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*At the Victorian Priory 2019
Investiture Dinner, L to R:
Bailiff Prior Martin Conlon
GCSJ; Grand Commander
Ian Reid GCSJ MMSJ; Grand
Hospitaller May Storrie CBE
GCSJ MMSJ and seated,
Chevalier John Brownbill RFD
KCSJ*

Image: Stella Conlon



CHEVALIER CHARLES CLARK GCSJ MMSJ

From the Editor's desk

This issue of the Bulletin bridges between a momentous 2019 and what is expected to be a momentous 2020.

In 2019 we witnessed history being made in the Grand Priory of Australasia with two Commanderies, in Western Australia and in the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, being elevated to Priory status, and a new Commander being appointed for Brisbane Commandery.

As well, we had the visit of the three Senior Members of the International Sovereign Order of St John, the Grand Master, the Grand Commander, and the Grand Hospitaller, a visit which was

enjoyable, constructive, and with a determined and progressive move forward in our relationship with the Sovereign Order.

Now the Australian Order moves into 2020 for further strengthening our ties with the International family, especially through the Sovereign Council Meeting in September in Vancouver, which a number of us will be attending.

Also this year we look forward to bringing new Members into the Australian Order through Investiture.

When each of us was admitted by Accolade to the Order of Saint John, we were told that the

Investiture Ceremony and the Commemoration of the Lifting of the Siege of Malta were Days of Obligation.

The fact that these are not well attended, especially in the Priory with the largest membership, indicates that we are taking too casual an approach to "Obligation". Surely the word has a connotation of commitment.

May we do better in 2020! Any Member who has not attended one of these Festivals should consider doing so, just as those who do attend should consider encouraging others to do so.

For the New Year, I give T. S. Eliot the last word: *"For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice"* (from his poem "Little Gidding"). ❖



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The modern Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller is a Christian, chivalric, ecumenical, and international community directly descended from the Hospitaller activities at the Hospice founded before the turn of the 11th century by Amalfi merchants, for pilgrims in Jerusalem.

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Music and Cocktails on April 4th

Reserve the date for Brisbane Commandery's fund raiser



Image: Thanks to Chevalier John Postle

The Brisbane Commandery will hold a Cocktail Party in the beautiful surroundings of St John's Cathedral on Saturday, 4 April at 5:30pm. Music will feature in the evening's activities and a wonderful evening should be enjoyed by all.

All members of the Commandery, Priors and Commanders of other Commanderies, will receive an invitation shortly and all are welcome to attend.

While you are there, take the opportunity to see the carved Maltese Cross in the Donors' Gallery. The Cross was carved in sandstone by Master Mason Peter Dare as acknowledgement of the donation given by the Order of Saint John to the Cathedral Completion Fund.

Brisbane Commandery looks forward to welcoming you.



IMAGES

Left: The Nave, looking toward the Chancel

Above right: the Maltese Cross honouring the Order, in St John's Cathedral, Brisbane

The Cathedral, through the Dean and the Events Manager, has been very generous to the Order of Saint John for this function in keeping our costs to the Cathedral to an absolute minimum.

The Cathedral staff are very conscious of charitable works and of welcoming all forms and conditions of our communities. This includes raising funds for many local charities, and providing clean linen and towels and professional medical assistance for the homeless. ✠

Coffee and Cathedral

On the first Sunday of the month Members of Brisbane Commandery are invited to meet at the Sofitel Hotel at 4:30 pm for coffee, then move on to St John's Cathedral for Evensong.

The service offers some of the best in church music, organ and choir, in Australia, and on the first Sunday, a special preacher.

After the service, and over wine and cheese, the congregation is invited to stay and discuss the sermon and other matters relating to the

visiting preacher in a session called "Debate the Preacher".

In a relaxed atmosphere at the Sofitel, in an area set aside for us, the staff look after us very well. The session with the preacher usually attracts 30 to 40 people and is always informative.

At present, the Brisbane Commandery group varies from about ten to fifteen, with lively discussion, and there is room for more.

