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VALE

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Members will join the South Australian Commandery in deeply mourning the passing of their highly esteemed Past President. His warmth and generosity will be missed by all who had the pleasure of his wisdom and friendship. Our sincere condolences go to Trisha and his family.

FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

By the time this Lazarus letter reaches you, Tony Sallmann and I will have been to the Governing Council meeting in France and hopefully much will have been sorted out.

As you will be aware the members of the Order voted overwhelmingly in Dublin for reunification to take place and our Grand Master recommended that HRH The Duke of Seville be his successor. Mindful of this I formally nominated HRH for election in Toronto next March.

There are several jurisdictions in Europe which do not appear to wish for reunification and Switzerland has proposed "Prince Charles of Bourbon-Orleans" for Grand Master. The fact that he is not a member (as required by the constitution) seemed to have escaped them, also the fact that France is a Republic and does not recognise his family. This further means that any country with diplomatic relations with France will be the same. It is an unfortunate situation because there will be no reunification of the two obediences

without the Duke of Seville (and he is a member of the reigning House of Spain).

Closer to home I am very pleased that the Grand Master has approved and formally appointed Chev. David Crossin, OBE, KLJ as Referendary of the Grand Priory of Australia. The Grand Master has also elevated our four office bearing Chaplains which will enable them to vote at a Chapter General on religious affairs.

I am well aware that our Chaplains were happy to all be of the same rank but I also believe it imperative that they are able to vote on behalf of the Australian clergy members on matters pertaining to religion. For this reason I requested and the Grand Master agreed to the following:

National Chaplain:

The Most Rev'd. George Pell, KHSJ, GCMLJ, DD, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, – Ecclesiastic Grand Cross of Lazarus and Jerusalem (EGCLJ.)

Deputy National Chaplains:

The Most Rev'd Aghan Baliozian, OAM, Primate Archbishop of the Armenian Apostolic Church, – Commander Chaplain of Lazarus and Jerusalem (CChLJ)

The Most Rev'd Ian George, AO, Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide, – Commander Chaplain of Lazarus and Jerusalem (CChLJ)

The Personal Administrative Assistant to the National Chaplain:

The Rev'd Mons. Anthony K Toms OMLJ Chaplain of Jurisdiction (ChJLJ)

I offer my warm congratulations to them all.

I am also very pleased that our Deputy Chancellor and editor of Lazarus Letter has put together a new brochure for our Grand

Priory and this will be of great use for interested prospective new members and general information.

Thank you Ian Chesterman, AM, KLJ, OMLJ for finding the time to do this in your very busy timetable.

I finish with a quotation that I came across again recently by Frank Buchan.

"Suppose everyone cared enough.

Everybody shared enough.

Wouldn't everybody have enough?

There is enough in the world for everyones need

But not enough for everyones greed"

Peter 1, Chapter 5, Verse 4

Primrose Potter

Editor's Note: *The brochure referred to by the Grand Prior is a revamp/update of an earlier (January 1998) publication. It is included as an insert in this edition of the Lazarus Letter as a single double-sided page with the intention that Comanderies or individual members can make copies as needed.*

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

The National Chapter in Sydney in May was a most enjoyable and extremely well organised event for which the NSW Commandery deserves our sincere congratulations and thanks.

The Chapter began with a delightful informal dinner at the home of Brian and Brenda Donovan in Greenwich and concluded with a very happy luncheon hosted by our National Chaplain at the Cathedral House following a magnificent Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

The Minutes of the Chapter Meeting will be distributed shortly, so I will not attempt to summarise the business proceedings. However, as foreshadowed in my report in the March Lazarus Letter, the basic membership and cost issues raised by the Tasmanian Commandery led to considerable discussion at the National Chapter and at the National Council Meeting which preceded it. As a result, two ad-hoc committees were established with Reg Hession as Convenor.

You will find interim reports from these committees elsewhere in this issue. Please assist their work by replying to their questionnaire and giving them the benefit of your views on these important issues.

The Committees will be reporting to the next National Chapter, which is to be held in Perth from 5 to 8 August 2004. This will be only the second time that we have met in Perth and I can only say that the first occasion in 1997 was most memorable. Yes, it is a long way, but with early travel bookings, it is surprisingly inexpensive. The West Australians are great supporters of National Chapters each year, so why not return the compliment and arrange a holiday in WA to coincide with the 2004 Chapter. I am sure you won't regret it!

The 2003 National Chapter also unanimously resolved to convey a formal Vote of Thanks to the Grand Master and the Duchess on his forthcoming retirement. Barry O'Keefe subsequently arranged for this resolution to be incorporated into a beautifully illuminated

address which has been signed on behalf of the Australian Grand Priory by the Grand Prior, Grand Prior Emeritus, Grand Bailiff Emeritus, National Chaplain, Referendary and Chancellor – and will be presented by the

Grand Prior at the meeting of the Governing Council this month.

With kind regards and best wishes,

John Bishop

FROM THE MARSHAL

One of the highlights of the Sydney Assembly was surely the performance of the little choirboy at the High Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, who was not the least bit daunted by a packed Cathedral – even though he had to climb onto a box to reach the already telescoped microphone! The ringing purity of his solo soprano, in Gregorian chant unaccompanied by any music, was just so special. And then – to watch him climbing down from his box – and his quick double shuffle as he nearly forgot to bow to the Archbishop on his throne – executing it finally with a suitable flourish and a grin that was pure mischief - with not even a suggestion of cherubim or seraphim!

One could indeed wax lyrical about the St Mary's choir, and God's gift of music, which can even be appreciated by your author, whose musical education was sadly limited to banging the base drum in the school cadet band. And even that doubtful privilege was not in recognition of a

musical ear, but rather an acknowledgement that I was the only thirteen-year-old cadet big enough to carry the brute. That primary exposure to music was enhanced only minutely, when, many years later as a Battalion CO, I got to ordering (when on parade) the Regiment's Pipes and Drums to start and stop!

