

# LAZARUS LETTER

December 2019

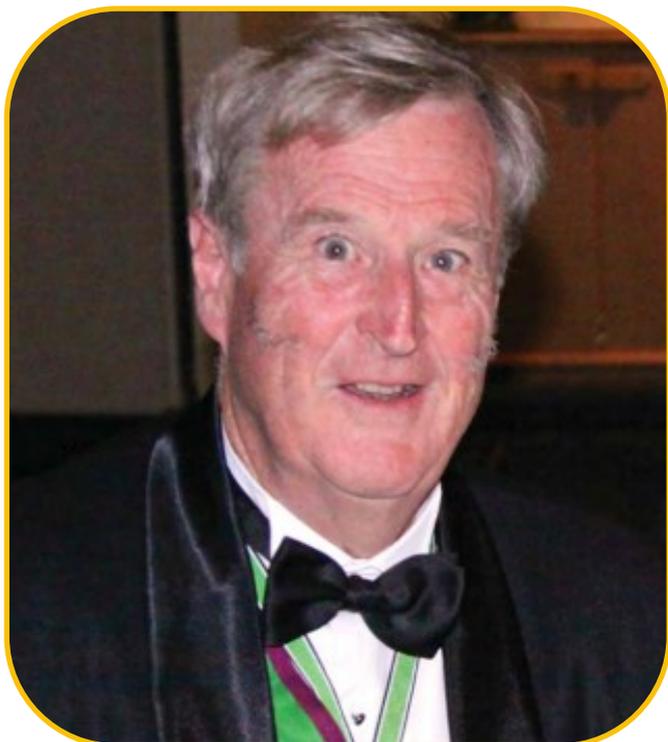
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## GRAND PRIOR'S LETTER



Recently, each of the Commanderies which constitute the Grand Priory will have celebrated the Feast day of St Lazarus. Not only do we celebrate the life of St Lazarus but by doing so we emphasize the fact that the Order is a Christian Order. We would do well to remember that not only is it a Christian Order but that our charitable work is done in the name of Christianity with the aim of defending Christianity. Hopefully, through our charitable works we can achieve that objective and encourage those who fail to see that there is much to love in all that we have and do will find strength through a belief in God.

Another feature of the Order is that it is an international organization. As a consequence in the last two weeks I have travelled from one side of the world to the other in the call of duty as Grand Prior. In mid-October I attended the New Zealand Grand Priory's National Chapter in Christchurch at the invitation of its Grand Prior. I was pleased that our Secretary-General, Chev Peter Bennison, was able to accompany me on this occasion. We were warmly and graciously received by the New Zealanders. I attended the annual meeting of the Grand Priory as an observer and mentioned my desire, which I expressed at our last National Chapter, to re-establish close relations between our two Grand Priorities. To that end I have invited the Grand Prior of New Zealand to attend our forthcoming National Chapter in Melbourne as our guest. At the same time I indicated that any other members of the New Zealand Grand Priory who wished to attend our National Chapter would be welcome. As a nation we have much in common with New Zealand and the ties between our respective countries are close. Furthermore, if the Order is to be a truly international it can only be beneficial for there to be close relations between neighbouring Grand Priorities.

Shortly after returning from New Zealand I attended a meeting of the Heads of each of the Jurisdictions of the Order in Madrid. These meetings are held biennially and provide an opportunity to meet with the Grand Master and discuss matters which concern the various jurisdictions of the Order. I am pleased to report that the meeting was harmonious and showed not only that the Order is in good order but it is doing a vast amount of good in many parts of the world. I will provide more information regarding the meeting in my annual report. It is sufficient to report at this time that the Grand Hospitaller praised the generosity of our Grand Priory in agreeing to donate \$5000.00 to the international Flagship project, which provides much needed air conditioning for St Louis Hospital in Jerusalem. That

Recently a friend of mine, who is a history and politics teacher at one of Australia's best known school for boys, sent me an essay he wrote on the current state of the world. He made his assessment in the context of the Beatles' simplistic solution to life that "All you need is love, love is all you need." After drawing attention, among other things, to the increasing enmity and intolerance in political debate, the growing distrust for our established institutions and the anxiety about the levels of anxiety in the community he concluded: "Corrosive commentary about the deficiencies and failings of our society risks making too many people lose a sense of love about their life and their society." He also went on to observe that "it is one thing to remember that love is all you need. At the moment we seem to need to remember that there is much to love in all that we have and do".

There is much to be said for my friend's conclusion. People may differ as to whether anxiety is justified but I often wonder when I see the dwindling numbers of those who regularly worship in Christian churches whether the anxiety, enmity and loss of confidence in the world about us is due to the dwindling influence of Christianity and the seemingly increased secularisation of our world. How much better would the world be if more people saw the merit in religion, Christianity in particular, rather than simply looking to their fellow citizens for direction.

## GRAND PRIOR'S LETTER *continued*

hospital stands on the site of a leprosy hospital established by the Order in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. On the preceding day I attended a meeting of the Grand Magistral Council of which I am currently a member. That meeting too was harmonious, though much longer. Again, a resume of that meeting can await my annual report.

From both meetings I bring best wishes from the Grand Master, who is always interested to hear of the activities of our Grand Priory.

On a sombre note, this year has been marked by the death of five of our members: Mrs. Mary Hodgson OJ; the Very Rev Arthur Grimshaw GCSJ ChLJ CMLJ; Professor Peter Mudge AM CLJ; Mr. Brian Sallis AO CLJ and Professor Charles George KLJ. Each made a significant contribution to the Order for which we are thankful. Let us remember them and pray for their families.

As usual, I leave in the good hands of our Chancellor, Chev David Slater, commentary on the domestic affairs

of the Grand Priory. I do however wish to report that the National Chaplain, Rt. Rev. Richard Hurford, has been in frequent contact with me regarding the arrangements for the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Order in Australia, in 2020. A separate report relating to those arrangements appears elsewhere in the *Lazarus Letter*.