A pleasant and social way to spend Sunday afternoon! ✠

Vancouver
SOSJ Sovereign
Council 14 – 20
September 2020

Complete Program has now been emailed to Members. Forms and details are also available on the SOSJ website:
sosjinternational.org

Vale: Chevalier the Reverend Ken Williams, KCSJ 20-03-1947 – 21-12-2019



“Grief is the price the we pay for love”; this statement from Her Majesty the Queen was quoted by the Officiant to a packed Chapel of the Pinnaroo Memorial Park in picturesque bushland in Perth’s north, at the funeral of the WA Priory’s Conventual Chaplain, Chevalier the Reverend Ken Williams, KCSJ, Knight of Justice.

The Reverend Frances Hadfield, assisted by the Reverend Geoff Blyth and the Moderator of the Uniting Church in WA, the Reverend Steve Francis, conducted a service at which Priory members formed the Guard of Honour, both inside and outside the crowded Chapel. The service allowed for the true expression of grief, followed by the acknowledgement of the deep love felt by all present, not least, the Dames and Knights of the WA Priory.

In his last sermon in our Conventual Church, St George’s Cathedral, last May at the Investiture and Elevation to Priory status, Chevalier Ken spoke directly to those about to receive the accolade of Knighthood, using the Gospel words of our Patron. His message to the aspirants, and to all of us, was clear; “Prepare the way of the Lord ... Bear fruits worthy of repentance ... Whoever has two

coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food, must do likewise”. Indeed, these words were fulfilled in every aspect of the life journey of Ken Williams himself.

Ken was born in Manchester, England, and migrated at the age of six with his parents. In 1965 he was accepted as a candidate for ministry by the Presbyterian Church of Tasmania, but it was meeting with Ted Noffs and Charles Perkins of the Wayside Chapel in King’s Cross, Sydney, that led to his qualification in Clinical Psychology.

In 1969, together with his wife Jill, the couple came to Perth, where Ken gained degrees as a Master of Psychology and a Bachelor of Commerce. In 1985, Ken was asked to establish and later became Director of the State Government Office of Re-deployment. In all this, he never lost sight of God’s calling to Ordained Ministry. In the meantime his work for the Uniting Church, in financial and business areas, accompanied studies for a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

In 2001 Ken was ordained to ministry; there followed parish work, and in 2008, Ken was installed as the 14th Moderator of the Uniting Church in WA. His work there became a by-word for a sound

recognition of past traditions and good governance, with a vision for the future based on doing whatever was possible to alleviate the needs of the poor and the needy.

So it was, in 2010, that our then Vice Commander, the late Chevalier Dr Donald Leinster-Mackay and his wife Dame Maree, nominated the Reverend Ken Williams for consideration for Knighthood. The rest, as they say, is history! Ken was knighted and became our Chaplain. His was a chaplaincy of total service. At meetings, he always prompted us to come to any decision with prayerful thought and practical assessment of Christian values.

Ken was always there when practical ‘work on the ground’ was required – be it delivering street swags or wrapping Christmas gifts for the homeless. His encouragement of the artists, who give of their services without charge for our fund-raising activities, was significant and had far-reaching effect for good.

Our Chaplain’s leadership, quietly and with depth of thought, at the Vigils held prior to Investiture’s, allowed us all to come closer to our Lord. Ken’s abilities made him so very welcome in all the dealings with our Conventual Church. His knowledge of, and respect for, all the variations of Christian denominations, made him, truly, a Chaplain to us all.

Chevalier Ken, in his final sermon to us in the WA Priory (as mentioned above), finished with these words: “And Lord, in respect of us all, may your Word live in us, and bear much fruit to your glory! Amen”. Ken Williams’ whole life was one of the finest examples of the Word alive in every facet of his being; and his whole life brought much fruit to our Lord’s glory. ✠

FROM CHEVALIER ANTHONY HOWES KCSJ

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WA Priory 2020 vision for the year!

The WA Priory began the year sadly, with our participation in the Funeral of Chevalier the Reverend Ken Williams, our Conventual Chaplain (see page 4, opposite). Chaplain Ken's vision, however, remains with us as we plan for the year without him.

Theatre 180, led by two outstanding West Australians, one of whom is the stalwart supporter of all OSJ activities in the State, actress, director and playwright, Jenny Davis OAM, and theatre director and actor, Stuart Halusz, are presenting a new stage and cinematic production of A B Facey's major Australian novel, "A Fortunate Life".