The military's long love affair with music was initiated, I suspect, by Joshua's performance at the Battle of Jericho when, after seven days of constant trumpeting he managed to bring down the walls of that city. What a pity Joshua failed to leave a copy of his sheet music to posterity. Just imagine the savings in gunpowder and

cruise missiles which could have been achieved in the years which followed this epic feat!

Trumpets have, however, maintained a vitally important role with armies ever since. For centuries, they were the principal means by which commanders controlled battles.

As such, trumpeters, initially, became prime targets for both sides as soon as battle was joined. Fortunately, it was quickly recognised that having disposed of the trumpeters, battles quickly degenerated from organised mayhem to nothing more than vulgar brawls on a grand scale. To rectify this problem, all armies then dressed their trumpeters in the brightest and most distinctive uniforms and mounted them on white or grey horses, so that they could be clearly identified on the battlefield. Thus, by mutual agreement and strictly enforced protocol, they were saved from shot and shell so that they could maintain command and control for their generals, thus retaining some semblance of order on the battlefield - to the satisfaction of both sides.

Napoleon also decided that a white horse was the way to go, and this certainly saved his life at Waterloo when, thanks to his white horse, Wellington clearly identified him and, being a thoroughly proper English general, refused to let one of his Aides take a pot shot at him.

Whilst the British Army was well into bands in the Napoleonic era, the French rather favoured drums, played by boys around the age of ten. One of these mites with his little bandboy's sword actually killed the giant British heavyweight boxing champion who, whilst then serving with the Coldstream

Guards, was defending Hougemont Farm – the critical defence point in the Battle of Waterloo.

On that same day, elsewhere on the field of Waterloo, Joseph Engel, a ten year old drummer boy in the French Army was shot through the head right beside his mother Regula Engel, a 54 year old French Infantry Lieutenant.¹ Recovering later in an allied hospital from an almost fatal wound, she learned that her husband, Colonel Florian Engel, and their 32-year-old son Florianus had also been killed during the battle. Regula survived Waterloo to die peacefully in bed in Zurich at the age of 92, outliving all but one of her 21 children, one of whom was personally baptised by Napoleon in recognition of her service at the Battle of Austerlitz.

The armies of the Ottoman Turks were the first to form their musicians into formal military bands. However, any aspirations they might have had for musical excellence were negated in favour of simply creating as much din as possible. Their sole purpose was to intimidate and demoralise the enemy by subjecting him to the banging of massed drums, the clashing of cymbals and the bellowing of trumpets – orchestration being the least of their worries. To this very day, the Turkish Janissary Military Band is still performing the same role, with the same instruments and achieving the same unearthly racket. And they do it in the same uniforms worn by the soldiers of our Order's old adversary, Saladin, during the crusades – full chain mail, helmets and shields, swords, maces, bows and quivers of arrows.

The Islamic culture had a profound influence on the Crusaders. In comparison to the Saracens, our lot was little more than barbarians. In between their raping, looting and pillaging in the Holy Lands they did, however, recognise that their enemies had much to offer, and they at least had the good

¹ It was not all that unusual for women to serve as combatants in European armies as far back as the Crusades. Many, like Regula Engel, initially disguised themselves as young men, but later, after proving themselves on the battlefield, won the right to serve as females in uniform.

sense to take back to Europe some of the finer things in life which they had experienced during their campaigns. The Crusaders' musicians (troubadours) were particularly quick on the uptake. Even the name "troubadour" was reputedly derived from the Arab "tarrab" meaning a minstrel.

Many troubadours were professional musicians, and as travelling minstrels, they needed portable instruments. They were very quick, therefore, to adopt the Arab lute (al'lut in Arab) – the predecessor of the guitar which the Moors developed during their occupation of Spain. The lute quickly became a favourite of the European court musicians, for prior to Arab contact, minstrels used only the harp for accompaniment. Furthermore, a good many musical instruments in use in Europe in the Middle Ages were derived from Arab ancestors, notably trumpets, certain percussion instruments, and even the glockenspiel.

Military bands were quickly adopted by all foreign armies in the old and the new worlds. At the battle for the Alamo in 1836 (the same year South Australia was founded) General Santa Anna's military band ensured that both he and the Alamo would be forever enshrined in American history. Just to make sure that the Texan defenders were left in no doubt as to their ultimate fate, he ordered his band to play the Deguello, over and over again, prior to launching his attack. The Deguello was then a well-recognised military tune which translated literally, meant "no quarter". Santa Anna and his band were true to their word and Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie and their men became a part of American folklore accordingly.

The bravery of military bandsmen (who are stretcher bearers in combat) is legendary. At a crucial moment in 1915 at Loos in France, with complete disregard for his own safety, Piper Daniel Laidlaw of the 7th Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borders, during a heavy artillery bombardment, climbed up onto the parapet of their trench and played

to his dispirited comrades in full view of the enemy. In the face of heavy machine gun fire and to the tune “Blue Bonnets o’er the Border” the 7th Battalion swept forward to attack the German front line trenches. Laidlaw himself continued playing as he marched with his comrades across no man’s land. Although badly wounded in the process, he survived to be promoted to Sergeant Piper and to wear the Victoria Cross which he won that day.

The origins of the bagpipe can be traced back to the most ancient civilizations. The bagpipe probably originated as a rustic instrument in many cultures because a herdsman had the necessary materials at hand: a goat or sheep bladder (the bag) and a reed pipe, and plenty of time on his hands to experiment. The instrument is mentioned in the Bible, and historians believe that it originated in Sumaria. Through Celtic migration it was introduced to Persia and India, and subsequently to Greece and Rome. In fact, a Roman historian of the first century wrote that the Emperor Nero “*knew how to play the pipe with his mouth and the bag thrust under his arm.*” So, maybe he piped rather than fiddled as Rome burned!

