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A valued member of the Western Australia Commandery

FROM THE GRAND PRIOR

Our national chapter meeting in Perth was very encouraging with the overwhelming wish of members for the Australian Grand Priory to remain loyal, unified, and to continue our work for the disadvantaged. There were many expressions of disappointment regarding the very sad situation in Europe, and a wish to try to heal divisions and bitterness between the dissidents and the True Paris Obedience. You will all have received the letter from John Bishop and me, with our recommendation to ignore the letter from Mr Ray Bagdonas, who appears to represent the breakaway group, and one hopes that we can now move forward within Australia.

I was very pleased to be able to invest new members to our ranks, and also to welcome new Commandery Presidents to the National Council meetings. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Chev. Clement Parker KLJ and Chev. John Scott, KLJ who were invested as Grand Prior and Chancellor of New Zealand respectively by Tony Sallmann, the Grand Master's delegate for the Pacific area.

Three days after my return from Perth, I went to London for a meeting of the Reunification

Commission which consists of four members from the Malta Obedience and four from the Paris Obedience. We spent two days in meetings, amending the international constitution, and I think we will now have a sound working document. I was very impressed at the co-operation and agreement between the two Obediences, and the real desire to work together as one, with one constitution acceptable to both. Hopefully, this will be drafted in time for consideration and approval at the next meeting of our Governing Council, which takes place at the Lazarus Hilfswerk headquarters in Germany in October. The Malta Obedience will do the same.

In the meantime, we must be unified within our own jurisdiction and stand strong, as did the early Crusaders, and get on with God's work. Sad times are upon us presently, but we will, with God's Grace, survive to become stronger than ever.

Proverbs Ch. 13 v 9

Numbers Ch. 6 v 24 - 26

Primrose Potter

FROM THE GRAND PRIOR EMERITUS

History over centuries has shown Lazarus facing difficulties and surviving. The present difficulty is probably the most uncomfortable of recent times.

The Paris obedience has suffered from a coup.

Anyone not at Toronto could not comprehend the maliciousness and premeditation of those involved. Unfortunately, the rhetoric swayed many Europeans.

Our dissidents have joined forces with Malta's dissidents – so an unholy alliance has been born.

No one can say where it will all end.

I strongly support your Grand prior's view that we staunchly maintain our position and wait for those at magisterial level to sort themselves out.

In Perth, hope was expressed for a Paris restoration; olive branches have been proffered; but so fanatical is the behaviour of our dissidents that I doubt it will happen.

Merging with Malta may prove the best answer whilst waiting for the dissident obedience to self-destruct.

It is gratifying that most of New Zealand is with us – as is South Africa, Zimbabwe and Canada. America already has a partial unification.

Tony Sallmann

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

It is very difficult to reconcile the unity and strength of the Order in Australia with the division and confusion which exists in a number of overseas jurisdictions and which has led to the unsatisfactory state of the Order's affairs internationally.

As many of you know, the National Chapter in Perth unanimously declared the intention to remain unified in Australia and adopted the following four-part resolution:-

“1. This National Chapter of the Grand Priory of Australia is deeply saddened by the rift that has occurred within the Paris Obedience of The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem.

2. It expresses the desire that the jurisdictions involved find ways for the differences between them to be resolved as soon as possible.

3. It is concerned that certain actions are contemplated at Blois that will make this task more difficult.

4. It requests that all energies be directed towards unifying the Paris Obedience as a first priority.”

We also resolved that the Patriarch be asked to convene a meeting of the Dukes of Brissac and

Seville and the Prince de Bourbon d'Orleans to see if they could find a way of resolving the divisions within the Order. However, Tony Sallmann has indicated that his attempt to initiate this process has been unsuccessful.

The Perth Chapter also encouraged me to continue my communication with the Irish Grand Prior, who also has been asked by his members to endeavour to promote reconciliation within the Paris Obedience.