I trust that by now you have the dates for the forthcoming National Chapter in your diary. I take this opportunity to thank the organising committee of the Victorian Commandery for the work that has been done and will need to be done to make it the success I am sure it will be.

In closing, I wish you and your families a Holy and happy Christmas. May 2020 bring good health and happiness to us all.



**Chev Hon. Gavin Fielding AM GCLJ KMLJ**  
Grand Prior



H.E. The Chevalier Professor Noel Chapman GCLJ GCMLJ (Assistant Grand Prior of New Zealand);  
H.E. The Chevalier Professor Brett Delahunt ONZM KStJ GCLJ GCMLJ FRSNZ (Grand Prior of New Zealand);  
H.E. The Chevalier Hon Gavin Fielding AM GCLJ KMLJ (Grand Prior of Australia).

## CHANCELLOR'S LETTER



**D**ear Confreres and Consoeurs,  
As 2019 comes quickly to a close, let me wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you all for your many efforts on behalf of the Order and it's charitable works throughout the year. As we know, the needs are very great. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 2020 National Chapter in Melbourne. I know that the Victorian Commandery's organising committee has put a great deal of effort into the proposed program, and it promises to be informative, and enjoyable.

Additionally, I wish all Commanderies successful Patronal Day celebrations in the first half of December.

For me, personally, the past month has been most stimulating, and, in fact, I am writing this from Barcelona, having just completed the Burgos to Leon sector of the Camino de Santiago, in Spain. I hope to return to next year to finish the full walk. I can only say that on one beautiful morning, I felt a level of personal peace such as so frequently eludes us in our busy lives at home.

I had previously spent a wonderful four days in Malta at the International Conference on the history of the Order. Our Australian contingent formed the second largest group of attendees after the Maltese themselves - a great credit to the Australian Grand Priory. However, the sudden death of Chev. Charles George, who was to have delivered a paper at the proceedings, was a great shock and sadness to us all.

Charles had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the Order's history, and his contributions in so many areas will be greatly missed. I can only add my personal condolences to Elizabeth and Andrew at this sad time.

The initial phase of my journey, however, was my first visit to Israel. From a Christian perspective, of course, it was extraordinary to be there, and to walk in the steps of Our Lord. For me, Jerusalem and Galilee were the highlights - as, indeed, they must be for every Christian.

On a personal note, I was delighted to see, at The Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, a magnificent mosaic by Australian Artist, Justin O'Brien. At the time of construction in the 1960's, many countries from around the world provided National gifts. I met Justin only once in his later years, when he was in Brisbane for his final show at Philip Bacon's Gallery. His family had been friendly with my grandparents, and he authenticated for me a drawing he had done when staying in Brisbane in the 1930's, as a 14 year old! It had come to me through inheritance, and showed the great promise of the artist he was to become!

In Jerusalem, I Visited the Spafford Centre, and met with Dr. Dajani and Mrs Shahd Souri, the Director. Dr Dajani has now retired as Director of The Centre, having spent 40 years there as a paediatrician. She is married to a Palestinian doctor, and also told me that she had spent the first five years of her life in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp in Java where her Dutch parents were interned at the time of her birth!  
A truly extraordinary woman!

Both expressed enormous gratitude for the assistance the Centre had received from the Australian Grand Priory in the past, through the Anglican Overseas Aid Fund. They have been (and are still) most worthy of our support.

On more domestic issues, I should mention that Promotions and Awards Guidelines have now been approved by the Chancellor's Committee and the National Membership and Promotions Committee, and will be used in the forthcoming round.

The Grand Prior and myself will endeavour to attend as many individual Commandery Patronal Day Services as possible.

## CHANCELLOR'S LETTER *continued*

I must express great thanks to Bill Killinger for organising a most enjoyable lunch with the widow and daughter of Ray Bagdonas and myself. Ray, now deceased, was originally responsible for establishment of the Australian Grand Priory. They expressed their personal support, and indicated they would welcome the opportunity to participate in the Order's activities in the future. Many thanks, once again to Bill for his initiative in organising this contact.

I should also mention that David Masters (formerly, Secretary General) and Glenise Masters (formerly, Custodian of the Insignia) have moved to the Emeritus List. Both have made an enormous contribution to the Order over very many years. David and Glenise, our sincere thanks and gratitude for all you have done.

