are both on the road to recovery.

In June we held our mid-year luncheon – this time at the Glenelg Golf Club. It was good to come together to share fellowship at a time when some of us were feeling a little down hearted after Ann's death a few days earlier.

On 13 October we will be holding a film evening at the Capri Cinema. This time we have selected one of the great films of the forties – "Casablanca". Proceeds will go towards meeting our commitment of \$10,000 promised to the Suneden Special School.

The Grand Prior has graciously agreed to hold a service of investiture on St Lazarus Day to formalise the advancement of our members that have been unable to attend investiture services at recent national chapter meetings. They are, David Pank CLJ, Sue Brennan CLJ and Don Sarah CLJ. The service will be held at St Cyprian's Anglican Church, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide.

The dates for the rest of 2002 are:

- § 17 September Commandery Meeting
- § 13 October Film Evening
- § 19 November Commandery Meeting
- § 17 December St Lazarus' Day Investiture Service

Ian Chesterman

TASMANIA

A very successful fundraising Cocktail Party was held on Friday, 3 May at the Sandy Bay

home of Mrs Judy Collier OJ who was one of the three Postulants from this Commandery invested in Brisbane.

Guests at the Cocktail Party included the Lieutenant Governor, Mr Justice Cox and Mrs Cox and the Lord Mayor, Alderman Valentine and Mrs Valentine.

A profit of \$2,500 was achieved from the evening, taking our total fundraising profit for the year to a figure of \$4,000.

The Commandery was again indebted to a number of members of the Rotary Club of Glenorchy who voluntarily acted as stewards for the function.

The support of Palliative Care facilities, both in Hobart and Launceston, continues to be the major focus for the Commandery.

The Hospitaller, Brian Gallagher OJ, continues to liaise with the Whittle Ward in Hobart in relation to financial support for Ceiling Lifters and Philip Oakden House at The Manor, Launceston, where there is a need for funding towards the purchase of electric beds.

As a result of common membership links with the Rotary Clubs of Hobart and Glenorchy, a multiplier effect has been achieved with funding for the Whittle Ward.

The Commandery was delighted to have 12 of its members (70% of active membership) in attendance at the Brisbane Chapter and associated functions.

The Commandery awaits the formal reports from the discussion groups, with an expectation that the significant issues raised within the "Tisch" and "Newell" Reports will continue to be aired by other Commanderies.

Our three Postulants in particular were most impressed with the atmosphere and general organisation associated with the Brisbane meetings and social events.

The Annual Quiet Day of Reflection is to be observed at the Acton Park home of President Kerry and Wendy Bowerman on Saturday, 17 August. An appropriate program is being prepared by our Chaplain Monsignor Philip Green ChLJ and members will be joined by their spouses for lunch.

It is pleasing to note that the Commandery has genuine prospects for several new members in the near future.

Kerry Bowerman

[Editor's Note – Prof Hermann Tisch has been selected to receive the American Medal of Honour from the American Biographical Institute. I am sure all members extend congratulations to Hermann on being awarded this prestigious honour.]

VICTORIA

Rather than repeat much of what is contained in the Victorian report at the National Chapter meeting in Brisbane the Victorian Commandery report in this Lazarus letter will be an update on events in June and July and plans for the remainder of the year.

Our June Commandery meeting was used to brief members on the discussions at the National Chapter meeting and in particular the suggestions regarding future such meetings. We are fortunate in that Monsignor Tony Toms, who has collated the sub-committee reports, was present and able to comment on them. The Victorian Commandery strongly supports the general thrust of the suggestions and hopes that they will not only be adopted but put in place at future National Chapter meetings.

Our next fund raising event will be a medieval dinner at Ormond College, Melbourne University in October. We are approaching the other Orders with whom we have a fraternal relationship viz.: The Orders of Malta, the Holy Sepulchre and Venerable Order of St. John, to join us for the dinner.

We are pleased to record the promotion of Walter Uhlenbruch to the rank of Commander. He will be advanced at the Investiture service in Dublin.