The Jury is still out on whether the Pipes (please don’t call them bagpipes) were created to stir the soul or terrify the enemy. But – I will never forget one glorious Sunday morning on the top of a hill in the Flinders Ranges. The Flinders Ranges (for those who have not been there) are distinctively different from any mountains anywhere in

the world. Their rugged grandeur, the deep purple and red colours, and the eerie silence, epitomise the very essence of outback Australia. On that particular morning and high up on that particular hill, we had a Regimental Church Service, and the Pipes played 'Amazing Grace' and 'Nearer my God to Thee'. After that performance by the pipes, with their chant echoing in that ethereal atmosphere, there wasn’t an atheist left in the whole Regiment, and yours truly has never felt closer to God!

So - what is the theme of this article you ask? I’m not sure there is one! This is what happens when you get such nice compliments from your confreres about your historical articles. You get to be like military bands – very easy to start up, but almost impossible to shut down!

But I think we might do well to reflect on the power of music - its beauty and its majesty. Whether it be a massed choir and orchestra (perhaps the Alleluia chorus from Handel’s Messiah) – a single boy soprano in a Cathedral - or pipers on a hill in the middle of nowhere – music surely does have the power to stir the soul, and perhaps to bring us closer to God. Which, methinks, would be as good a time as any to remind us of the duty we owe Him by virtue of the oath of our Order which each of us solemnly swore at our Investiture.

Ellis Wayland

NATIONAL CHAPTER MEETING 2003

Reports on the Activities of the ad-hoc Committees

Ad-hoc Committee to review the Tasmanian Paper:

A small group has been active in pursuing the remit given by the National Chapter to an ad-hoc Committee comprising Will Bailey (Vic.), Kerry Bowerman (Tas.), Ian Chesterman (SA), Geoffrey Summerhayes (WA) and Reg Hession (NSW, convenor), to report to the National Chapter in 2004 relative to the Tasmanian Paper on Membership and related issues. This paper is close to completion, however its final form will be subject to the results of a small survey, which is prepared for your participation and separately included elsewhere in this issue of the Lazarus Letter. Your participation is requested to assist in the work of this committee.

Ad-hoc Committee to address various issues related to Membership:

The National Council formed a second group, comprising Will Bailey (Vic.), Ellis Wayland (SA.) and Reg Hession (NSW, convenor), to review a number of issues related to Membership in general. The discussion of these issues provided a lively debate during the National Chapter Meeting and whereas the various points of view were leading towards a form of consensus, time did not allow for this during the Meeting. Thus the above Committee was affirmed to produce a document for detailed discussion at the National Chapter Meeting of 2004. The work of this Committee is also nearing completion and the final document will be ready to present to National Council shortly after the publication of this issue of the Lazarus Letter.

A REPORT TO THE GRAND PRIOR OF ORDER OF ST LAZARUS OF A PILGRIM MADE TO THE HOLY CITY JERUSALEM BY THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN BAYTON AM, GCSJ, OMLJ AT EASTERTIDE – APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2003

I journeyed from Melbourne to Jerusalem on Easter Day 2003 in order to attend the Eastern Orthodox ceremony of "Holy Fire" in the Church of the Resurrection, known throughout Western Christendom as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Tomb of Christ. A ceremony centuries old during which the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, accompanied by a prelate of the

Armenian Church, stripped of his vestments and searched for implements that might make fire, enters the sealed Tomb of Christ. The door to the Tomb is sealed by the appropriate authority and shortly after, the miracle of Holy Fire takes place. From one porthole window in the Chapel of the Angel the Patriarch hands out a flaming torch, and from a second port the Armenian prelate hands out a second flaming torch. From these torches the candles of the faithful are lit and within a few minutes the entire Church is a blaze of fire. Some three thousand people thronged the Church and the Parvis for this annual miracle, overseen by the Israeli Defence Force and, so it is said, some two thousand Israeli riot police.

Saint George's College (an international ecumenical institution sponsored by the Anglican Communion as its continuing Education Centre) conducted a Course relating to Orthodox and Oriental Easter and I was privileged to lead a series of daily Reflections over the two weeks of the Course

which was attended by people from the UK, the USA, Canada, Cyprus and Australia.

As it was known that I would be in Jerusalem yet again this year, the Grand Prior invited me to be her Envoy to the Melkite Patriarch, to carry a letter from the Grand Prior to His Beatitude conveying fraternal greetings from the Australian Grand Priory and with those greetings the promise of an amount of Ten Thousand AUD for the charitable work of the Melkite Church in the Holy Land, as a thank offering for the recent visit of His Beatitude to Australia.

I was conscious of my responsibility and as soon as was convenient presented my Episcopal credentials to Archimandrite Haddad who in the absence of the Patriarch who was in Damascus, was his Vicar General.

He received me graciously in the courtroom and entertained me to coffee liqueur and sweetmeats as we engaged in conversation about the work of the Churches in Jerusalem and our mutual concern for our brothers and sisters who are still after half a century, living under occupation. We managed a sensible conversation despite his "poor English" (his words) and my "poor French" (my words!) during which he informed me of the work of his Church's mission and ministry in Jerusalem itself, in Jericho, and in the West Bank. He spoke of the enormous

hardships under which his people minister health, spiritual consolation and well being to the inhabitants of the Land irrespective of race or religion, to Christians and Moslem alike. We shared experiences of the difficulties all Christian ministers – bishops, priests, deacons and lay people – face in the discharge of their commission by Christ to heal the sick, to cleanse the Lepers, visit prisoners and raise the spiritually dead through medical, dental, paramedical and hospice care.

I shared with him our (Anglican) shock and horror at the 'stray' Israeli missile that penetrated the roof of St Andrew's Chapel and the hospital, causing half a million Australian dollars in damage. Thank God there were no casualties.