The WA Priory is a principal guest at the opening night, which takes place in Midland at Ace Theatres. This marks the first of our fund-raising events for 2020, and highlights our support for the health of the arts in WA, which we see as significant for the holistic health of the community.

Other plans are being developed in which we hope to combine fund-raising with opportunities for a strong degree of community interaction with the Order in WA.

These plans include a Garden Party near Kings Park, the annual quiz night, and a major concert in the City centre.

In this last, a task force made up of Chevalier Nigel and Dame Heather Rogers, and yours truly, are holding discussions with the Dean of the West Australian Academy Of Performing Arts, Professor David Shirley.

It is early days as yet, but Professor Shirley is keen to involve every area of his student body,

as he believes every artist and every arts management person should have a deep feeling of commitment to the homeless, the sick and all those the less fortunate in our community. He sees such knowledge as vital to artistic integrity. So, as the catch phrase has it - 'Watch This Space!'

As always, our Conventual Church, St George's Cathedral, is an important part of our lives.

The Prior led a contingent of Dames and Knights at the installation of the new Dean, the Very Reverend Christopher Chataway, formerly Dean of Ballarat, on February 1.

Other occasions when we are at the Cathedral include the Vigil and Investiture of new Dames and Knights, scheduled to take place from 13th to 17th May, followed

by our Annual Chapter and AGM on May 18, at The Weld Club. We return to the Cathedral for our 'Days of Obligation': namely, June 21 for the Nativity of John the Baptist; August 23 for the Martyrdom of St John; September 6 for the Raising of the Great Siege of Malta; and at one of the three Christmas Carol Services in December.

Our Chapter meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at The Weld Club, Barrack Street in the city.

In the work we attempt, there is always something vital for each and every Dame and Knight to do: and I know Prior Jamie is grateful for the contributions made by all, especially in time and the practical work required in bringing what we do to fruition. ✠

Vancouver: Complete Program now available

SOSJ Sovereign Council 14 to 20 September 2020

The Registration Form and the complete Program for this big event in Vancouver next year are now available. They are being circulated to all Members of the Order in Australia by email and can also be accessed on the SOSJ website either through sosjinternational.org or as detailed in the forms.

The program includes a free day for touring, two intense days

of Sovereign Council, another day on which an Investiture and Service in the Cathedral will be held, and choice of two post-conference tours. This conference gives not only an opportunity to witness a top governing body of the SOSJ in action, but also the meeting of like-minded people from many parts of the world.

Plan your next trip to Canada in September 2020. ✠

Fires an alarming threat to some Victorian Members

In my role as Priory Hospitaller, I have made calls to some of our Members who live, or have holiday homes, in Victorian rural and regional areas that were threatened by the recent bush fires.

Dame Camilla Van Megan has told me that Chevalier Bill McAuley is safe. Bill, of course, is in NSW but a Member of the Victorian Priory. Bill has been through difficult times with the drought and now the bush fires, but he is safe.

Chevalier Graham Scott and SS Margaret Scott are in Fairhaven on the Great Ocean Road. During the previous bad bush fires, they crossed the road and sat on the beach with the dog and watched the flames in Aireys Inlet leaping up behind their house. Fortunately that time and this time the fire did not reach them. However, I spoke to Margaret yesterday



and she said she is unable to leave the house because she cannot breathe the toxic, smoke-filled air.

As far as I know, our Members are safe but many, even in Melbourne, are suffering severe respiratory problems. I had a long talk to Chevalier the Right Reverend John Parkes, Conventual Chaplain of the Victorian Priory. Of course, the Wangaratta area was badly affected by the fires. John said he was lying in bed and could see the fire through the window. They were evacuated twice, but were safe in the end. ❌

Generous donation to fire funds by the Sovereign Order of St John

The understanding by the the Sovereign Order of the devastation caused by the fires and their empathy and whole-hearted support is so very much appreciated.

The Australian Grand Priory Executive have acted swiftly to determine how best to direct the proceeds of this generous gesture and have determined to distribute the SOSJ donation by directing funds to two specific areas, as follows:

Volunteer Bushfire Brigades in South East Queensland

Funds directed to an association of volunteer bushfire brigades centred on Crows Nest, to the north of the City of

Toowoomba, the seat of the Priory of the Darling Downs.