The Commandery's Annual General Meeting will be held on 26th August, 2002 at St. Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne. It will be preceded by Devotion in the Lazarus Chapel. Following the AGM a Commandery meeting will be held.

Other future diary dates are:

§ Commandery meeting: Monday
21/10/2002.

§ Commandery meeting and St. Lazarus
Day Dinner: Friday 13/12/2002.

All meetings are held in the Hughes Room, St. Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne at 5.30pm following a service in the Lazarus Chapel at 5.15pm.

Will Bailey

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Our Chapter had a good representation at the Brisbane Chapter meeting with seven members present, a very well organised occasion high lighted with home entertainment to commence and finish the occasion, it is felt this is a very friendly way for out state members to immediately feel at home. Brisbane is certainly one of Australia's most exciting cities.

At the AGM in June we voted to continue to support Parkerville Childrens Home donating \$4,000.00 to their programe "Fast", for families in stress, the programme builds family capacity and in doing so, has embraced the Families and Schools together, creating a strong relationship between child, parent and teacher in the class room environment. We donated a similar amount to St. Bartholemews to continue their work for men in need. \$6,000.00 was given to The John Fawcett Foundation for the Bali Mobile Clinic for Cataract Surgery.

The Western Australian Order on behalf of the Australian Bailiwick have gathered donations to the sum of \$72,000.00 to complete the second year of my promised support for the Eye Clinic, thanks to the support of many of our Commanderys and other generous people happy to support our cause. The third and final year commences in September, already I have received \$10,717.00 however it will be harder for the third year, any further donations would be much appreciated. I believe the Order in Australia should be proud of what has been achieved in the name of St Lazarus.

A most successful weekend was had in July at New Norcia when twelve members and spouse had a weekend in the Benedictine Monastery. A most enjoyable and uplifting time experiencing the monastic life.

Nine of our commandery will be attending the World conference in Dublin in September.

We have planned for the 20th October, an Open Garden party in the garden of one of the great houses of the gold rush days, to be held in Peppermint Grove, we hope to make this our major fundraiser for the year.

Our meetings for the remainder of the year are on 15/10/02 and 17/12/02, St Lazarus Day Dinner.

Geoffrey Summerhayes

Address given by Archbishop John Bathersby National Chapter meeting, Brisbane 2002

On my mantelpiece at "Wyneberg" is a framed copy in Latin of verse 12, Psalm89. It reads:

"Dinumerare nos doce dies nostros, ut perveniamus ad sapientiam cordis"

Literally it means: [Lord] "teach us to number our days so that we may arrive at wisdom of heart"

More freely translated it becomes: [Lord] teach us the shortness of life so that we may become wise.

The framed verse sits there to remind me daily just how quickly life passes lest I waste it, but also how slowly the wheels of God sometimes turn, lest I set my expectations too high.

I mention this today within the context of Ecumenism to remind myself that there is an urgency about Ecumenism that must never be lost, and that despite the remarkable progress that has been made in areas of Church relationship in a comparatively short time, it is still difficult to see, considering the obstacles,

how further significant progress will happen quickly in the near future.

I have often heard James Haire, the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia speaking in a similar manner about these same matters, nevertheless always finishing with the phrase "But then there is Jesus" which he repeats for dramatic effect, "But then there is Jesus". And of course James is correct. We forget the presence of Jesus at our peril. Jesus can do things, if only we are prepared to trust Him, beyond our wildest dreams. We are rarely ready for the dramatic breakthrough that we could never have possibly planned for or imagined. It is within that context of hope that I would like to speak this morning, and I would like to focus specifically on the Anglican-Roman Catholic relationship rather than wandering across a wider field of Ecumenism mainly because I am better acquainted with that relationship, and also because it can well serve as a microcosm of the larger ecumenical picture, so full of hope while at the same time surrounded by so many obstacles. However first of all a little of my ownpotted ecumenical history. At the level of great-grandparents on my father's side, I have Irish and English convicts with a mix of Anglican and Catholic religion, the Anglican side eventually losing out to the Catholic. On my mother's side I am the great grandson of the first Presbyterian Minister at Esk, near Ipswich, which Presbyterianism eventually changed in my mother's case to Anglicanism, and then eventually to Catholicism. This mixed genetic background gives me a large dose of religion, as well as a certain erratic attraction to gambling and horse racing, more evident in my extended family than in myself.