A week after my first meeting with the Archimandrite I took members of the St George's College Course with me as Professor Hugh Wybrew of Oxford and I gave lectures in the Melkite Church on the Iconography of the art and architecture of Orthodoxy. Fr Haddad kindly provided our students with afternoon tea and again invited me to coffee and conversation. On the Sunday after Orthodox Easter I took Professor Wybrew with me to the Melkite Church for their Sunday Liturgy which was celebrated in Arabic. It is important for us to realize that the 'people of the land', that is the Palestinians living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are under cruel occupation. The reasons given for the continuing occupation are, of course the recent suicide bombings. For these there is no excuse at all, but this is a recent matter and relates to the present Intifada. The politics are extraordinarily complex but the Intifada came about when the present Prime Minister 'invaded' space sacred to Islam, accompanied by military troops. The result was outrage.

The longer term political problem causing hardship to the Palestinian people is the Occupation by Settlement of what is, strictly speaking (according to the United Nations) "the Unlawfully Occupied Territories"

commonly called the West Bank of the Jordan River, which is, strictly speaking Palestinian land. It was never formally annexed by Israel, so is still legally "Unlawfully Occupied". Checkpoints and roadblocks abound.

Eighteen months ago Bethlehem was scene of the first and only siege of the Church of the Nativity in the long history of Christendom. Anne and I were fortunate enough to be able to get past the checkpoints and to enter Bethlehem even though our driver, a Palestinian was not allowed to enter. There we saw for ourselves the sad damage done by Israeli bullets and shells.

On the previous day I had been entertained by the Syrian Patriarchal Vicar in Jerusalem at the Cathedral of St Mark, the place of the Upper Room where Jesus held his Great Supper with his disciples the night he was betrayed. There in the Patriarchal courtroom I met the Cardinal Archbishop of Munich who had just returned to Bethlehem. He was appalled by what he described as "the shooting holes" in the front façade of the Emperor Justinian's Basilica. The people of Beir Sahur, a neighbouring village to Bethlehem, have not been allowed out of their village for over two years. They tend the Church of Shepherds' Field even though some of them are Moslems, and they have a great respect for the Christians who labour, under awful odds to maintain their faith. They live under curfew. We had lunch at a café-restaurant. We were the only visitors for over two years.

In Jerusalem I met a man whom I have known for ten years. When I first called to see him he was not there. I returned a couple of days later and said, "I was sorry not to meet you on Monday". He said, "Yes Father, my son died." I did not like to ask him what had happened, but I returned a few days later and he told me. I said, "I am very sorry to hear about you son." "Yes Abuna, he had asthma." I said "How sad". He went on, "He had an attack and we tried to get him to the hospital but the soldiers would not let us past the check point."

We heard other stories like that, of women giving birth to babies at check points and some mothers and children dying there for want of medical attention.

And when a missile went through the roof of our (Anglican) hospital chapel in Gaza causing half-a-million dollars of damage, the Bishop Riah Abu Al Assal, himself a Palestinian, and Israeli citizen born in Nazareth was told, "It went astray". So far there has been no recompense or compensation.

I endeavoured to get into Gaza but at the checkpoint at Eretz you now have to sign a form indemnifying the IDF in case you get 'shot'. I was not prepared to give such license. A young English reporter was shot through the head while we were on our last visit. The IDF claimed he was wearing camouflage uniform and carrying a weapon. This, of course, was not true. His death was subject of a recent TV program on ABC. I understand his father is a member of our Order in Great Britain.

I could tell more of similar incidents.

And the wall, that concrete barrier designed to create an apartheid State. It is designed to be a barrier between Israel and the Palestinian Territories and it cuts through yet more and more occupied land, often separating people from their farmlands. The wall is the greatest enemy of the Peace Map. I fear that in the long run "the wall" and continued building of "Settlements" in the West Bank and Gaza will bring about the demise of Israel itself. We must remember that the first shot in what will eventually be a civil war in Israel was fired by an Israeli Jewish fanatic who killed Prime Minister Rabin. Anne and I were living in Jerusalem at the time.

On my two recent visits to the Holy Land I witnessed many acts of terror. By fanatical Moslem suicide bombers. No one can condone the slaughter of innocent people. Nor is suicide bombing a legitimate way of opposing the occupation that has brutalized Palestinian dignity. God forbid. As

Christians we must be totally committed, as witness the recent war in Iraq!

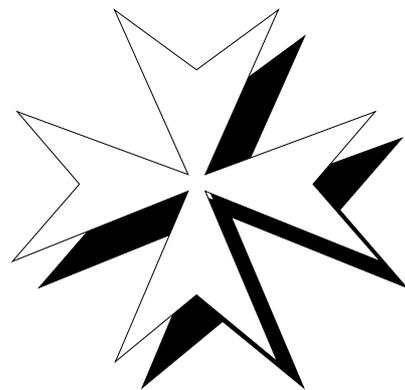
Terror is also applied by equally fanatical politicians who order the bulldozing of Palestinian homes and the wanton destruction of thousand year old olive groves and terraces.

Remember the Peace Worker who was killed by a bulldozer? Or the countless legless Palestinian stone-throwing children who are shot with 'rubber' bullets, that is steel ball bearings with a plastic coat.

I believe the United Nations to be derelict in their duty of care of the People of the Land. After all, it is their Resolution that forbids the building of residences in a military occupied territory.

Nor must we demonize any one in the telling of this tale of occupation, death and destruction. We must advocate the right for Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace in their own lands. But there can be no peace without Justice.

The Right Reverend John Bayton AM,
GCSJ, OMLJ



NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

All members of the Commandery were delighted with the news received on Friday 18th July that our Catholic Chaplain Monsignor Max Davis has been appointed by the Pope to be the Bishop of the Military Ordinariate. He will be ordained Bishop on 22nd August 2003 in St. Christopher's Cathedral Canberra. Mons. Davis will succeed Bishop Geoffrey Mayne, who is retiring due to ill health, as the Catholic Bishop of the Australian Defence Force. Mons. Davis has been a Naval Chaplain for many years and served in many ships in the Australian Navy. He has been a Chaplain of our Commandery since 1996 and the prayers of all the members go with him and we wish him well in his new appointment.