These brigades formed the backbone of fighting the devastating fires between Pechey and Esk over the past several months.

This local association of brigades propose to use the monies to build a tandem trailer with a fixed tank and an inflatable water tank and pump, which would be of great assistance to providing water availability during fires.

The equipment would be shared among the local volunteer brigades as a group resource.

The Priory of the Darling Downs propose to match the apportioned SOSJ donation and would be tasked with the organising of the gift.

The Petit Conseil of the Sovereign Order of St John, headquartered in Vancouver, has made the offer of a donation of \$10,000.00 CAD to the Order of Saint John in Australia to assist those affected by bush fires which have ravaged much of Australia.

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund

The balance of the SOSJ donation will be directed to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland, as recommended by Chevalier the Right Reverend John Parkes, Conventual Chaplain of our Priory of Victoria.

It is proposed that the whole of donated funds are distributed directly to those in need. ❌

Victoria remembers the 2019 visit



Images

Top Row, L-R: Dame Susan Michalanney DSJ; Prior Jeff Prebble OAM KCSJ; Grand Commander Ian Reid GCSJ MMSJ and Bar; Chevalier Graham Michalanney KCSJ.

Mrs. Stella Conlon; Bailiff Prior Martin Conlon GCSJ; Grand Hospitaller May Storrie CBE GCSJ MMSJ.

Grand Commander Ian Reid GCSJ MMSJ and Bar; Grand Hospitaller May Storrie CBE GCSJ MMSJ, relaxing.

Second Row, L-R: Dame Gail Smith DSJ, and Chevalier Rodney Smith KSJ with guests

Bailiff Prior Martin Conlon GCSJ; Grand Hospitaller May Storrie CBE GCSJ MMSJ; Grand Master William Stein GCSJ MMSJ; Mrs Stella Conlon; Grand Hospitaller May Storrie CBE GCSJ MMSJ; Grand Prior Victor Feros OAM GCSJ CMSJ; Dame Marion Feros DCSJ; Prior Martin Conlon GCSJ; Grand Commander Ian Reid GCSJ MMSJ and Bar.

Third Row L-R: Grand Commander Ian Reid GCSJ MMSJ and Bar; Prior Charles Clark GCSJ MMSJ.

Fourth Row: Grand Master William Stein GCSJ MMSJ



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Reserve the date



Church Parade in Victoria: 15 March

On Sunday, March 15th Members of the Priory of Victoria will attend Saint Paul's Cathedral for the Eucharistic Service at 10:30 am. Members will be in a procession entering and leaving the Cathedral. Chevalier Peter Davidson will give the reading. A luncheon will follow at the RACV Club in the city for members wishing to attend.

Any members of other Pories travelling to Melbourne at the time are most welcome to attend. Not carrying your robes? You will be most welcome nevertheless. ☩

CHEVALIER ROBIN KLEINSCHMIDT OAM KCSJ

A Christmas Crescendo

Looking back to the 2019 Christmas celebration evokes very happy memories for the Sunshine Coast Priory.



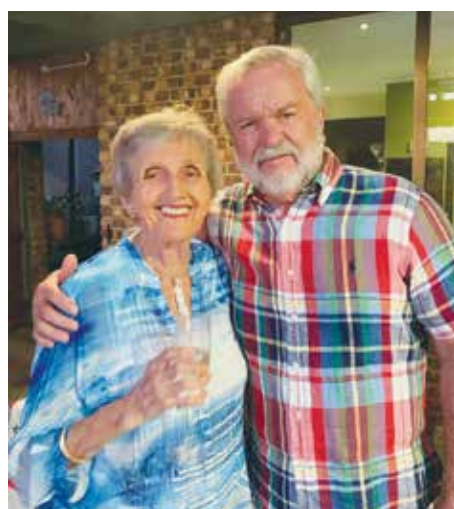
It was a perfect balmy early summer's evening when Dame Joan Ledwidge hosted a Christmas Party for member of the Priory and their guests in her lovely canal-side Mooloolaba home.

Our hostess had prepared a splendid feast of the freshest of prawns, poached salmon, roast beef accompanied by a wonderful selection of salads, and to follow, Christmas plum puddings and custard.