However despite the hybrid religious background from which I spring I grew up with all the normal anti-Protestant prejudices associated with a Catholic upbringing in the 1940's. Nevertheless when the Second Vatican Council permitted Catholics a broader relationship with other Christian Churches, I found it enormously appealing and welcomed it enthusiastically.

Probably because of that enthusiasm and not so much because of my mixed religious

background, I eventually became deeply involved in Ecumenism. I was a member of the International Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue from 1989 to 1995, and then the first Roman Catholic President of the National Council of Churches in Australia from July 1997 to July 2000. I am presently Co-Chair of IARCCUM, the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission. Established in 2001 after an initial meeting at Mississauga, Canada of Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops, Theologians, and Advisors, under the joint Chairmanship of the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, and the President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Edward Cardinal Cassidy, IARCCUM has become a major player for Catholics and Anglicans on the Ecumenical front.

That meeting held in the climate of extraordinary friendship and deep spirituality, was intended to kick-start the Anglican-Roman Catholics relationship that despite extended ARCIC dialogue stretching back to the Malta meeting in 1968, had largely ground to a halt for a variety of reasons including the less than enthusiastic reception of ARCIC documents by the Roman Catholic Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the decision of the Anglican Communion to move ahead with women's Ordination, and the reaffirmation of the Roman Catholic stance towards Anglican Orders. As well there was disagreement about matters of authority, about the question of the role of the universal primate, and about various moral and ethical questions. In the face of these formidable difficulties the Mississauga gathering issued a statement *Communion in Mission* asserting again how much agreement was shared by the two Communions, with an action plan to promote an even closer relationship.

Communion in Mission suggested that a new Working Group should be established to achieve these ends.

- [1] Its main task would be to draw up a Common Declaration of Agreement to be signed at the highest level of the two communions,
- [2] to do everything possible to promote the ARCIC documents, and finally

- [3] to suggest practical and pastoral strategies that the Churches might use at an International, National, and local level to bring them closer together.

This suggestion of a new Commission became a reality in 2001 when IARCCUM was established under the joint Chairmanship of Bishop Beetge of Transfeld, South Africa, and myself. Its membership on the Anglican side included, besides Bishop Beetge, Archbishop Peter Carnley of Perth, Australia; Bishop Edwin Gulick of Kentucky, USA; Archbishop Peter Kwong, Primate of Hong Kong; Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali of Rochester, England; Dr. Mary Tanner, England; and Canon David Hamid from the Anglican Communion Office, London, as Co-Secretary. On the Catholic side, beside myself there was Archbishop Alex Brunett of Seattle, USA; Bishop Anthony Farquhar from Down and Connor Diocese, Ireland; Bishop Crispian Hollis of Portsmouth, England; Bishop Lucius Ugorji from Umuahia, Nigeria; Father Peter Cross, Melbourne, Australia; with Father Don Bolen from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity as Co-Secretary. The new Commission was launched in November 2001, first of all at London with two days of meeting followed by a day at Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Then three days of meetings in Rome, including a meeting with Cardinal Kasper of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and later with Pope John Paul II.

That meeting decided to establish three Committees to assist the work of IARCCUM, one based in England convoked by Dr. Mary Tanner to draft a joint declaration, one in Australia convened by Father Peter Cross to consider the matter of reception, and finally one in America convened by Sister Donna Geernaert to consider pastoral and practical strategies.