Confraternally yours,

 Chev David Slater KLJ OMLJ  
Chancellor

The Australian attendees at the International Academy Conference, Malta

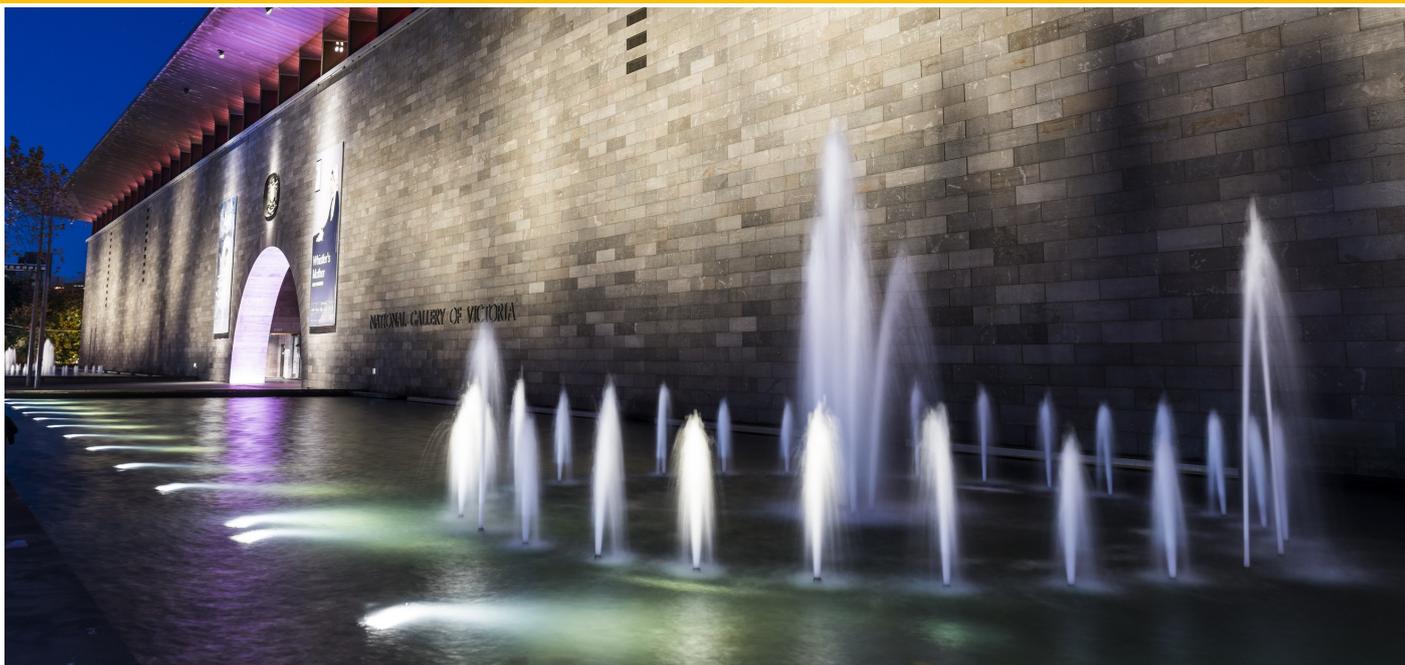


Angela Evans, Bill Nicholls, John Bishop, Beverley Charlton, Virginia Morris, Pamela Casagrande, Ross Sweet, David Slater, Joe Thorp.



## NATIONAL CHAPTER - MELBOURNE

30 April to 3 May 2020



Members of the Victorian Commandery are delighted to be hosting at Pullman Melbourne on the Park, a top meeting and conference destination with rooms and facilities overlooking the Fitzroy Gardens and the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground, where accommodation is available and all meetings will take place. Attractive discounts are available to attendees who book and pay prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.  
email: [h9875@accor.com](mailto:h9875@accor.com) or Ph: (03) 9419 2000.

The Pullman is located at the threshold of Melbourne's business, cultural, sporting and dining precincts and the vibrant business and social heart of the city is only minutes away on foot or public transport, where cobbled laneways, historic arcades and atmospheric streets can be explored.

Arrangements have been made to visit Parliament House on Spring Street as well as Bishopscourt, East Melbourne, a bluestone colonial mansion founded 1848, residence of the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne.

On Friday and Saturday, Committee meetings and National Council meetings will be conducted and a number of Seminars will be available with guest speakers covering a range of topics, including 'Wellness – Mental Health Services' when all are welcome to attend.

Tours can be arranged to the nearby MCG or a Yarra River cruise, or visit to Melbourne Aquarium, the State Library or the beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens; the National Gallery of Victoria or the Ian Potter Gallery at Federation Square. Free time will enable members to take a tour of Melbourne's CBD distinctive streets with quirky cafes, funky shops and eclectic galleries. St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral are well worth visiting and the Queen Victoria Market has something to offer everyone (open Thursday to Sunday 8am-2pm).

A Vigil Service will be held on Friday evening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park. The Investiture Service on Saturday evening is at St. Peter's Eastern Hill to be followed by a Black Tie Dinner at Pullman Melbourne on the Park. On Sunday we travel by coach to Christ Church South Yarra. For those departing Melbourne on Sunday afternoon, a bus will be provided for transport to the airport.

We look forward to welcoming you in Melbourne in 2020.



# REPORTS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Our annual fund raising Dinner in aid of the L'Arche community was held again this year at The Commonwealth Club, and we were delighted to raise in excess of \$26,000 to assist in purchasing a new vehicle for the Community. Many of the core members joined us and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



L'Arche Fundraiser

and/or drug abuse. Members have become involved and are assisting in a variety of ways with gardening and other maintenance.

To begin our fundraising for The Farm, we were so thankful to Dr Bryan and Mrs Rosemary Cutter for opening their wonderful home and garden for a Cocktail Party in October. The evening raised in excess of \$9,000 for The Farm.

Our annual L'Arche Barbecue and Cricket Match was again held in Telopea Park in November, where the L'Arche core members won the Heather Leedman Perpetual Trophy for their excellent sportsmanship.

We look forward to welcoming our Chancellor to our Patronal Festival in December. Our service will be held at the Wesley Uniting Church in Barton on 13 December, followed by dinner at the Commonwealth Club.

 **Mrs Elizabeth Scrivener OAM CLJ**  
President, ACT Commandery



Winter Service - Carmelite Monastery, Red Hill

Towards the end of August we held our Winter Service at the Carmelite Monastery in Red Hill, where we were welcomed most warmly by the Sisters. An enjoyable dinner at the Commonwealth Club followed the service.

This year we experienced a different kind of Retreat. Two ordained members of the Uniting Church led us in a study of some of the Psalms, using a variety of ancient musical instruments to help us understand various texts. A Thai lunch in Manuka followed, with our leaders joining us as we continued our fellowship together.

Our charitable giving over the years has been almost exclusively directed to L'Arche, which is an international community devoted to the care of intellectually and/or physically impaired adults.