At this stage, I must admit that it is looking as though the rift will be very hard to heal in the short term, particularly as such differing and entrenched views regarding the position of Grand Master are held in some quarters.

Whilst this is a problem as far as the Military aspect of The Order is concerned, I hope we can all accept that it really has little direct impact on our Hospitaller efforts or our desire for Christian unity – and must not be allowed to diminish our efforts in these areas.

In Perth, we discussed possible changes to some aspects of our membership to make the Order more accessible to younger members and enable long-serving members to retain a valued association when they may be unable to participate fully in Commandery activities. Will

Bailey is consolidating the views from the discussion groups and I am sure this will help National Council to formulate some recommendations for change.

The proposed dates for the next National Chapter, in Hobart, are 9-12 June, 2005.

These dates are subject to formal confirmation but please pencil them into next year's diary and make every effort to attend this important event in our annual calendar.

John Bishop

FROM THE REFERENDARY

The proposed motion to amend the National Constitution at the National Chapter, of which notice had been given, was withdrawn.

The Chapter expressed the wish that the National Constitution be amended to require each Commandery, in accordance with its local

legislation, to hold elections each year for every office. It is further to provide that no member may be elected to a particular office on more than six consecutive occasions. Notice will be given, in due course, of the appropriate motions to be proposed next year at the National Chapter meeting in Hobart.

David Crossin



At St Georges Cathedral, Perth, for the Investiture (L-R) Maurice Rousset (WA), Sara Wordsworth (WA), Glenise Masters (Vic), Kevin Fox-Slater (WA), Ros Lawrence (Vic), Sean Fox-Slater (WA) and Pamela Yule (SA).

FROM THE MARSHAL

Saluting is surely one of the oldest customs of the military. Even in the so called “Peoples’ Armies” with all of their claims to egalitarianism and the elimination of rank and privilege, saluting is not only practiced but an entrenched discipline. Soldiers in these armies might call their officers comrade or citizen but they still salute them in what is, manifestly, a symbol of deference rather than a mark of mutual respect, as is the case in the democracies.

Saluting has its historical origins, it is said, in the raising of the right hand to show initially that it was free of any weapon and thence to open the visor of the helmet so that the face was visible for recognition. Long after visors had disappeared from helmets the right hand was still raised to eye level in perpetuation of the ancient custom.

I had long been puzzled as to why in the British Army (and in those armies like ours which have inherited its traditions) the salute is executed with the palm of the hand open and clearly visible, whilst the Navy salutes with the palm facing downwards and thus concealed from view. Only recently I discovered that the reason for this is that the hands of sailors in times past were so encrusted with tar and calluses (from hauling on ropes) that they were obliged to conceal them when saluting so as not to cause offence to the sensitivities of their gentlemen officers.

Whatever the branch of the Services, the common requirement of the salute (at least in modern times) is that in the process of executing the salute, one makes a firm eye contact with the officer being saluted. This traces its origins to an incident dating back to 1660 to the restoration of the Monarchy after Britain’s only, and disastrous, flirtation with republicanism under Cromwell.

The restored Monarch, King Charles II, in May of that year, arrived at Dover from France where he had been in exile since the execution of his father Charles I. Understandably, he returned to England with some trepidation, despite the assurances of Parliament that he would be welcomed by both Parliament and people. As he stepped ashore, his anxiety was heightened by the sight of a large body of heavy cavalry bearing down on him.

The officer in command reported to Charles and assured him that he had been dispatched by Parliament to provide him with an escort for his journey to London. Charles, however, was still apprehensive and he was not convinced that he was safe in the hands of this force of “roundhead” cavalry, which, after all, had been Cromwell’s principal instrument in the defeat of his father’s royalist army.

In this frame of mind, Charles ordered the officer in command to have his troops dismount and line up shoulder to shoulder. He then proceeded to walk along the line and to stare fixedly into the eyes of every trooper in turn. It has been said that he also wanted to give every man the opportunity to look him in the eye as a means of dissipating any potential treachery. Perhaps he truly believed the axiom that “the eyes are the windows of the soul” for having completed his inspection, he decided that the men could be trusted. Charles then ordered the Troop to remount and they formed up on his coach and escorted him to a triumphal reception by the citizens of London.