The meeting in Australia took place in Sydney this year from 30 April to 3 May, involving myself, Bishop David Beetge of South Africa, Archbishop Peter Carnley, Archbishop Peter Kwong of Hong Kong, and Father Peter Cross. Edward Cardinal Cassidy, the former President of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, very generously attended for

the three days. The results of that meeting, together with the results of the other two meetings will be presented at the next meeting of the IARCCUM in Malta in November, that location being chosen because of its symbolic association with the first Anglican-Roman Catholic preparatory Commission that finalized its report there in January 1968. Could I ask for your prayerful support for that Malta meeting in November. It is crucial that we maintain the momentum developed at Mississauga in the year 2000 and for that purpose your prayers are critically important.

Recently I read two statements, one from Mark Coleridge, the Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of Melbourne who in an interview responding to the Church's present problems, suggested in the words of Hebrews 12/2 that we must never lose sight of Jesus. Tim Costello said almost the same thing in a recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald when he suggested that when the Churches needed to rediscover Jesus as their Saviour if other matters are to fall into place.

Even though many exegetes despair of ever being able to recapture the historical Jesus, nevertheless the Anglican theologian, Nicholas Thomas Wright has certainly done much to shed some light on mystery in his marvellous book *"Jesus and the Victory of God"*. In trying to get closer to Jesus, and I believe the theologians and exegetes can help us a great deal in that regard, we will inevitably get closer to each other.

In the meantime the obstacles remain and they appear formidable.

1. The lack of reception of the ARCIC documents, particularly within the Roman Catholic communion. The comments by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith regarding *Apostolicae Curae* and Anglican Orders. As well as doctrinal matters there is also a negative perception among many Anglicans on the manner in which authority is perceived to be exercised within the Roman Catholic Church.
2. From the Anglican side there is the vexed question of the Ordination of Women to Priesthood and Episcopacy which an elucidation on the earlier agreed

statements described as a "grave obstacle" to the reconciliation of the two communions.

Nevertheless despite these obstacles there are also significant signs of hope.

1. Perhaps the greatest is the call from all involved in ecumenical activity for even greater conversion to Jesus Christ. In the introduction of his groundbreaking Encyclical "Ut Unum Sint" the pope appeals to the "faithful of the Catholic Church and all Christians" to pray for his conversion to Christ so that he may serve the brethren. It is a remarkable plea. This emphasis upon the personal conversion of all Christian people is repeated by Konrad Raiser, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches in his book on Ecumenism.
2. As well, Rome constantly emphasises the special relationship between the Roman Catholic and Anglican communions, noted first of all in the Decree on Ecumenism at the Second Vatican Council and repeated a number of times since.
3. The appointment of Cardinal Walter Kasper to the Presidency of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, his theological expertise, and willingness to debate issues openly with Cardinal Ratzinger, while at the same time seeking to strengthen the relationship and improve the processes with the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith regarding the reception of ARCIC documents. In some instances in the past one might be led to believe there is a total lack of communication between the two agencies.
4. The Mississauga meeting which was an experience full of hope. In the best sense of the term it was an experience of grace, highlighted not only in the discussions, marvellous liturgies, but most importantly in the friendship of those days together.

The Mississauga experience should surely try to be repeated at the local level if the formula of Mississauga is to continue to weave its magic. The maintenance of friendship is enormously important in ecumenical relations both in good times and bad.

5. Strangely the shared suffering of the two communions at the present moment could also be a major sign of hope. Not only can it bring our Churches closer together but it may indeed be an experience of the purifying Spirit of God that in making us more truly Church may move us closer to the unity desired by Christ. In our shared weakness we may truly find that we need each other more than ever.
6. At the Sydney Committee meeting of IARCCUM I said in a moment of pessimism to the retired Cardinal Cassidy, surely one of Australia's most famous and competent Ecumenists, "How can we go on hoping when so many obstacles seem to be driving us further apart?" His reply was that he placed great hope upon our future common declaration of Agreement. In this I respect his judgement, and hope with all my heart that he may be right.

Finally let me finish on a note of hope by quoting from the beautiful passage composed by Walter Cardinal Kasper in a homily that he preached at Mississauga and that has been used frequently since. He said:

"God will always surprise us. He cannot be understood through our human system or correspond to our positive or negative predictions for the future. Our expressions of faith transcend themselves in the greater mystery of God..... In our ecumenical efforts we should keep in mind that one day we will rub our eyes and be surprised by the new things that God has achieved in His Church. It is true that in the course of history we have done much against love and unity, but God – this is our hope – will make things good again."