It is with regret that we report that one of the original members of the Commandery, the Hon J.J.A. Kelly Q.C. K.L.J. is suffering ill health and is now permanently residing in Jindalee Retirement Home Canberra. John was admitted to the Order on 9th March 1984 and has taken part in the activities of the Order until recently.

Once again the Commandery's Annual Retreat will be held at the Carmelite Monastery Red Hill and

our Anglican Chaplain Rev Canon Geoff Sibly will conduct the Retreat. We are again indebted to

Rev. Sister Mary Agnes and the other members of the Community for the use of their Chapel and grounds for the occasion.

It was pleasing to see that the National Chapter was attended by seven members of the Commandery (more than half) and Dr. David Emonsen was admitted as a new member of the Order. I was honoured to be promoted to the rank of Knight and appointed to be the National Referendary as Greg Vickery's term had expired.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 22nd May 2003 and all office bearers were re-elected as follows:

President	Mr. David Crossin
Treasurer	Dr. Frank Long
Herald	Mr. Pat Brazil
Hospitaller	Mrs Bernadette Layton
Secretary	Dr. Peter Wilkins
Archivist	Prof. Isabel McBryde.

David Crossin

NEW SOUTH WALES

Since the completion of the National Chapter Meeting in May, the members of the Commandery have met to finalise the outstanding issues related thereto and to reflect upon the results of the various activities. It was very heartening for us to receive a number of letters of support, as well as to have similar sentiments expressed verbally. On behalf of our members, I would like to thank all who attended, for making our

tasks both easy and pleasant throughout the Meeting.

The financial result of the National Chapter Meeting, reflected the finely balanced budget which was utilised throughout. There were enough funds remaining to be able to send to attendees, unpurchased photographs taken at social functions, as well as being able to make a donation to St. James Church Sydney, in thanks for the Vigil Service.

The next fund-raising function, will take place in October, when it has been proposed to hold a "home function", or a Theatre Party. Plans are being progressed at the time of writing.

The Annual Feast Day Service in December will take place in St. James Church Sydney, followed by Dinner at the American Club, Macquarie Street. The Occasional Address, will be given by Mr Michael Spencer, who is an expert on the subject of Heraldry.

Due to the outstanding success of the major fund-raising function at "Le Montage" in March of this year, it is proposed to repeat this for March 2004. On this occasion, it is proposed to advertise the function widely, with the intention of doubling the numbers from almost 200 attendees, to 400.

Following our substantial donation to the Cancer Patients Assistance Society through

the Jean Colvin Hospital, the Commandery received a letter of thanks from the Society, which included the following:

"This letter is to advise your Board that a decision has been made to recognise your Society's generosity during the past year and that a suitable plaque will be placed on our benefactor's board recognising your support and loyalty to the CPAS and the Hospital.....and the work we do looking after disadvantaged and pensioner country cancer patients."

I am now pleased to confirm that this action has been taken and the Order now has a form of public recognition for its work.

Reg Hession

QUEENSLAND

The contingent of Queensland members who attended the National Chapter in Sydney in May this year are indebted to the NSW Commandery for arranging an enjoyable program with spiritually uplifting church services. We were particularly delighted that of our members, Maureen Freer O LJ and David Slater O LJ were invested, Gerard Freer CLJ advanced to the rank of Commander and our chaplain, Very Rev. Dr James Spence ChLJ OMLJ, awarded an order in the Companionship of Merit for his dedication to the chaplaincy of the Queensland Commandery.

The Queensland Commandery has been much strengthened by the enthusiasm of our newer members. We are conscious that a steady

increase in members is essential to keep us all fresh and committed. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 5.30 pm at the United Service Club in Wickham Terrace and this frequency and regularity has been beneficial.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, our first fundraiser for the year was a champagne brunch following the showing of

the film *Swimming Upstream* filmed in Brisbane. We have found this a relatively successful method

of raising funds. Our second event was a much more ambitious matter, a brunch on Sunday, 27 July at the beautiful home of our member, David Slater and his wife Annie. The weather could not have been better – a perfect Brisbane winter day. We had about 270 guests and together with some very generous donations have realized about \$19,000. This will be distributed to our nominated charities – The Pantry, an Anglican service to the poor in Fortitude Valley in the City, and Catholic Psychiatric Care also situated in the Valley, both charities the Order has supported for some years. Other charities include the Queensland Association of School Awareness which deals with issues of drug and other abuse experienced by secondary school children, and two charities which support seafarers: the Apostleship of the Sea and Missions to Seafarers. Our expenses were kept to a minimum due to the generosity of sponsors and members who donated food, wine, the raffle hampers and their young adult children to act as servers.

The Commandery held a reflection morning at the home of our chaplain, Dr Spence, following the 9.30 am Sunday Mass at his parish church at Hendra on 22 June. Father Spence challenged us to consider what doing good works involved.

Our 'hands on work' has seen some members, spouses and friends attending the Missions to Seafarers Centre at Hamilton on Friday evenings to service the Centre for crews, mostly Asian and Middle Eastern Sailors from vessels tied up at Brisbane. Our Hospitaller, Regina Maguire OIJ, has coordinated the liaison and roster. Gordon Mor and Michael White continue to visit and

assist where they can Stan Gray, an aboriginal paraplegic man who is attempting to further his education.

Fred Schubert and John O'Keeffe continue in their task of assembling the archives of the Queensland Commandery. John O'Keeffe does splendid work chairing the new members subcommittee.

The Queensland Commandery will hold its AGM in October. This will be my last Lazarus letter as I will have served three years as President and there will be other changes of office-bearers. It has been an honour and pleasure to be President.

Margaret White

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Yet again it is my sad duty to record the death of one of our members. Brian Fricker KLJ died on 19 July 2003 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Whilst this cast some gloom we all knew how buoyant Brian was in everything he did and that spurred us on to lift our spirits in the way that he would have wished. A couple of days after Brian's memorial service most of us gathered for a pre-arranged Mid-Year Luncheon at The Kooyonga Golf Club. It was good to come together and to share each other's company at that time.