This fascinating incident has been perpetuated to this day with Monarchs, Military Commanders, Prime Ministers, visiting Heads of State etc being invited to inspect guards of honour for what is still regarded as the focal ceremonial protocol.

As an aside, I have always been fascinated to watch these ceremonies on television, and to observe how the various dignitaries conduct themselves as they carry out their inspections. Certainly, military officers will make a very deliberate eye contact as they proceed along the ranks, but the only politician I have ever seen make such eye contact was Margaret Thatcher.

My memory of this piece of history was sparked during our deliberations at the Perth Chapter meeting. There is no doubt that we were all mystified, and not a little disillusioned, by the sad narrative of events in

Toronto. How could this have happened in an ancient Order of chivalry, bound as we are by a solemn oath and avowed principles of Christian ethics and Christian standards of behaviour in our dealings with our neighbour?

It is surely unwise to pass judgement in such a situation, but cavalry officers have never been known for their tact or sensitivity. It's a product, so they say, of careering around the country in tanks. So - purely as a personal opinion - it seems to me that what is at the root of this problem is a fundamental clash of cultures between the Old and the New Worlds, and a failure by both to understand the sensitivities of their conflicting cultures. If this sounds simplistic or even patronising, then forgive me, but several months ago I was a participant at a conference in Austria of representatives from 132 countries and could not help but notice the cultural and philosophical differences between the Europeans and their peers from the new democracies.

You will all be familiar with these differences - the Europeans' penchant for intrigue (diplomacy) and the Americans no-nonsense "bottom line" pragmatism. My favourite quotations which, sum up these differences rather nicely, are:

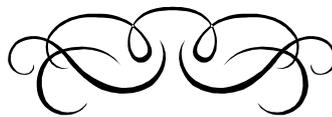
"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie' - until you can find a rock." (Winston Churchill) and,

The Americans' golden rule - *"He who holds the gold - rules"*

Maybe what is needed is for both sides to put down their rocks and their bags of gold, and to salute each other with mutual respect, followed by a long hard look into each others' eyes.

Ellis Wayland

PS The Army's favourite adage is that - *"The wisest General in military history is General Hindsight"*.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMANDERIES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The six members of the ACT Commandery who attended the National Chapter Meeting in Perth offer their sincere congratulations to the W.A. Commandery on a very successful weekend and welcomes the resolutions passed confirming the unity of the Commanderies of the Australian Grand Priory.

All were impressed by the unique construction of exterior walls of the church chosen for the Vigil Service, St. John's Lutheran Church. This provided an interesting example of church architecture, which in the writer's experience, is not often seen. It is a wonderful example of the stonemason's craft. The other Churches, St. George's Cathedral for the Investiture and St

Mary's for the Mass were most impressive venues.

The social events were very enjoyable. The dinner held at Her Majesty's Theatre and the earlier tour of inspection of the restored theatre, the dinner at the Weld Club after the Investiture and the farewell luncheon were excellent.

On Saturday 21st August the Commandery held its Annual Quiet Day or Retreat. As usual, it was held at the Carmelite Monastery and this year was conducted by our Catholic Chaplain, Bishop Max Davis. His theme for the reflection was the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their effects on our lives.

The next project for the Commandery is our annual fund-raising dinner at the Southern Cross

Club to raise funds to support the L'Arche Homes in Canberra. This will be held in October and hopefully will be its usual success.

David Crossin

NEW SOUTH WALES

The celebration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Word and Song was again held on Palm Sunday evening at St John the Evangelist Church, Gordon, thanks to the hospitality of the Rector, Reverend Rob Sutherland. The local Anglican, Armenian and Catholic Churches participated under the guidance of Dr. James Forsyth. St John's Ladies Committee arranged a social gathering after the service.

