



Scotland's Lord Lyon King of Arms in Canberra

The Australian Heraldry Society and the Scottish Australian Heritage Council
cordially invite you to attend a lecture by

Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms

“The Heraldry of the Order of St John in Scotland”



Sunday 9th June 2019 at 5pm

HAGSOC Education Room, 14 Templeton St, Cook

Followed by Dinner at the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club at 7pm

Register for the lecture by contacting registration@familyhistoryact.org.au
or phone **6251 7004**, by **Thursday 6th June 2019**

Include your **Name, Number** attending, and if you wish to attend the **Dinner**





Brief Notes on the History of the Venerable Order of St John

If you have attended a sporting or community event in Canberra you will probably have seen the men and women of the St John Ambulance service, with their distinctive Maltese Cross insignia, there to provide medical support to anyone who might need their assistance. St John Ambulance has been active in Australia for over 130 years, helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger and providing first aid services and training to more than half a million people each year.

This familiar organisation is part of a United Nations-accredited international charity, the Order of St John, that provides first aid, health care and support services in over 30 countries around the world. The origins of the Order trace back to the 11th century, when the Order was founded in Jerusalem by the Knights Hospitaller as a hospice for pilgrims of all faiths. The St John Ambulance organisation was founded in 1877. The Order of St John itself is an Order of Chivalry of the British Crown, established in 1888, with 25 000 members around the world. The full name for the Order is The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

The distinguished speaker at this event, Dr Joseph Morrow CBE KStJ QC DL LLD, was appointed Commander of the Venerable Order of St John in 2012, and became Chancellor of the Priory of the Order in Scotland in 2018. Amongst other significant positions, Dr Morrow is also Scotland's current Lord Lyon King of Arms. His talk will focus on the heraldry of the Order of St John in Scotland, and will include mention of Australians whose achievements of arms reflect their membership in the Venerable Order.