A few weeks earlier we held another Film Evening to raise funds for our current project - St Patrick's Special School in Dulwich. There is a real need to upgrade the school's transport and the Commandery has undertaken to provide \$12,500 towards a replacement bus. The film was

"Waterloo Bridge" - another black and white movie of the 1940's. An amount of almost exactly \$6,000 was raised and those present were addressed not only by the school's principal but three of the students. The special care needed by the students was brought home to us all. We were greatly assisted in the serving of food and drinks

after the film by a group of students from Scotch College who gave of their time as part of their contribution to community service.

We are planning for another fund-raiser in March next year.

More recently I attended the Order of Malta Annual Church Service at St Francis Xavier Cathedral and, afterwards, enjoyed lunch with the Order's members and families. We continue to foster this form of collaboration with the recognised Orders in Adelaide and we will again issue invitations to join us at our Annual Church Service in December.

Our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is:

21 October

18 November

17 December - St Lazarus' Day Service at St Cyprian's Church North Adelaide

Ian Chesterman

TASMANIA

The Commandery has been pleased to welcome two new members during the past six months, namely Mrs Bronwyn Wood O LJ and The Rev'd Christopher Jones Ch LJ who is the Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare in

Tasmania. These two admissions take the active membership to 18.

A very successful fundraising Cocktail Party was held on Friday, 11 April at the historic Parliament House, Hobart, with a profit of \$2,700 achieved from the event.

Apart from the satisfying financial outcome, these events provide an ideal opportunity to promote the Order through an explanation of its history and the various charitable activities supported in our community.

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

Through the efforts of our Hospitaller, Mr Brian Gallagher CLJ, firm commitments have now been made to fund the purchase of a lifting machine for the Palliative Care Whittle Ward in Hobart and the provision of music CDs and soft furnishings for the Palliative Care Unit at St John's Campus of Calvary Hospital in Hobart. These two projects will result in a total outlay of \$6,200.

The Commandery was represented by six of its members at the Sydney Chapter and associated functions. The progression to

National Council level of membership and financial issues identified in two Tasmanian papers has been welcomed by the Commandery.

The annual Quiet Day of Reflection was held at the Acton Park home of President Kerry and Wendy Bowerman on Saturday 23 August. The devotion program was prepared and led by Rt Rev'd Bishop Phillip Newell AO GCSJ Ch LJ, with 12 members in attendance. Members were later joined by their spouses for an enjoyable lunch in the semi-rural setting.

The annual meeting of the Commandery will be held on Wednesday, 17 September and planning is underway for the annual Feast Day of St Lazarus, with this year's service to be held at St David's Cathedral, Hobart on Wednesday, 17 December.

Consideration is also being given to the organisation of a second function in Launceston in the first quarter of 2004.

A significant event within our membership was the retirement on 31 May 2003 of Chev Dan McNeill KLJ who was Principal of St Michael's Collegiate School in Hobart for 20 years. Chev Dan and wife Barbara are presently enjoying a well earned overseas holiday.

Kerry Bowerman

VICTORIA

The Commandery's Quiet Day held on 29th March was another very enjoyable retreat. 16 members and friends attended including one prospective member. The morning devotion and lecture was led by Monsignor Tony Toms Ch LJ O MLJ and in the afternoon Bishop David Farrer Ch LJ C MLJ led the proceedings. The venue at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Seymour, again provided

us with a perfect environment for the retreat. We are grateful to Tony Toms, the Parish Priest, for allowing us to use the Church. Also the hospitality provided by our host gave him the chance to prove again that he is skilled in more than one area! We, in Victoria, are blessed with a team of compatible and approachable Chaplains who not only give us splendid spiritual

leadership but also who are terrific guys. Monsignor Tony and Bishop David contributions at our Quiet Day complemented each other so well and we all left wishing that the day had been longer.

Those of us who attended the National Chapter meeting came away convinced that the matters discussed would now receive the desired attention and the necessary action. Our members, who did not attend the meeting, were very supportive of the decisions taken and hope that the two committees that were formed will arrive at speedy recommendations. The Victorian Commandery feels that the both the format for National Chapter meetings and the issue of membership has been talked about for long enough. Action is now needed.

At last we can report that we have been successful in raising a suitable amount for the bronze casting of the head of Lazarus donated by its sculptor, Bishop John Bayton ChLJ OMLJ. Following a donation to our Charitable Fund of \$4,000 by a Foundation the sculpture has been offered to St. Peter's Eastern Hill for placement in the Chapel of our Lord and St. Lazarus.

At our June Commandery meeting we were fortunate to receive an oral report by Bishop John Bayton following his visit to Jerusalem. Bishop John took with him a letter from our Grand Prior, Lady Potter conveying fraternal greetings from the Australian Grand Priory to His Beatitude Gregory III. This followed the visit by His Beatitude to Australia last year. Bishop John's report was most illuminating and disturbing. He has now written an article, which will appear in the Lazarus Letter.

Our next fund-raising event will be a Middle-Eastern Feast on 29th August 2003. This function was suggested by Monsignor Henry Dabbous ChLJ some of whose Melchite congregation will be in attendance. This event has replaced the medieval dinner, which was postponed. The Feast promises to be an evening to remember.

We have received papers from two new members, which are currently being processed. In addition we have given applications for membership to three other potential members. We were also pleased to welcome two members from other Commanderies. Both have returned "home" after years away in other states. Dr. Peter Hollingworth AC OBE GCMLJ ChLJ has joined us from the ACT and Bishop Philip Huggins ChLJ has returned from NSW. We look forward to enjoying their fellowship and contribution.

On August 25th 2003 we held our Annual General Meeting. The following Office-bearers were elected.

President: Chev. Max Carr KLJ
Secretary: Mrs. Beverley Charlton OLJ
(continuing)
Treasurer: Mr. Peter McWhinney OLJ
(continuing)
Hospitaller: Mrs. Rosalind Lawrence CLJ
(continuing)
Almoner: Mrs. Barbara Hamer CLJ
(continuing)
Herald: Mr. David Masters CLJ
(continuing).