Last year a very successful Italian Charitable Dinner took place, but unfortunately this could not be repeated due to the ill health of Dr. Pannetta.

Thirteen members of the Commandery were fortunate to be able to attend the National Chapter in Perth and to share the success of the Chapter.

The Annual General Meeting of the Commandery will take place on 27th October. As a first experiment, the Patronal Feast of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem will be held a little earlier on 26th November. It is hoped that this will avoid some of the seasonal congestion of December.

Patrick Murphy

QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Commandery has had a good year thus far. We have had two very successful fund raising events. On the 18th of June, we held our major fundraiser. This was in the form of a Brunch held at the home of our fairly recent new member Mr David Slater and his wife Annie. Approximately 280 guests were entertained with fine food and drinks on a very clear but windy Brisbane Sunday afternoon. It was a grand occasion made better by the presence of our Grand Prior, Lady Potter. During the afternoon Primrose was able to talk to the gathering about the work that the Order was trying to do generally and in an Australian context particularly. Her words were extremely well

received. The event was in support of The School of St Jude (Tanzania), Catholic Psychiatric Care, Missions to Seafarers, Apostleship of the Sea and The Trinity Pantry. After the mighty effort of the Commandery we are able to distribute \$20,000 to these worthy causes. Our guests had a great time and seemed very interested in what we were trying to do.

Our hands-on work continues with our support for the Mission for Seafarers and trying to help a paraplegic aboriginal man, Stan Gray, reach his full potential. The former exercise is where members work on a roster system in a drop-in centre for seaman. The seamen are welcomed and helped with various things particularly making contact with loved ones in their home countries.

The problem of gaining new members still persists.

The Commandery is still blest with a very dedicated band of enthusiastic pragmatic people. These people take a particular joy in lending a hand to the less privileged. To this end we are still working on how we can help with refugees on the local scene. Hopefully I will have more to report on this in the next newsletter.

Gordon Mor

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Since the March report of the Lazarus letter, several interesting events have taken place.

Firstly, our fundraising event, the Film Evening, held on 18 July last, was very successful and a good fundraiser. The Treasurer indicates that we will clear about \$6,000 from this well-attended event.

Secondly, a number of us attended the National Chapter Meeting in Perth, full details of which you will receive from the Minutes of the General Secretary and the reports of the Chancellor and Grand Prior. It was one of the hardest working Chapter Meetings that I have ever attended in the past twenty years. The Chapter members worked all Saturday morning, much of that afternoon, and returned to finalise matters on Sunday morning before proceeding on to the Mass at 11.30am.

Members who attended the Chapter were John Bishop as Chancellor; Ellis Wayland as Marshal and his wife Margaret; Pam Yule; Pat Schroder; our Secretary, Ian Chesterman with his wife Meredith; Jeanette Linn; and our new member, Jean Burt with John her husband; and my husband and me. Unfortunately, our other new member, Mr. Chris McLaughlin was unable to attend. It was with great pleasure that we watched Jean invested at the service in the St George's Cathedral on the Saturday evening. We also rejoiced at witnessing the elevation of Pat Schroder from Commander to Dame and the award of Commander in the Order of Merit to Ellis Wayland. Beverley Seaton and Peter Hetzel have also been advanced to Dame and Knight respectively but were unable to attend the Investiture in Perth.

Thirdly, on 15th August, at the invitation of the Knights of Malta, I attended a Mass at 11.00am at St Frances Xavier Cathedral, followed by lunch at the Church of St Peter's Claver attended by His Grace Archbishop Philip Wilson. Another visitor at the Mass and lunch was the founding member in South Australia of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. At the lunch our Chaplain Monsignor Aitken (who hosted the lunch) welcomed the Archbishop and all visitors.

Fourthly, with Peter Hetzel, our Hospitaller, I presented a cheque for \$4,200 to the Society of the Deaf (South Australia) on 26th August to go towards training interpreters for persons who are both deaf and blind. It was a moving occasion and Mr. Mackie, the CEO of the Society expressed his warm gratitude to the Commandery.