While the Commandery will continue to support L'Arche as our major charity, some members suggested we investigate a further charity, The Farm at Galong, which is a 2 hour drive west of Canberra. It aims to give residential, emotional and educational support to women who have been affected by long term physical

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## NEW SOUTH WALES



Martin Dowling, Bernadette Azizi, Professor Marie Bashir, Pauline Dowling and Dr Jim Roche

Dame Professor Marie Bashir AD, CVO, attended the evening as our Guest of Honour. A great delight blanketed the room whilst listening to Professor Bashir speak about her time growing up in Narrandera and her journey from there through to her life of learning. Carrying then onto her medical life and then transitioning into the Governor of the State of New South Wales. Just over \$11,000 was raised and proceeds will go to **The Bush Children’s Education Foundation**, allowing the recipients of the funds to greatly benefit by the education and opportunities in the hope of a positive impact on their lives into the future.

### NSW Commandery Theatre Night

On Thursday the 25th of July 2019, NSW Commandery Members and Friends Enjoyed the Production ‘Natural Causes’ at the Pymble Players. A wonderful evening which raised \$5,494 to go towards our charities.

### NSW Commandery Quiet Day

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2019, NSW Commandery Members spent the day at The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville. A peaceful day reflecting and sharing a meal with fellow members.

### NSW Annual Gala Fund Raising Dinner

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, the NSW Commandery Celebrated its Annual Gala Fund Raising Dinner, at the Australian Automobile Club Sydney. 64 members and guests attended this special event.

 Chev Martin Dowling KLJ  
President, NSW Commandery






## Mark your Diary!




### Weekend of 24/25 October 2020 in Sydney

# 40th Anniversary - OLJ in Australia

Stay in downtown Sydney  
Commemoration Service St John's Gordon  
Gala Black Tie Dinner  
Lunchtime Harbour Cruise

Registration next year - Early enquiries John Hitchen 0409 042 173

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## QUEENSLAND

**As always it's all fun in the sun up here...**during 2019 we have had 5 Ordinary General Meetings including the AGM...2 Fundraisers...and a Patronal Day.

Our first fundraiser of the year on 7th April was a Movie Morning at the Old Queensland Museum in Fortitude Valley...we sold a record 170 plus tickets...we also had a great choice of movie...Alfred Hitchcock's classic "The Man Who Knew Too Much"

Early May found a large Queensland Commandery contingent heading south to Hobart for the 2019 National Chapter.

Our main fundraiser for 2019 was held on the 21st June at the University of Queensland Art Museum affording Members a unique opportunity to view the highlights of the Stuartholme - Behan Collection ...all thanks to the combined efforts of our Almoner Dame Diane Andrews DLJ and the Hon Dame Margaret White AO DCLJ CMLJ SCrLJ whose close connections to U of Q made it all possible.

Both fundraisers were hugely successful in no small part because of the culinary expertise of the Members and Spouses under the watchful eye of our Hospitaller Dame Pamela Casagrande DLJ and Chief of Everything Dame Gina McGuire DLJ who all so generously donated of their time energy and costs.



### Our Charities

We support 6 main charities donating an average of \$8,000 each...there are other charities we give varying one off amounts in time of need.

- SPP (Suicide Prevention Pathways)...Prevention of youth suicide
- Anglican Trinity Pantry...Support for the hungry and homeless
- Catholic Psychiatric Care
- Communitify...Refugee support
- Wedgetail Retreat...Palliative support
- Second Chance...Lutheran Community support...preparing the underprivileged for job interviews

Commandery Members are active in many diverse ways....serving on boards...counselling in the fields of addiction....on the front line serving food at the Trinity Pantry...anonymously funding worthy causes and individuals...volunteering for duty at the Mission to Seafarers to name just a few pathways of support and care our Members reach out to the community.

### Chaplaincy

Sadly we mourn the loss of the Very Reverend Arthur Grimshaw CLLJ OMLJ our Emeritus Anglican Chaplain who gave 30 years to the Order (see Obituary).

Our present Anglican Chaplain Fr Harry Reuss OStJ AChLJ has been newly appointed to minister to the Parish's of Nerang and Mudgeeraba (outer suburbs of the Gold Coast) and the Commandery is most grateful for his visiting presence at St Thomas's Toowong conducting a pre meeting service on OGM nights.

We welcomed our new Catholic Chaplain Fr Anthony Mellor who is also the newly appointed Dean of St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane to our Commandery.

### 2019 Patronal Day Functions

The church service this year is to be held at St Agatha's Catholic Church, Clayfield. Mass at 9am followed by Morning Tea at Dame Diane and Ron Andrews home nearby.

I am honoured to say the Grand Prior The Hon Gavin Fielding AM GCLJ KMLJ and Mrs Susan Fielding have accepted our invitation to be Guests of Honour at our Patronal Day Functions in Brisbane this year.

As this will be my last official presidential function... (three years have just flown) I would like to say how grateful I am to the Qld Commandery Members for their trust and friendship and importantly the good humour I have enjoyed during this tenure.



**Chev Ron Campbell Phillips KOTJ KLJ**  
President, QLD Commandery



## REPORTS FROM THE COMMANDERIES

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA



SA contingent at Malta - Angela Evans, John Bishop, Ross Sweet, Bill Nicholls, Joe Thorp.

Since the July Lazarus Letter report, the South Australian members have been consolidating the commandery activities.

The members have been looking at a more formalised way in which to undertake Pastoral Care to those who are no longer active in the SA Order. Ways being developed include formation of a "Pastoral care" group to regularly visit those who wish this, remembering those valued, now not active, members in personal regular prayer, and prayerful reflection of these members at each commandery meeting. Further, the wearing of the Green Cross, could remind us of our duty to the environment and underline our commitment to contribute to keeping the planet as clean as we are able.

Our "Quiet Day" will be held in March 2020 at St. Andrew's church and gardens.