Past
President: Chev. Will Bailey AO KLJ

Diary dates:

Monday 27th October 2003.

5.15pm Devotion Lazarus Chapel, St. Peter's Eastern Hill.

5.30pm Commandery meeting Hughes Room St. Peter's Eastern Hill

Friday 12th December 2003

5.15pm Commandery meeting Hughes Room St. Peter's Eastern Hill

6.00pm Annual Church Parade - St. Peter's Eastern Hill

7.00pm St. Lazarus Day Dinner - St. Peter's Church Hall.

Will Bailey

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

At our Annual General Meeting in June the following members were elected:

President Geoffrey E. Summerhayes OAM
KLJ

Secretary Elizabeth A. Summerhayes CLJ

Treasurer Tony Gardner OJ

Hospitaller Terry Jackson OJ

Almoner David Stephens OJ

Herald Ruth Phelps CLJ

Members from Western Australia who attended enjoyed the Sydney Chapter meeting, we were also very pleased to be offered the Chapter meeting in Perth for 2004, already a small committee is working hard to put the basics in place for 6th to 8th of August 2004. Western Australia being a long journey compared to the proximity of other states we are hoping that many members will look forward to making a holiday out of the occasion. For the latter reason we plan to get preliminary information to members before Christmas. This will enable those visiting beyond the Chapter meeting to consider side trips to Margaret River and the wine district, north to New Norcia and beyond to see the wild flowers or a trip to El Questro and Broome for sunshine and

luxury, never forgetting Kalgoorlie the thriving gold mining town and its surrounds in the heart of Australia.

The last months have been busy with Commandery meetings every second month and the very pleasant dinner we have to follow at the Weld Club. Our Almoner is now

working on a major fundraiser we plan for November. Our October meeting will be our last meeting for 2003 and the St Lazarus Day Church service and Dinner before Christmas.

We continue to support St Bartholomew's Home for Men and Parkerville Children's with an annual donation. On Sunday 24th August members attended Saint Bartholomew's fortieth anniversary thanksgiving service and afternoon tea at the Home. The Passages does a much-needed job as a drop in house for street kids in the city. One of our members sits on their board of management and recently informs us that they are moving to bigger premises to accommodate the demand for their services. Saint Pat's Fremantle Soup Kitchen, has been financially supported by individual members of the Order. ACT Commandery has

generously given another large cheque for the Bali Eye Clinic, through our Commandery fund raising, which was much appreciated.

Geoffrey Summerhayes

TONY'S FAVOURITE RECIPES

Anne's Coq au Vin

This is a *recipe* that I cannot take credit for. Unlike most of my other *recipes* I have written for you in the Lazarus Letter they have been significantly altered and adapted by me to present my own interpretation of the recipe. A few weeks ago, from the time of writing, I had the pleasure of dining at the new family home of Anne and Tony Sallmann in the Melbourne arboreal suburb of Camberwell. Anne prepared a magnificent dinner which she unpretentiously called Mediterranean Chicken but which I have renamed *Anne's Coq au Vin* in her honour. The only alteration to her recipe that I have made is the addition of roasted pickling sized brown onions!

Ingredients:

8-10 chicken thighs (two per diner)
vinaigrette
4 crushed cloves of garlic
3 tea spoons of oregano leaves
2 sprigs of fresh thyme
1 ½ cups of pitted prunes quartered
2 pickling onions for each diner
¾ cup of dried apricots
¾ cup of olives (your choice however pitted)
½ cup of capers
4 bay/laurel leaves
¾ cup of virgin olive oil
¾ cup of brown sugar
1 ½ cups of white wine
¾ cup of red wine vinegar
sea salt & fresh ground pepper to season

Utensils:

1 non-corrosive dish for marinating
1 shallow casserole baking dish

Preparation:

Anne's Coq au Vin *must be prepared twenty four hours (24) in advance in order to marinate.*

1. place the chicken thighs in single layer in the non-corrosive dish.
2. combine all the ingredients, except the brown sugar and white wine, in a large bowl and pour the marinade over the chicken. Cover and refrigerate over night.
3. To cook preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Rub the pickling sized brown onions with olive oil and bake separately on a tray in the oven till golden brown.
4. Lift the chicken thighs into the shallow casserole /baking dish and sprinkle with the brown sugar then pour over the white wine and then the marinade.
5. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until the chicken is cooked. Five minutes before removing from the oven add the golden brown baked onions.
6. Serve with buttered couscous or steamed Thai Jasmine rice and a vinaigrette tossed green salad.

I have prepared this recipe on three occasions and it is a winner. Many thanks Anne, for your introduction to *Anne's Coq au Vin* -- Tony

Serving suggestions:
mixed tossed green salad
buttered couscous
steamed Thai jasmine rice
fresh coriander for garnishing



"OUR GENERATION"

Another contribution from the Marshal

According to today's bureaucrats, politicians, journalists, academics and lawyers, those of us born in the years before 1970 should not be alive today!

Our baby cribs were covered with brightly coloured lead based paint; we had no childproof lids or locks on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets. When we were children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags, and riding in the back of a ute or truck on a warm day (or even a rainy day) was really good fun.

When we were thirsty we drank from a garden hose and not from a bottle. We ate sponge cakes, bread and butter, and drank gassy soft drinks, which were full of sugar; but, we were never overweight (let alone obese) because we were always outside in the fresh air playing vigorous games. We even shared those soft drinks with our friends - all drinking from the same bottle, with no one actually dying from this terrible practice.

Then there were those billy carts, which we built out of scraps of timber and old wheels. Having built them, we would then ride them down hill- the bigger the hill the better - only to discover that we had no brakes! After running into trees or ditches a few times, we learned how to solve this problem.

Some of our best games involved sticks, and although we were told that someone was going to get an eye poked out, no one actually ever did.