Our remaining meetings of the year are the 19th October 2004, and the 12th December to celebrate St Lazarus Day, although the venue of the Service for this last occasion has not as yet been decided.

Kemeri Murray

TASMANIA

The active number of members has reduced to 16 following the transfer of Sister Juliana Coulson DLJ to the ACT Commandery. Membership growth presents a significant challenge for our Commandery and a sub-group has been formed to identify potential new members.

Regrettably, the events overseas have created a deal of concern from within our existing membership and are not conducive to the active promotion of the Order, particularly from an international perspective.

The most recent fundraising function held on Friday, 7 May resulted in a net financial outcome of \$2,000 for further support in the area of palliative care.

The latest project being developed is the funding of an electric lift bed for the Whittle Ward in Hobart. The Whittle Ward has also recently gained from the Commandery's association with the Rotary Club of Glenorchy in that the Club has funded the purchase of two recliner chairs at an outlay of \$2,000.

This is an example of the benefits to be derived from the multiplier effect of combining resources through the common membership of community minded groups.

The annual Quiet Day of Reflection was again held at the Acton Park home of President Kerry and Wendy Bowerman, with the devotion program being led by The Rev Canon Chris Jones ChLJ. The 12 members in attendance were later joined by their spouses for an enjoyable shared lunch.

The annual meeting of the Commandery is scheduled for Wednesday, 29 September when a motion will be presented to change the financial year to "the year ending 31 December" in line with the national and international position.

The annual Feast Day of St Lazarus this year will be celebrated on Thursday, 16 December with a service at St David's Cathedral and dinner at Hadley's Hotel.

The Commandery had seven of its members in attendance at the Perth Chapter. The Western Australia Commandery is to be congratulated on the arrangements and program for Perth.

The Tasmanian Commandery welcomes the opportunity to host the 2005 Chapter and a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Ronald Banks CLJ is well advanced with planning for the major elements of what we trust will be an enjoyable experience in Tasmania.

Kerry Bowerman

VICTORIA

The nineteen Victorian attendees at the National chapter enjoyed and appreciated the proceedings and look forward to Hobart in 2005.

The Commandery Quiet Day at St Mary's Catholic Church in Seymour in March was again a most successful retreat, an opportunity to reflect, enjoy fellowship, and look forward. Monsignor Toms ChLJ, OMLJ, St Mary's Parish Priest, was again our host and together with Bishop Farrer ChLJ, CMLJ, led devotions.

The Annual General Meeting of the Commandery was held on Monday 23 August followed by the regular Commandery meeting. The meetings were preceded by a short devotion service in the Chapel of Our Lord and Saint Lazarus. These short devotion services are held before each of our bi-monthly meetings and our Chaplains lead in appropriate devotions.

The AGM for Green Cross Project Inc was also held on 23 August.

Members of the Commandery, and all those who knew him, were saddened by the passing of Norman Bevan KLJ, CMLJ. Norman was a devoted and conscientious member of the Order and among the many positions he held, was his considerable contribution to the publication of the Lazarus Letter. We will miss Norman's friendship and wise counsel. The posthumous award of the Silver Medallion for Meritorious Service, presented to Margaret Bevan at the Investiture Service in Perth, was a moving reminder of his service to the Order.

Bishop John Bayton ChLJ, OMLJ is again in Jerusalem and has taken up the post of Acting Dean of St Georges College for a while. We look forward to a report of his work on his return.

Future Dates:

Saturday 13 November

Winery visit, followed by visit to Lady Primrose Potter's wonderful rose garden at Merrick's Beach.

Friday 10 September

Wine Tasting and Buffet Dinner at the home of Beverley and Bill Charlton.