The Almoner's committee has been investigating further fund-raising activities. We have depended on fairly standard fund-raisers, which are successful, but possibly in need of change. The annual film night is always successful, but "hands-on" catering is becoming more difficult. Ideas from the Almoner include a premium wine tasting (Penfolds wines) event, a

Maritime museum visit and a quiz night. Having the Director of the SA Museum as a member has also given us ideas!

The film night was held at the Capri cinema on Sunday July 28th. The very interesting musical film "Yesterday" proved very popular. The night raised approximately \$8,000. The proceeds will be donated to "Cure4CF", a research foundation for the disease.

This year we have made the following donations; Cure4CF \$10,000

St. John's Youth Services \$5,000

South Australian members made up almost half of the Australian attendees at the conference of the International Academy of the Order, held in Malta in October. The conference was very valuable in educating attendees of both the ancient and more modern history of the Order. It was most pleasant to have the opportunity to mix with the contributors from Europe, United Kingdom and America. The Grand Prior and members of the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands made us all most welcome. The conference concluded with a Solemn Investiture and Gala Dinner.

Our celebration of the Feast Day of St. Lazarus was held again on "Christ The King" Sunday, this year at

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA *continued*

St. Andrew's church Walkerville. We were honoured to have the Grand Prior and Sue present at the service and at the lunch which followed.

The membership committee has worked strongly on possible new members and has three most suitable potential new members who may be able to be invested in Melbourne or Adelaide, depending on the petition requirements being met.

Our "Adelaide 21" committee is well down the track in developing the programme for the Adelaide National Chapter meeting. The enthusiastic team has an exciting group of events planned for May 2021.

Since July, two Emeritus members have died, Mr. Brian Sallis AO CLJ and Dr. Jeanette Linn OAM CLJ. Prayerful reflection for both these members, along with Prof. Charles George and Grand Commander Emeritus Chev Ron Hendricks was held at our last meeting.

Finally, I would like express my gratitude to the members who work so assiduously to aid in the activities of the SA commandery and to contribute to the warmth of the group.

 **Chev Dr Ross Sweet AM KLJ**  
**President, SA Commandery**



## TASMANIA

- Membership
- Hobart Housing Crisis
- Cancer Care Coordinator Support - Gibson Ward
- Fundraising Garden Party
- Patronal Feast Day

### Membership

The Tasmanian Commandery has 14 Active members, 2 Emeritus members and 2 Inactive members. The Commandery was saddened by the deaths of Mary Hodgson OJ and Prof Peter Mudge AM CLJ during the year. Mary had only recently returned to active membership after a period of illness. Peter was made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2016. He was recognised for his significant service to medicine through contributions to professional organisations, to research and tertiary education, and to the community.

In recent months, the Tasmanian Commandery has undertaken a new membership initiative. A pleasing response to a number of invitations was followed by an enjoyable and lively information evening. It is anticipated further informal conversations will yield new members in the new year.

### Response to Housing Crisis

During the winter of 2019, Hobart experienced a critical shortage of affordable housing resulting in

more than 160 people being homeless each night. Community support organisations called for help from the community. At its June 2019 meeting the Tasmanian Commandery resolved to commit funds including the surplus from the National Chapter in Hobart held in May 2019 in response to the Hobart housing crisis. Donations of \$5,000 were made to each of Anglicare, Hobart City Mission, Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul, totalling \$20,000 in all.

### Cancer Care Coordinator Support - Gibson Ward

The funding of the Cancer Care Coordinator at the Gibson Unit, St John's Campus, Calvary Health Care, now in its fourth year, continued as the major focus of the Tasmanian Commandery in 2019. On Wednesday, 3 October The Tasmanian Commandery made a further donation of \$5,500 in support of the role, bringing the total of donations over the period to \$44,000.

### Fundraising Garden Party

A "Secret Garden" of mature trees framing a magnificent view over the harbour of the Derwent River, beds of roses amidst extensive lawns, was the setting for the Tasmanian Commandery's major fundraising function of 2019. Our hosts Graham (CLJ) and Rosemary Woodward prepared the garden and their delightful home for the event, held on Sunday,

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## TASMANIA continued

3 November 2019. More than 85 guests with a glass of wine and canapes had the opportunity to wander through the grounds or view the garden from the vantage point of the terrace.

Commandery President, Richard Pringle-Jones, in welcoming guests and supporters, thanked Rosemary and Graham for their generosity hosting the garden party at their home and introduced Cath Youl, Cancer Care Coordinator at Gibson Ward, St John’s Hospital. Cath spoke about her role in the Ward, at times with humour but also reminding her audience how of the challenges facing both patients and their families coordinating specialists, appointments and treatments and processing both government and private health funding. She emphasised how much the position has benefitted patients and families and the satisfaction she derives as a health professional. President Richard then presented her with a teddy bear that had been given to the Tasmanian Commandery by Will Carter, Commander of the Western Cape Commandery, Bailiwick of South Africa, during his visit to Hobart. Commander Will had explained that the teddy bears are handmade and dressed with the St Lazarus green cross by volunteer women in order to provide support to homeless children in Cape Town. President Richard suggested that the St Lazarus bear might bring some joy and comfort to patients on the Gibson Ward.

### Patronal Feast Day 2019

The Tasmanian Commandery will celebrate the Feast of St Lazarus of Jerusalem on Friday, 13, December 2019, with a service at All Saints Church, South Hobart, followed by dinner at the University Club, University of Tasmania. We look forward to having as our guests, Grand Prior Chev Hon. Gavin Fielding and Mrs Susan Fielding and also Secretary General Peter Bennison (who is also a member of the Tasmanian Commandery).

Mr Don Macleod CLJ

 Chev Richard Pringle-Jones KJ, President, TAS Commandery



Presentation of cheque to Cancer Care co-ordinator Cath Youl by President Richard Pringle-Jones with Dame Sister Juliana Coulson and Nurse Unit Manager Hannah Butler .