We welcomed with pleasure our special guests, Mr Jim McCready, the Priory Auditor, Mrs Gayle McCready, Ms Patti Reuss and Mrs Barnes.

The Christmas celebration was the culmination of a very active and memorable year, in which the most significant event was the elevation to Priory status on 19th May, and the appointment and installation of our Prior, Chevalier Mel Tipper.

Also of great importance was the visit to the Priory in July of the Grand Master William Stein, the Grand Commander Ian Reid, and the Grand Hospitaller May Storrie of the Sovereign Order.



Several very successful fund-raising events had been held, which enabled the presentation to the Kidney Support Group of a brand-new patient transport vehicle. We were delighted to continue our support for the Hear and Say Centre in Nambour.

As is our tradition, a number of social gatherings were held in Members' homes, which, apart from raising a nominal sum for Priory funds, enable Members to become better acquainted with one and other.

Planning is well in hand for interesting functions in 2020 including the annual True Blue Cocktail Party on 24th April and a major fundraiser in August in support of the Cittimani Hospice in August, as we continue our work in the service of St John, supporting our lords the sick and the poor. ❖

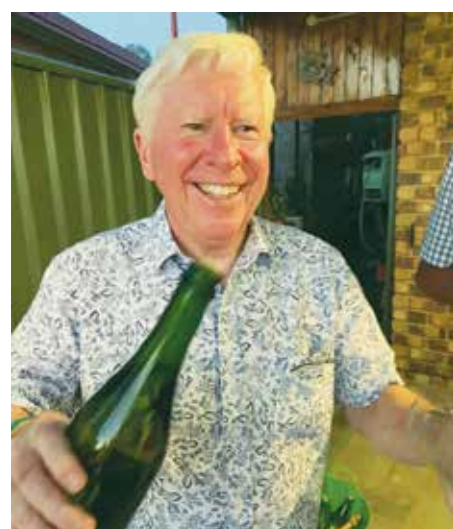
IMAGES

Far left, from top: Chevalier Prior Mel Tipper and Chevalier David Woodrow

Dame Airlie Bell and Chevalier Gary Cant at the Christmas Party

Lower left to right: Dame Sue Milwright and Mrs Gayle McCready

The barman, Mike Milwright
 Dame Vicki Stewart and Ms Patti Reuss



Helping Veteran's sleep disorders



Brisbane Commander Dame Leanne O'Shea DCSJ and Deputy Commander Chevalier Ian Airey OAM KCSJ present a cheque for two thousand dollars to Ms Emma Bryant, Community Engagement Coordinator of the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation (GMFR).

This was made possible by the donations made at the *Century of Armistice* celebration that the Commandery hosted in November 2018.

The cheque was presented at the United Service Club on Wednesday, 22nd January.

The GMRF Research Lab is working on a number of projects including PTSD/Veteran Mental Health research and Liver Disease and Liver Cancer research.

The OSJ donation will contribute to a study on sleep disorders in veterans. ✠

Vale: Chevalier Karl Walter Hertle OAM KCSJ

Our brother, Karl, sadly passed away aged 86 years on Saturday 28th December 2019. He was born the third of six children in Finschhafen, PNG, in February 1933 to Johannes, a builder in the Lutheran mission, and Laura Hertle.

The family spent time in Germany from 1934 in a Lutheran Mission Home until in March 1951 they moved to Toowoomba. Karl found work as a machinist at City Joiners and later became a foreman and eventually manager. In 1968 he commenced Karl Hertle Home Design and Construction and was renowned for the high quality of his constructions.

He became an Australian citizen in August 1954 and married Fay in February 1956 at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, where they were both active members. He was devoted to Fay,

his two adult children, Nikki and Chris, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Karl had an excellent singing voice and joined the Toowoomba Philharmonic Society becoming involved in several major stage productions. He sang and conducted the St Paul's choir for many years.

Karl was passionately involved in community service with Apex, Rotary (he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship), plus volunteer work for the Endeavour Foundation and Life Education.

He was invested in the Order of Saint John in 1992, was an active and enthusiastic member, and was promoted to Knight Commander of Grace.

In 2010 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Karl was happy and outgoing with an easy, gentle, friendly



personality, as well as a deep faith.

