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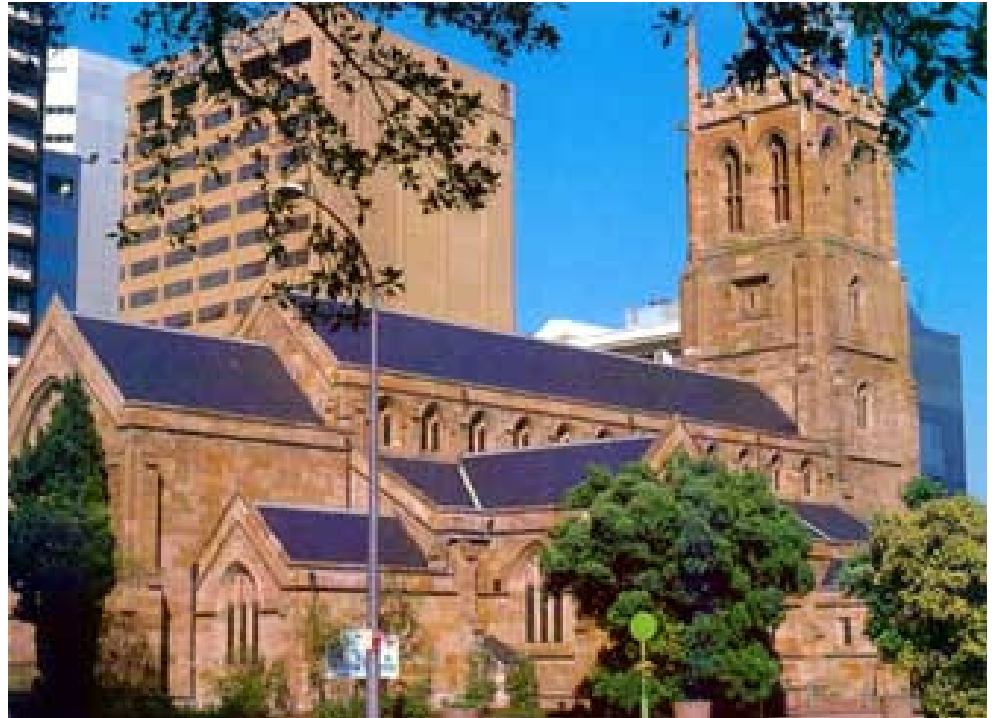
A Newsletter of the Priory of New South Wales

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Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem—Knights Hospitaller

Venue
For the 19th June
Investiture Ceremony
St Philips Anglican
Church
York St Sydney



STOP PRESS ! STOP PRESS! New Grand Prior Appointed



Advice was received on 7 March 2010 that the grand Master Prince Wladimir Karageorgvitch in consultation with the Petit Conseil had appointed, the former Grand Hospitaller and member of the Petit Conseil, Bailiff Anthony Bailey GCSJ as the Grand Prior Southern Australia.

To take effect the appointment has to be confirmed by the Grand Priory Council under Section 55 of the Southern Grand Priory Company Constitution.

Once confirmed Anthony will then choose his team to lead the Grand Priory and form a new Grand Priory Council.

FROM THE PRIOR

Following the Investiture of new members on 19 June 2010, I will step down as Prior and will hand over to a new team the following day, who will bring new ideas to prosper the Order. I have instructed the Vice Chancellor to seek nominations from eligible can-

didates so that the election of a new Prior can proceed. I am proud of the Priory's achievements during my tenure as Prior over the past three years, particularly in fundraising and open communication. None could have eventuated without the loyal support of members of the Priory and many friends of the Priory who have contributed generously.

Over the next few months I will endeavour to personally thank these supporters.

My resignation will not mean the end of my formal involvement in the Order, I will still be an ordinary member of the Priory and support its charitable endeavours.

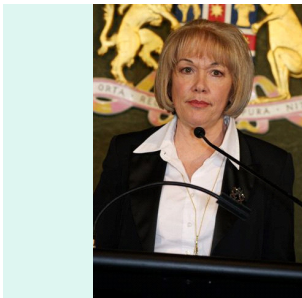
Chevalier Fred Maestrelli



Serving Sister Sheryl Way has been spending much of her spare time painting pictures that she will donate for the auction to be held at the Charity Auction at Parliament House. The paintings are framed and ready to hang and will enhance any blank wall space in either the house or office. So give yourself a threat and bid at the auction.



PARLIAMENT HOUSE LUNCH
30 APRIL 2010



Prof. Lesley Campbell and her staff at the Diabetes Centre have been working hard to put our recent donation of \$12,000 to good use. We can report that a new style trial ses-

sion was held in October with an Exercise Physiologist who specialises in working with people with type 1 diabetes. This session addressed how to manage exercise and sport while still achieving satisfactory diabetes management.

Since our donation arrived in January Centre staff have completed the design for a further series of group sessions for both type 1 and type 2 patients run by both exercise physiologists and psychologists with specific expertise in working with people with diabetes. The sessions are designed to provide additional support and self-management skills so that people with diabetes can develop adequate fitness. It is also well recognised that people with dia-

betes have difficulty with increased depression which impacts on their ability to reach self management goals and would benefit from emotional support skills (addressed by the psychologist). The benefit of the programs will be evaluated to determine their effectiveness and reported, with subsequent integration of valuable segments into the Diabetes Service provided by the centre wherever possible.

