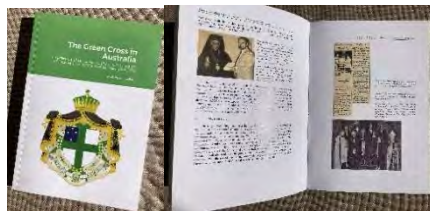


## OLJ in Australia – 40 years of History



The **New South Wales Commandery** has published a book recording the history of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem in Australia from its earliest years until the present day.

The Order began in Australia with the Order's Grand Chancellor at the time, **H.E. Guy Coutant de Saisseval** appointing Alderman **Ray Bagdonas** of Campbelltown as a Commander.



**Guy Coutant de Saisseval**

(between Prince Willy von Thurn und Taxis and H.E. Francois de Cossé)

Ray Bagdonas CLJ received his brevet in 1980 and was empowered by the Grand Master of the Paris Obedience,

**H.E. Pierre de Cossé-Brissac 12<sup>th</sup> Duke of Brissac** to form a Delegation of the Order in Australia.



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The first meeting of members recruited by Ray Bagdonas was held in Sydney, in New South Wales, in early 1981. The first Investiture took place at St John's Anglican Church Gordon on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1981.

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*Investiture  
St. Johns  
Anglican Church,  
Gordon.*



The first charitable act of the new Australian Delegation was the establishment of a new care facility – St Lazarus

House - at Campbelltown near Sydney. This facility provided activities for the mentally ill, persons needing rehabilitation and assistance for migrant groups.

The book includes

- History
- Chronology
- Grand Prior bios
- List of Members
- Bibliography
- Index

The book was written by a person of great distinction in the field of history. Matthew Glozier took on the task of producing this book in a totally honorary capacity.



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