President Pringle-Jones presents the St. Lazarus bear to Cath Youl.

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## VICTORIA

2019 has been a year of consolidation for the Victorian Commandery. There has been a number of highlights for which I would like to thank the various members. These include:

### Fund-raising

Our fund-raising team led by Mrs Robin Richards CLJ has generated some very pleasing results. In late March, we were very generously hosted by Will and Camille Edwards for a delightful cocktail party titled "Fake or Fortune". Over 40 members and guests bought a wide range of interesting antiques and collectibles to be discussed and appraised by Ian Armstrong OAM JP CLJ.



*Almoner, Robin Richards CLJ and Ian Armstrong CLJ surveying the various items brought along to the "Fake or Fortune" event.*

The Victorian Commandery has also received a number of significant donations from:

- The Freemasons of Victoria Foundation (\$15,000);
  - Toorak Op-Shop (\$10,000); and
  - The Vera Moore Foundation (\$10,000).
- A number of Victorian Commandery members have also made significant donations which totalled over \$10,000.



*President, John Molnar KLJ OMLJ presenting a cheque to St Mary's House of Welcome Chief Executive Officer Ms Robina Bradley and Chairman Dr Ralph Hampson*

Our Gala Dinner held on 19 October 2019 was pleasing, with approximately \$22,000 raised. The Dinner was held at the Australian Club. A wide range of items were offered for silent and public auction. A highlight was

soprano Ms Emily Burke, as Commandery members and their guests were treated to a first class performance. I again reiterate my thanks to the Gala Dinner Sub-committee and to those members who made donations to the auction items.

### Support for the marginalised

Our fund-raising efforts this year have allowed us to increase the funds available to support our Hospitaller works. Our hard working Hospitaller, Richard Lodder OJ, has spent many Fridays working at the Wellington Centre or St Peter's Eastern Hill's Lazarus Centre. To his credit, we have introduced a new hospitaller project (as a pilot), the St Mary's House of Welcome. Once again the Victorian Commandery has supported the:

- Lazarus Centre in Fitzroy, the St Peter's Breakfast program (received \$16,500);
- Wellington Centre in Collingwood (received \$13,500);
- Spafford Centre (\$18,000 payment made to Anglican Overseas Aid);
- St Mary's House of Welcome (received \$5,000) and
- Green Cross Project Inc was supported with a donation of \$3,000.

I have been deeply encouraged to learn of the good work of GCPI. With the media coverage of the mobile GP service and now a third bus on the way with Monash Health, GCPI is a special project for the Victorian Commandery to support.

The severe drought and associated impacts across much of NSW has also been of concern for us. In response, we made a donation of \$2,500 to the Catholic Bishop of Wilcannia Forbes and \$2,500 to the Anglican Bishop of Riverina. We continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers those rural communities who are so severely affected by drought.

The Victorian Commandery has been able to provide \$60,000 to various Hospitaller projects this year.

### National Chapter 2019

Victoria was pleased to have four new members invested at the National Chapter meeting in Hobart this year. These were:

- Mr Fabian Aurnia OJ
- Rt Rev Archpriest Dr Fr Lawrence Cross OAM A/ChLJ
- Monsignor Stuart Hall EV RAN ChLJ
- Rev Kathryn Watt A/ChLJ

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## VICTORIA continued



*Victorian Commandery members with Fr Ian Morrison*

It was also very pleasing to see a number of well-deserved promotions including:

To Commander

- Mr Ian Armstrong OAM JP CLJ
- Mrs Mary Armstrong CLJ
- Mr Arthur Hallett CLJ
- Mr James McCarthy CLJ

We were also very pleased to acknowledge the contributions of Dame Glenise Masters DLJ who was awarded a CMLJ.

The Rev Canon Dr Ray Cleary AM has been a tower of strength this year, particularly with our prayer service before Commandery meetings. Of particular importance to me is the evening devotion in the Chapel of Our Lord and St Lazarus held before each Commandery business meeting. My thanks to Bishop Peter Hollingworth AC OBE for assisting us with the various Commandery meetings, including National Chapter meetings, interviews with prospective members, and Green Cross Project Inc meetings.

### **Fr Ian Morrison A/ChLJ**

A number of members attended the Commissioning of Fr Ian Morrison at St Andrew's Church Brighton. There were more than 200 people present including twenty

clergy from around Melbourne, local dignitaries and fifty members from Holy Trinity Anglican church, Surrey Hills (Ian Morrison's former church).

We are very excited to be hosts to the National Chapter meeting to be held here in Melbourne next year 30 April – 4 May 2020. We will be based at the Pullmann Hotel and I encourage everyone to book early to lock in a very cost effective rate at the Pullmann. The National Chapter Working Group has planned a number of innovations for the meeting. So, I look forward to seeing many of you next year here in Marvellous Melbourne.

 **Chev John Molnar KLJ OMLJ**  
President, VIC Commandery



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### WESTERN AUSTRALIA



*The Very Reverend Dr John Shepherd AM at the Vatican with His Holiness Pope Francis in April 2019.*

Following the appointment in January 2019 of the President of the WA Commandery, the Very Reverend Dr John Shepherd as Interim Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Pope and the Holy See, Chev. Kevin Edwards KLJ OMLJ took over the role of President, and continued the drive for effective fundraising, identification of appropriate projects for the Order to support, and the quest for new members. We continue to meet regularly at Christ Church Claremont, and conclude our meetings with a meal together at a local restaurant.

Two special functions have been held this year with a view to consolidating our funds. A most enjoyable Commandery dinner was held at the home of the Grand Prior, the Hon. Chev. Gavin Fielding AM GCLJ KMLJ and Mrs Sue Fielding, and a wine tasting evening was hosted by Dame Beverley Charlton DLJ CMLJ. The wines were donated by Voyager Estate, through the generosity of Mrs Alex Burt, the spouse of Mr Julian Burt CLJ.