His funeral, held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, was attended by Grand Prior Victor Feros and many members of the Darling Downs Priory of the Order who formed a guard of honour at the conclusion of the service. ✠

FROM PRIOR DR JEFFREY PREBBLE OAM KCSJ

Nomination of New Members to The Order of Saint John

Chevalier Ric Barton has chaired the Queensland Priory Nominations Committee for many years, always busy and not always rewarding. Here he explains the process for bringing new members into the Order.

Our Order is continually in need of, and therefore searching for worthy new members. The way we do that is by placing the responsibility to search, initially research, and to propose worthy potential candidates on the shoulders of each and every one of our current Knights and Dames.

There is a very simple Proposal Form required to do this,

obtainable from all Commanders and Priors, which details the entire proposal process and the criteria the candidates must be considered against.

The Proposal Form requests all the details that the proposer personally knows, plus has privately researched, about the potential candidate, bearing in mind that, at this stage and even though these details are likely somewhat incomplete, potential candidates must not know that they are being considered.

These potential candidate details are needed to demonstrate why the proposer considers the



potential candidate is worthy and generally meets our Order's requirements. Talking to your Commander or Prior about your proposal, and obtaining his/her advice and endorsement of your potential candidate, will always greatly assist proposers regarding assessing their potential candidates.

Proposals for potential candidates can be submitted at anytime during the year, and proposers are highly encouraged to do so, as timeliness is good to capture the Proposal in the moment, and particularly to subsequently secure the worthy candidate when in front-of-mind.

Applications by worthy candidates will be considered straight away, and the successful candidates welcomed into our Order in a very timely fashion thereafter. Should this timing be well away from the local Priory's Investiture Ceremony, then the new member (known as a Donat until invested) is also offered the dates and locations of the Investiture Ceremonies of all our Australian Pories.

All our Order's Knights and Dames have the responsibility to purposefully and continually search out worthy candidates from among our friends, acquaintances, work and professional peers – both personally known and unknown to us, and including worthy candidates suggested to us by folk from outside our Order – and then and there to submit considered Proposals. ✕

SAVE THE DATE



ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

Knights Hospitaller

PRIORY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST



invites you to assist us in raising funds for



Sunshine Butterflies

at our Annual  **Cocktail Party**

to be held

in the gardens of St Mark's Anglican Church, Main St, Buderim.

Friday 24th April 2020 @ 5pm – 7pm

Dress: Smart Casual

Cost: \$50 each

Raffles

RSVP: 17th April 2020

Email: jenny@cant.com

A Member and a Donat Honoured in the 2020 Australia Day Honours List

Chevalier George Fox AM GCSJ

Chevalier George Fox was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2020 Australia Day Honours.

Chevalier George is the Deputy Prior of the Darling Downs Priory. He is a lawyer, directing his own Company, with wide experience both in Australia and off-shore, and with administrative roles in university, health and agricultural spheres.

Community and public administration positions held include member of the Australian Tax Practitioners Board, chair of the University of Southern Queensland Council Governance

Committee and treasurer of the Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland. He was President of the Queensland Law Society in 1992/93, and a board member of Lifeline for 17 years

George has encouraged support for these charities through the Order of Saint John.

Donat Trina Hockley AM

Donat Trina Hockley AM was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours List in 2020

Trina is an experienced, qualified non-executive director with a background in training, education, sport, employment, retail and governance. Her business interests are located on the both the Gold and

Sunshine Coasts and Wollongong. She is on the board of TAFE Qld, is the past Chair and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Gold Coast committee.

She is also Chair of Arcadia College, Ohana for Youth, and the Spot Academy. Trina's volunteering has seen accolades as an Outstanding Volunteer to the Indigenous Community and has received a 20 year Leadership Award from the City of Gold Coast.

She is an avid advocate for youth education and development and Gold Coast sport and business.

As a Donat, she enjoys Membership of the Order of Saint John as she awaits her Investiture in June this year. ✠



Vale: Janet Lawrence

FROM PRIOR CHEVALIER
CHARLES CLARK GCSJ MMSJ

It is with sadness that the death of Janet Lawrence on Christmas Eve 2019 is recorded here. Janet is the wife of Chevalier John Lawrence OAM KSJ, the two being well-known and familiar faces in most

Order of Saint John events held in Brisbane.