Monday 25 October

5.15 pm Devotions Lazarus Chapel St Peters

5.30 pm Commandery meeting

Friday 17 December

5.15 pm Commandery meeting

6.00 pm Church Parade

7.00 pm Saint Lazarus Dinner

On 23 August the following were elected to office:

President	Chev Max Carr KLJ (continuing)
Secretary	Mrs Beverley Charlton OLJ (continuing)
Treasurer	Mr Peter McWhinney OLJ (continuing)
Herald	Mr David Masters CLJ (continuing)
Hospitaller	Mrs Ros Lawrence CLJ (continuing)
Almoner	Mrs Glenise Masters CLJ

Max Carr

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Western Australian Commandery wishes to thank the other States who attended the 2004 National Chapter in Perth from 6th - 8th of August.

Keeping in mind the recommendations made by Professor Hermann Tisch, it was pleasing to be able to welcome so many Tasmanian's to our streamlined, simplified, less costly style of National Conference. Considering the tyranny of distance, we were delighted to see so many friends.

Pro rata all States were very well represented and exceeded our expectations. There were approximately 100 registered delegates, 128 Members and their guests attended the Investiture Dinner.

We were delighted to be able to extend an invitation to members of the New Zealand Commandery. In all, there were four members and one accompanying spouse. We congratulate them on their Investiture by the Grand Prior Emeritus, Tony Sallman, acting in his capacity as representative of the acting, Grand Master the Duke De Brissac.

The Conference activities began on Thursday with a bus trip to the Monastery Town of New Norcia. Members were welcomed on arrival, lunched and taken on a tour of the Monastery buildings, the Art Gallery and Museum. The Monks were unfortunately on Retreat and were not able to meet with the visitors.

On Thursday there was a welcome dinner at Elizabeth and Geoff Summerhayes' house. About eighty five delegates attended and many thank you notes were received attesting to the warmth of the welcome and the joyous atmosphere of the night.

Friday night Vigil Service was held in the small and charming St. John's Lutheran Church in Northbridge. Members commented on the intimate feeling of the building's architecture. The Marshall was delighted with the addition of a trumpeter to the organ whilst the recessional hymn was played.

Drinks and dinner was held at His Majesty's Theatre, celebrating its century this year. An amusing talk was given by Ivan King, Curator of the theatre museum, on the rich and famous who had graced both the stage and audience since 1904. Dinner was served in the ornate marble, gilt and pressed metal Dress Circle lobby beneath the crystal chandeliers.

The Saturday Conference began at 9.30am after the members had been divided into three groups to discuss different issues. After summation of the discussions the business of the Chapter proceeded. Reunification dominated a vigorous discussion as many members voiced their point of view. This continued through lunch to be reconvened on Sunday morning to finalise matters.

The Investiture was held in historic and beautiful St Georges Cathedral.

Dinner was at the Weld Club, a prestigious venue. The Rev. Dr. John Shepherd, Dean of Perth, gave the keynote speech and had us literally "rolling in the aisles." Four Members of Cardinal Pell's family attended as his guests.

Sunday morning the continuation of the Meeting culminated with the resolution that the Australian Priory's first commitment should be

to remain united at all cost and to cement relations with the rest of Europe.

High Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral was conducted by Cardinal Pell and following this a light lunch at the Duxton Hotel. The National Conference was over for another year.

Earlier in the year we were saddened by the death of Bryan Davies. He was a supportive and generous member of the Order. It was also with sadness that we noted the passing of Chev. John Fox-Slater KCLJ (Scotland Grand Bailiwick) and father of two of our staunch and long-serving members, Sean and Kevin Fox-Slater.

The WA Commandery is now addressing itself to its usual program of Meetings, Church Services and Fundraising.

Our AGM was held on 15th June 2004 and the following Office Bearers were elected:

President: Elizabeth Summerhayes DLJ - new
Secretary: Jock Morrison KLJ OMLJ - new
Treasurer: Tony Gardner OLJ - continuing
Almoner: David Stephens CLJ - continuing
Herald: Richard O'Clery OLJ - new

We propose to hold a Fundraising Garden Party at Government House on the 7th November 2004. Details are being finalised.