The annual Evensong at St George's Cathedral was held in October. The preacher was the Right Reverend Bishop Donald Sproxton ChLJ, Assistant Bishop of Perth and a National Deputy Chaplain, and the service was

overseen by our Anglican Chaplain, the Reverend Fr Peter Boyland ChLJ, Rector of Christ Church Claremont.

The end of year service was held in the East Perth Chapel of St Bartholomew. The preacher was the Reverend Fr Peter Boyland. As is customary, this service was followed by a formal dinner to mark the end of the year.

During the course of 2019 the Order has donated significant funds to a number of charitable organisations whose work with the disadvantaged and underprivileged is both commendable and effective. They include *Mum's Cottage* Mandurah, *Doors Wide Open* in Bunbury, *L'Arche* in Perth, *Diversity South* in Mandurah, which provides support to adults with disabilities, enabling them to participate in community programmes, and the *Christ Church Claremont Crisis Fund*, offers support to the homeless of Perth. Our allocation to *L'Arche* has been facilitated through the good offices of another of our chaplains, Fr Greg Burke ChLJ. The total disbursements for the year 2019 are in excess of \$21,000.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA continued



Presentation to Diversity South in July of this year of the donation made by Chev. Peter Walters on behalf of the WA Commandery.

Already a black-tie dinner at the Weld Club has been arranged for next year, when the President will be the keynote speaker. The talk will included a resume of his time in Rome at the Anglican Centre, working with senior ecclesiastical figures in the Vatican and at Canterbury. The topic will be ‘Anglicans and Catholics - Prospects for Unity’. We are hoping this event will be the occasion for the Commandery to reach a wide audience, and to interest visitors in the work of the Order.

One of our members, Dr Christopher Wortham OLI, formerly Professor of English at the University of Western Australia, and now of Notre Dame University, has been instrumental in organising musical concerts with the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra to take place in August of 2020. Proceeds from the concerts are generously to be given to the work of the Order.

After many years of devoted service Chev John Cunningham KLJ OMLJ retired from the position of Treasurer, a post now taken up by Dame Beverley Charlton. We thank John for his diligent and expert contribution in this important role, and look forward to Beverley’s time in this important office.

The Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury had called President Kirr, five vice-presidents, and Church leaders from the South Sudan for a three day retreat in the Casa Sanctae Marthae, inside the Vatican.

Pope Francis urged them all to pursue peace – as he said – ‘for peace is the fundamental condition for ensuring the rights of each individual and the development of all people.’

Archbishop Justin Welby concluded with a commissioning – ‘We commission you,’ he said, ‘as ambassadors of peace. Stop fighting, and make peace, not war.’

Chev Kevin Edwards KLJ OMLJ

 **The Reverend Dr John Shepherd AM ChLJ OMLJ  
President, WA Commandery**



## VALE

**The Very Reverend Dean Emeritus Arthur John Grimshaw GCSJ ChLJ CMLJ (1933-2019)**

On 16 September 2019 Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane was filled to capacity with family, clergy of several denominations, numerous friends, members of the OJ and former parishioners, including His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, to acknowledge the life and service of Arthur John Grimshaw. Arthur had been Rector at Holy Trinity Church from 1968 to 1975 and had loved its rich musical tradition. He would have appreciated the splendid singing at his Requiem Mass the musical setting which he had arranged and which included three of his own compositions. OJ members who were in Brisbane for the National Chapter in May 2016 will recall that the Investiture Service was held in Holy Trinity Church.

Arthur was born in Victoria in 1933. In 1942 he entered Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne on a choral scholarship for St Paul's Cathedral. Thence began, as Arthur noted in his memoir, "an abiding love of cathedrals and the music they enshrine".

After school he commenced his theological studies at Trinity College in the University of Melbourne and St John's College, Morpeth graduating ThL (Hons) in 1957. The following year he obtained his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne and married Mary, a nurse. In due course the Grimshaws had four boys, David, Peter, Richard and John.

Shortly after ordination Arthur was appointed Assistant Chaplain at Geelong Grammar School, Corio followed by appointment as Vicar of Romsey, Lancefield and Sunbury, a large country parish north of Melbourne. Thereafter, Arthur accepted an invitation to become Precentor at St George's Cathedral, Perth in 1964 serving beside Dean Jim Payne and Archbishop George Appleton until he was invited to become Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Brisbane. Arthur described Holy Trinity as "an innercity parish, one of the few with a competent choir". While at Holy Trinity and acknowledging his love of and experience in cathedral music in Melbourne and Perth, Arthur was invited to join the St John's Cathedral Music Advisory Committee.

After Holy Trinity Arthur and Mary gave five vigorous years to St Paul's Ipswich, west of Brisbane followed by five years at St Augustine's Hamilton, a suburb just north of the Brisbane CBD. In 1985 Arthur was appointed Dean of St John's Cathedral where he remained until he retired from active church ministry in 1998. The Grimshaw's residence was The Deanery, built in 1855 as a private residence (Adelaide House) and leased as a home for the first governor of Queensland. The Proclamation establishing the colony of Queensland and separation from New South Wales was read from the balcony of the residence on 10 December 1859. In this house the Grimshaw family lived history including, by 1985, its many inconveniences.

The building of St John's Cathedral commenced in 1906 on land adjacent to The Deanery and proceeded in stages. The second stage concluded in 1969. As Dean, Arthur drove the third and final stage with the "Cathedral Completion" project which began in 1989. It was a massive undertaking - many committees, fundraising events, overseas master craftsmen and builders throughout the Cathedral making its administration difficult. On his retirement in 1998 Arthur was appointed Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral.