Future estimates indicate that to provide sessions in the long term will require continued financial support. The lunch is an opportunity to continue our support for these innovative activities that provide the increasing number of diabetes sufferers with a holistic approach to combating the disease.

Let's aim high and try to better our last effort in raising much needed funds.

<u>AUCTION</u>	<u>BOOKINGS</u>
Items to auction are still required. no matter how small or large. Go and seek donations from known local business acquaintances.	Some early birds have already booked seats for the lunch. Send in your form early and include family and friends. Why not fill a table of 10?



Sister Anthea Groves, a member of the Sisters of Charity and a loyal supporter of our fundraising functions for the Diabetes Centre, has been honoured with an Order Of Australia Medal (OAM) for

services to nursing at St Vincent's Hospital. Well done Sister Anthea.

Diabetes Public Seminar-19 Aug 2010

The Garvan Institute is a global leader in diabetes research and committed to finding new ways to understand, control and prevent the disease. Garvan researchers are tackling the problem of type 2 diabetes from many directions, including: investigating the role of genes in the development of type 2 diabetes; collaborating with scientists at the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica to unlock the potential of traditional Chinese medicines for better treatments; and understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying the disease. Garvan's expert panel of researchers and clinicians from the Diabetes & Obesity Program will give you the most up-to-date information in the fight against diabetes.

Registration is essential call (02) 9295 8110.

INVESTITURE

There is still time to nominate suitable candidates for membership. The Nominations Committee chaired by Chevalier Alf Willings will accept nominations until 16 April 2010.



Chevalier Barry Walmsley KCSJ attended a ceremony at the Great Hall of the University of Sydney in February to be formally welcomed as an alumnus by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Michael Spence, the Dean of the Conservatorium, Professor

Kim Walker and the Chancellor (and NSW Governor), Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC CVO. The recognition ceremony was for graduates of the Sydney Conservatorium who had studied there prior to the institution being formally merged with the University in 1990.



Dame Carmen Maestrelli DSJ is being kept extremely busy with organising the Parliament House lunch being held on 30 April and the arrival of two grandsons in recent weeks. Jacob and



Ebube, both are well and growing fast.

Dr The Chevalier John Fricker KCSJ a member of the ACT Commandery was recognised for his work in the field of dentistry and awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) on Australia



Day. Our warmest congratulations John for your dedication and award.

Chevalier Michael Spencer KCSJ has donated his considerable skills as an heraldic artist for the forthcoming auction. The highest bidder will have their family coat of arms researched and painted on quality board and framed ready for hanging. So bring your credit cards with you.

Chevalier Glen Tomkins KCSJ in 2009 visited the city of Brugge and discovered a piece of our Order's history. From as early as the 12th century, St. John's Hospital, one of the quintessential monuments of Bruges, was offering shelter to pilgrims, poor people and the sick. They were housed in three monumental wards which were built in the 13th century. The adjoining monastery dates from the same period. Well over three centuries later, in the 16th and 17th centuries, the convent was added. The whole edifice is one of the oldest surviving hospitals in Europe. Even the hospital grounds still have their original surfacing. The St. John's Hospital (now Memling in Sint-Jan - Hospital Museum). The museum gives a moving impression of what life was like in a medieval hospital ward. Numerous



pieces of furniture, silverwork, pewter, paintings,



statues, etc. evoke images of the care of people and souls that took place, throughout the centuries. The hospital chapel is a monument to the artistic genius of Hans Memling. This 15th-century artist created many of his greatest works for the St John's Hospital, including his famous St. Ursula Shrine. .



Dame Gaye Fisher DCSJ arranged for Bailiff Tony Rich and Chevalier David Duchesne to appear on George Stevenson's radio program to talk about the Order in general and the activities of the Priory. Some interesting figures on membership (these are approximate) were discussed.

	Knights/ Dames	Brother/ Sisters
UK	66	
Scotland	24	
Italy	54	
France	18	
Denmark	16	13
Norway	39	25
Sub Total	217	38
VIC	174	2
SA	92	2
NSW	40	7
QLD	200	
Sub Total	506	11
GRAND TOTAL	723	49

Vale
Chevalier Albert Chizmesya RFD ED JP KCSJ, long time Treasurer SA Priory, passed away in February 2010

Maj The Chevalier Rory Cain KCSJ a member of the ACT Commandery was posted to Melbourne in January 2010 and has now joined the Victorian Priory.

Dame Patricia Thompson DSJ Vice Prior, is on the non-active list as she is now residing in a nursing home. Chevalier Peter Shilton KCSJ has been appointed a Vice Prior to replace Patricia.

The interview was broadcast on 88.1 2RDJ FM on Sunday 28 March 2010. It was a very informative session that highlighted the Order as a whole and provided valuable insight into the activities of the Priory.

Both Bailiff Tony Rich and Chevalier David Duchesne are to be congratulated on their efforts to promote the Order to a wider audience.