The recipients of our donations for this year are;

Parkerville Children's Home	\$4,000.00
St. Bartholomew's Home	\$4,000.00
St. Patrick's Care Centre	\$4,000.00

We are investigating paying the airfare to bring a doctor from Tanzania, in order for him to study with Dr. Fiona Wood at her burns unit in Perth, so that he may take the knowledge back home with him.

We continue to support Passages Drop in Centre for young people.

Our remaining Meetings for 2004 are:

19th October

17th December [St. Lazarus Day Church Service and Dinner.]

Elizabeth Summerhayes

MEMBERS VISIT NEW NORCIA, WA



Members and partners who visited New Norcia, a Benedictine Monastery town, before the National Chapter in Perth

TONY'S THAI MASMAN CURRY

Over recent years, I have presented to you for your dining consideration various Thai Curries, which traditionally use beef, pork or chicken. This curry popular in the South of Thailand is quite often made with mutton or goat, which reflect ethnic traditions of various Middle Eastern Asian cultures. While goat meat is not an everyday meal served in Australia, lamb certainly is, and for those who have a taste for *satay* you will find Thai Masman Curry quite mild and enjoyable.

Ingredients:

- ¾ kilo of boned lamb for stewing
- 3 potatoes diced into 2cm cubes
- 1 can of coconut milk
- 2 brown onions quartered
- 1 teaspoon lemon/lime juice
- 1 packet of prepared Masman Curry (Lobo or Mae Ploy brands from supermarket)
- 3 dessertspoons of fish sauce (Maggi or Tip Brand)
- 1 dessertspoon of palm sugar (plain sugar will do) palm sugar has more taste.
- ½ cup of shelled crushed –powered peanuts
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Method:

1. Dice up the lamb (chicken, pork, beef) into bite size portions.
2. Into a wok or saucepan put 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil and heat till hot add half of the Masman curry paste from the packet and stir in well for a minute or two till the aromas develop.
3. Add the lamb to the curry and keep stirring till the meat is cooked on the outside. Add coconut milk little by little and bring to the boil, simmer on low heat till the meat is nice and tender. If the coconut milk is absorbed more than half add a little water.
4. Add the potatoes, lime juice, onions, palm sugar, fish sauce, peanuts and simmer for about twenty minutes.

I recommend that the Masman Curry be served with steaming hot Thai Jasmine rice available from your local supermarket or Asian food shop.

It is customary to have a cucumber Thai style salad with this type of curry and the ingredients and preparation are listed below.

Ajard (cucumber salad)

Thai ajard salad or cucumber salad sets off this particular curry and has astringing pleasantness.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of peeled and thinly sliced cucumber
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 small red onion or shallot sliced thin
- pinch salt
- 1 red chili sliced
- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 2 tablespoons of palm sugar (if not white sugar)

Method:

1. In a serving bowl arrange the cucumber, red onion, and sliced chili in layers.
2. Mix the vinegar, sugar, salt and hot water until the sugar dissolves.
3. Pour over the cucumber and serve.

I would be pleased to hear your comments... Tony



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS:

Congratulations to Hon. Justice Kemerl Murray, AO DLJ on her appointment as an Officer in the Order of Australia.

PERTH INVESTITURE



Chev. Max Carr (Vic); Dame Sara Wordsworth (W A); Mr. Kerry Bowerman and Mrs Wendy Bowerman (Tas); Chev. Ian Chesterman (S A) in Perth at the Duxton Hotel prior to attending the Investiture



New Officers: Anthony Gardner (WA), Rex Morgan (NSW) and Jean Burt (SA) in St George's Cathedral

FORM OF BEQUEST

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem for the general charitable work of the
Commandery of the Grand Priory of Australia the sum of \$..... and I
declare that the receipt of the Commandery Secretary or Treasurer will
constitute a sufficient discharge for my executors or trustee."