TONY'S BEEF WELLINGTONS (Oh dear! – Editor)

It may come as a surprise to you to know just how easy it is to present an individually wrapped Beef Wellington to your dining guests on that special occasion. It should take just one hour from preparation to presentation for this recipe for four persons. Allow five minutes extra for the

preparation of each additional Wellington parcel. The choice of beef depends on your personal preference. My choice is rib eye steak however a tender cut of scotch fillet goes admirably. The amount of beef needed will depend on the number of Wellington parcels to be made up. I suggest that ten to twelve centimetres of rib eye per diner is ample, likewise the scotch fillet or eye fillet steak.

Ingredients:

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| § Beef | § Puff Pastry (one sheet per parcel) |
| § Mushrooms
(your choice) | § Brown onions |
| § One egg | § Pepper and salt for seasoning |
| § Pâté (optional) | § Coriander |
| § A strip of streaky bacon for each Wellington parcel | |

Utensils:

- § Standard kitchen ware, no special utensils required.
- § One non-stick tray for cooking the Wellington parcels.
- § Pastry brush.

Method:

1. I find the most convenient pastry is Pampas Puff Pastry obtainable in any supermarket. It comes in four, six or twelve sheets per carton. Keep the pastry frozen until you are ready to use it as it will thaw to softness in five to ten minutes in the air.

Heat a skillet or heavy based frying pan on the stove. While the skillet is heating cut the beef into the desired lengths but not more than twelve centimetres for individual parcels. When the skillet is very hot sear the beef on all sides to seal in the meat juices. ATTENTION – do not over sear the beef, as it will finish cooking in the pastry parcel. Use pepper and salt to season.
2. When the beef is seared remove from the skillet and allow to cool but do not refrigerate.
3. Slice the mushrooms into thin slices and the onion(s) and gently sauté them without butter or oil in the skillet until the onion is slightly pearly. Remove from the skillet and set aside.
4. Defrost the number of sheets of pastry you will need allowing one sheet per parcel.
5. The addition of Pâté is optional and is used as a spread on the seared beef.
6. Pre heat the oven to 200 degrees.
7. Before placing the beef on the softened pastry make sure that it is quite cool otherwise it will melt the base of the pastry sheet.
8. Place the beef in the middle of the sheet and spread the pre-cooked onions then the mushrooms on top. If you also wish to add the pâté spread the pate first on the beef then the onions and mushrooms.
9. We will wrap up the parcel by making an overlay strip at each end meeting near the middle. You will need to use a knife to cut strips of pastry on both sides so as to make a criss-cross lattice effect. Make sure the beef is encased on

the sides by the pastry. The pastry lattice on top will enclose the parcel and also allow it to "breathe" during cooking in the oven.

10. Take a strip of streaky bacon and tie it around each parcel ending with a bow if it is long enough, otherwise fasten it with the egg we will use in para 11.
11. Place the Beef Wellingtons on the non-stick tray. Beat one egg and with a pastry brush paint the tops and sides of the parcels with beaten egg to produce a golden pastry crust when cooked.
12. The Beef Wellingtons will be ready when the pastry is crisp and golden in colour.

Three or four sprigs of fresh coriander on top of each Wellington parcel will complete the presentation. The choice of vegetables rests with the hostess or host.



Tony's Beef Wellingtons

Tony

P.S. I am also happy to tell you that I have so far given \$1,240.00 to the Green Cross Project Inc. from the sale of the Lazarus Recipe Books.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS:

The late Emeritus Professor Tim Murrell AM CLJ was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for service to medicine and to medical education, particularly through the development of innovative courses of study in the fields of general practice and community medicine.

Dr Jeanette Linn OAM CLJ of South Australia was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to the medical profession as a general practitioner, lecturer and health advisor, particularly in the field of geriatrics, and to the community through a range of education, church and women's groups.

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