When playing ball games we picked teams from the group. Sometimes we got left out of the pick altogether, and as a result we learned to deal with life's disappointments.

At school we learned that some students were not as smart as others. The schoolteachers did not, however, adjust the tests to compensate for our inadequacies or lack of commitment – they simply failed us and we repeated a year until we reached the required standard. Failure, we learned, was part of real life, and we learned a valuable life lesson accordingly.

One of these was recognition that our actions were our own actions, and that consequences were inevitable – and expected. Any notion that parents should bail us out of these consequences, or back us against schoolteachers, or the police if we got into trouble, was unheard of. Worse still, our loving parents actually backed the schoolteachers and the policemen. Imagine that!

In the mornings we would leave home and play all day all over the neighbourhood. Our only commitment was that we had to be back home when the streetlights came on. Lunch was provided by the mother of whatever mate's house we happened to be in at lunchtime. A neighbour's house was always unlocked and we called without an invitation and either knocked on the door, or, if it was a friend's house, we simply opened the door and walked in.

And – for the whole day we could not be contacted, because we had no mobile phones! Neither did we have play stations, Nintendo, video games, 99-channel cable TV, DVD and video movies, personal computers or Internet chat rooms.

What we did have though, were friends. And – we kept making new friends because we had enough self-confidence to go out and find them without the help of counsellors.

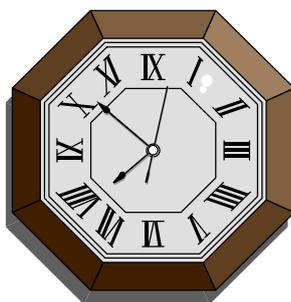
We and our friends were always playing dangerous games, climbing and falling out of trees and thriving on taking outrageous risks. As a result, we suffered cuts, severe bruising, broken bones, and chipped or lost teeth. And – everyone said it was our fault. No one told us that it's always someone else's fault and that they must pay us compensation.

Apart from these dangerous pursuits, we also got into fights, mainly with our best friends; and suffered black eyes, bruises and injured pride. With no lawyers to help us, we were simply told to “get over it.”

Yet – despite all this, our generation produced some of the best leaders, professionals, businessmen, skilled artists and artisans, risk takers, problem solvers, citizens – and, would you believe – parents!

It was tragic that we did not have all the benefits of today’s generation. All we got was – freedom, failure, success, more responsibilities than rights, respect for and from our neighbour, mateship, and - fun.

How absolutely awful!



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Our Grand Prior, Lady Potter AC DLJ GOMLJ BrCLJ SMLJ, was appointed a Companion in the Order of Australia for leadership and for encouragement of support for critical community growth through fundraising and philanthropy in the arts, sciences, education and social welfare.

Judith Roberts AO CLJ, of Adelaide, was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia for service to the community, particularly through leadership roles in a range of womens health, social service, family and multicultural organisations and boards, and to education through Flinders University, the Senior Secondary Board of South Australia and the Helpmann Academy.

Our congratulations to these members on receiving such significant recognition.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Ivan John Petch OLJ	NSW
Prof. David Edward Flint AM OLJ	NSW
Dr. Michael Panetta OLJ	NSW
Dr. David Lee Emonson OLJ	ACT
Mrs. Maureen Freer OAM OLJ	QLD
Mr. David Slater OLJ	QLD
The Revd Canon Christopher Jones ChLJ	Tas
Mrs. Bronwyn Wood OLJ	Tas
Mr. Adam John Kestel OLJ	WA

PROMOTIONS

Chev. Will Bailey AO KLJ	to Knight	VIC
Mr. John Castles CLJ	to Commander	VIC
Chev. Ian Chesterman AM KLJ OMLJ	to Knight	SA
Chev. David Crossin OBE KLJ	to Knight	ACT
Mr. Gerard Freer CLJ	to Commander	QLD
Mr. Brian Gallagher CLJ	to Commander	TAS
Mrs. Barbara Hamer CLJ	to Commander	VIC
Dr. Reginald Hession AM KLJ	to Knight	NSW
Dr. Lindsay Kidd CLJ	to Commander	NSW
Mr. William Killinger CLJ	to Commander	NSW
Dr. Joan Kitchin DLJ	to Dame	ACT
Mr. Christopher Leach CLJ	to Commander	VIC
Dr. Ralph Panetta KLJ	to Knight	NSW
Mr. Maurice Rousset CLJ	to Commander	WA
Chev. Santo Severino KLJ	to Knight	NSW
Dame Faerlie Smith DLJ (Deceased)	to Dame	SA
Mr. Malcolm Thomson CLJ	to Commander	NSW
Prof. Dr. Walter Uhlenbruch AM CLJ	to Commander	VIC
Dame Sara Wordsworth DLJ	to Dame	WA

AWARDS

Chev. John Bishop AO KLJ GOMLJ	awarded GOMLJ	SA
Bishop John Bayton AM ChLJ OMLJ	awarded OMLJ	VIC
Mons. Phillip Green AM MBE ChLJ OMLJ	awarded OMLJ	TAS
Dame Cara Brett Hall OAM DLJ CMLJ	awarded CMLJ	NSW
Chev. John Herbig KLJ CMLJ	awarded CMLJ	VIC
Mr. Barry Jamison CLJ OMLJ	awarded OMLJ	VIC
Chev. John Morrison KLJ OMLJ	awarded OMLJ	WA
Bishop Patrick Murphy GCLJ GCMLJ	awarded GCMLJ	NSW
Justice Barry O'Keefe AM KLJ	awarded Gold Medallion	NSW
The Very Rev. Dr. James Spence ChLJ OMLJ	awarded OMLJ	QLD
Rev. Mons. Anthony Toms ChLJ OMLJ	awarded OMLJ	VIC

Editor's Note: The foregoing lists of new members, promotions and awards span the past 18 months or so.

GRAND PRIORY WALL PLAQUES

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Dr F. Schubert
Unit 1
88 Macquarie Street
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Telephone: (07) 3870 7009

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