Together they achieved much in very large-scale community works throughout the world, particularly through Rotary International, in which they were both active in positions of high office. Their work took them to many places, most notably Darwin, the Solomon Islands, and Thailand.

Janet was involved in the selection of students to become Peace Scholars in universities, and maintained contact with many of them around the world. Janet supported John when he joined the Board of Rotary International as a Director and they both travelled extensively in support of Rotary programs.

Throughout her life she believed in the power of service to change the world and exemplified those beliefs in her work decade after decade.

Settling back in Brisbane, Janet and John attended St John's Cathedral where both were Lay-Canons, serving on the Cathedral Chapter, and Janet edited the in-house magazine: "The Eagle".

Janet's funeral was held in well-filled St John's Cathedral on Friday 3rd January at 10-30am. The service was conducted by the Dean, the Very Reverend Peter Catt, and the Reverend Sue Grimmer, both close friends of the Lawrences. The Cathedral Choir being in recess, music was provided by an OSJ Choir conducted by Prior Charles Clark, made up mostly of singers who had taken part in last year's Investiture in Brisbane. As expected, a very large number of Rotarians, some coming from overseas, attended. They formed a very long Guard of Honour at the end of the service, joined by Members of the Order of Saint John.

Our sympathies, thoughts, and prayers go to John and his four sons and their families.

May Janet rest in peace and rise in glory. ✠

**THE ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM
KNIGHTS HOSPITALLER IN AUSTRALASIA**

Program of major events in 2020

This schedule notes major events planned for 2020 throughout the Grand Priory of Australia as far as has been determined. More items will be added from time to time

Administrative meetings of the Grand Priory, Priors and Commanderies are not included, except the GPA AGM and the SOSJ Sovereign Council Meeting. Complete details are available from your Prior/Commander/Vice-Chancellor.

MARCH

Friday 6

Conducted tour of Toowoomba Town Hall and Regional Gallery.

Sunday 15

Priory of Victoria Church Parade.

To be advised: Priory of Western Australia Garden Party.

APRIL

Saturday 4

Brisbane Commandery Cocktail Party, 5:30 pm St John's Cathedral Narthex.

Friday 24

Sunshine Coast Priory, True Blue Cocktail Party.

To be advised: Priory of Victoria plan an afternoon tea in the Rutherford Room at St John's Church, Camberwell.

MAY

Wednesday 13

Priory of Western Australia Vigil for New Members.

Sunday 17

Priory of Western Australia Investiture.

Sunday 18

Priory of Western Australia AGM.

Monday 25

Sunshine Coast Priory Vigil for New Members.

JUNE

Thursday 11

Priors of Brisbane and Sunshine Coast rehearsal for Investiture.

Friday 12

Priors of Brisbane and Sunshine Coast Investiture.

Friday 13

Grand Priory of Australasia AGM and Chapter meetings.

Sunday 21

Priory of Western Australia celebrates the Birth of St John the Baptist.

To be advised: Priory of Victoria Investiture and Dinner.

AUGUST

Sunday 23

Priory of Western Australia celebrates the Martyrdom of St John the Baptist.

Sunday 30

Brisbane Priory celebrates the Lifting of the siege of Malta. Sunshine Coast Priory Garden Party.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6

Priory of Western Australia celebrates the Lifting of the Siege of Malta.

Sunday 13

Sunshine Coast Priory celebrates the Lifting of the Siege of Malta.

Monday 14 to Sunday 20

Sovereign Council Meeting, Vancouver.

OCTOBER

To be advised: Priory of Victoria Gala Dinner.

DECEMBER

Thursday 3

Brisbane Commandery Christmas Luncheon.

Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23

Priory of Western Australia Christmas Carols Service. ☩

SAVE THE DATE



ORDER OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM KNIGHTS HOSPITALLER

The Commander of the Brisbane Commandery Dame Leanne O'Shea DCSJ

Invites you, your family, and friends to a

COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday 4 April 2020

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

in the narthex of St John's Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane

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Lounge Suit with neck insignia and name badge

COST

\$120 per person: substantial canapés and drinks

RSVP by Friday 20 March 2020

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