Notwithstanding the many calls on his time and energy Arthur agreed to become a chaplain to the Order of St Lazarus in the Queensland Commandery in 1987. He contributed a tremendous amount to the life of the Order both in Queensland and nationally. He attended the regular Commandery meetings assiduously prepared appropriate reflections and liturgies, organised reflection days and participated in National Chapters. He rose to be Deputy National Chaplain. He and Mary were always in attendance at the Order's fundraising events with Mary's sociability and sausage rolls essential to their success! Arthur was a sound and wise advisor to the Queensland Commandery and to the National Senior Office Bearers in matters of liturgy and the sometimes knotty problems of ritual which arise in a vigorous ecumenical organisation. Arthur's wonderful dry sense of humour leavened every difficulty.

Typically, Arthur wanted no eulogy at his funeral service preparing instead a recollection printed at the end of the service booklet. He concluded that his life had been blessed, and indeed, it had, which helped him to understand

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“...that God is my life, my joy, my peace and everything which attaches to that. We are certainly thankful for all those events that have shaped us to be the persons we are, but we live in the world of today, and we look to the future with joy and with hope – indeed expectation. The mysteries yet to be unveiled are beyond our knowledge, but that is an exciting prospect.”

Arthur contributed significantly to the life of Anglicanism in Australia, to the people of Brisbane especially in the completion of St John’s Cathedral, and to the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem which will be grateful to him for his dedication and effectiveness. He was honoured by the Order as a Chaplain ChLJ and as a Commander in the Companiate of Merit (CMLJ). The members remember Arthur with gratitude and affection and offer their loving support to Mary and their wider family.

The Hon. Dame Margaret White



### Grand Commander Emeritus, Ronald Hendriks, GCLJ-J (1945-2019)



It is my distinct honour to offer this tribute to our dear friend and Grand Commander Emeritus, Ronald Hendriks, GCLJ-J, who passed away on Wednesday, 11 September 2019 at the age of 74 after a courageous battle against cancer. Ron was a friend to many members of the Order and traveled extensively throughout the world to visit our jurisdictions.

We will always remember his strong, unwavering commitment to the Order and his great kindness. His human and Christian qualities and absolute dedication to the service of the Order were known and appreciated by many. We lost a special friend, a gentle giant of a man who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was as large as life in personality, and his management skills were second to none. We greatly appreciated him, and he was very loyal, reliable and supportive.

Ron was truly a pillar of our Order in many ways. The Order is deeply indebted to Ron for his leadership and guidance over many years. He was a solid right hand for me, as well as my uncle and my father. Ron played a key role in achieving the reunification of our Order. It was a privilege to know and work with him.

He was a very special friend whom many of us loved and respected. Our Order will not be the same without him, and we will never forget his kindness. It was an honour to collaborate with a person who excelled in kindness, with respect for the highest values. We will remember him with affection and admiration. We have lost a dear and special friend and mentor, but his legacy will live on for years to come.

Our heartfelt prayers and most sincere condolences go to Herma and Ron’s family at this sad time, as well as all who loved and cared for Ron. He was a good friend and brother in Saint Lazarus, and it is a joy to pay this tribute to a great servant of the Order.

His Excellency The Grand Master



# SHOFAR

## AN EVOCATION FROM THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



### A RECIPE FOR A TRULY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

God does not often speak to people in spectacular and dramatic ways – a burning bush or chariot of fire. More usually He reveals Himself in ‘the still small voice’ rather than in the wind and fire and earthquake. But the story of the birth of Jesus is one of drama and surprise, although it seems that very few only were aware of the fact that the most stupendous event in history had taken place. God did not send His messenger to Caesar Augustus, nor to the rich and influential - the news was given to some unknown shepherds while they were engaged in their ordinary work. As they kept watch over their flocks on the Judean hillside, suddenly the stillness of the night was broken by the Glory of God.

No wonder the shepherds, who would fearlessly deal with prowling wild animals, became afraid at this dramatic and startling event. The message, however, was one of assurance and joy. ‘Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day .....a Saviour’. Then, with the multitude of the heavenly host, the ‘Gloria’ of promise and light - ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’. In the Greek the word Soter (Saviour) is a dominant feature. Always at the back of the word is the idea of rescue, rescue from a situation in which only God can be effective. But the Jews had expected a Saviour who would redeem them from the power of the Romans rather than from their sins! Whatever Messiah they had expected, they could hardly have been expected to look for Him in a stable - and in a place like Bethlehem.

How different are the ways of God! Listen again to the angel’s message - ‘To YOU is born’ .... How personal this is; not to your nation, nor even to Mary and Joseph is born, but to YOU. Here surely is the whole concept of the Christian religion in a nutshell! It is a personal matter. Our relationship with God is something which concerns each one of us individually and intimately. It is necessary and important that the world should

return to God - that all should be redeemed - but salvation begins with the individual. The message of the Gospel is YOU must be born again. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and YOU shall be saved - not the Jewish people nor the world, but YOU!!

This personal aspect was emphasised again and again by Jesus Himself. YOU are the light of the world - not the imposing synagogue or church in the main street. YOU must love the Lord your God - not the Jews nor Gentiles not even the neighbours - YOU!

Yes, the message of Christmas IS a personal one. So often the song of the angels is lost in the tumult of mass movements and organisations. Religion is regarded as a national or denominational matter rather than as a personal one. Yet the Christianity that conquered the Roman Empire was not an affair of brilliant preachers addressing packed congregations, but of dedicated individuals who knew their faith, and above all, who lived their faith, because Christ had been born afresh in them.

Has Christ been born afresh in YOU? It will be a truly Happy Christmas if you can answer YES to that!



**Right Reverend Richard Hurford OAM KStJ  
ECLJ, National Chaplain**



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