



KNIGHTS TALK

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Monthly newsletter

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MACKILLOP STATUE UNVEILED
Archbishops Wilson, Faulkner and Bishop O'Kelly presided over the Blessing, Dedication and Unveiling of the statue of Blessed Mary MacKillop in MacKillop Plaza, Victoria Square on Sunday 22 March. About 2000 people attended the Mass and dedication.

A full report will be published in May's Knight Life. I have some photos of the statue and will publish a selection. However, should you wish to have a copy of any photo, I will be happy to email one to you.

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AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL COMMUNITY LOTTERY
 The Community Lottery is under way and most tickets have been distributed to Branches. Branches selling tickets will receive a 50% share in the money they collect. Any ticket unsold can be returned without penalty if they are returned immediately. Would Branches please let me know as soon as possible if they wish either to return tickets or to receive more tickets. Any unsold ticket held after the return date must be paid for. Although Branches will receive \$1 for every ticket sold,

reimbursement will not be until August. Details of the lottery, including the full prize list are available on the ACCU web site at www.australiancentral.com.au. Please call Head Office for more tickets or further information.

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MEMBERSHIP PROFILE
It will be no surprise for Members to learn that we are an ageing organisation. In fact, half of our Members are over 70. We also have very few Members under 40. The survival of the Order in this State depends on our ability to recruit new and young Members. Branches are encouraged to examine ways of attracting new Members

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FAITH IN ACTION BRANCH
Bros. Damian Leach and David Huppatz are presently establishing a new, Central Branch "Faith in Action" for Members under 42. This Branch will aim to develop leadership qualities in young Members and, in due course, return them to regular, Parish based Branches. A similar Branch was formed in Western Australia where the Order is enjoying a healthy membership.

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MARIAN PROCESSION 2009

This year's Marian Procession will take place on Sunday 17th March in the South Parklands location. The Knights have been asked to assist in the setting up and running of the event. Assistance from Members would be appreciated. Please contact this office on 8371 3301 or email to kscsa@kscsa.org.au if you are able to assist. Full details will be in May *Knight Life* and in the next *Knights Talk*.

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STATE COUNCIL VACANCIES

Bro. Damian Leach has been installed as a State Councillor for the remainder of this year. There are still 4 vacancies for State Councillor and nominations are welcome. In the past many Branch Members have generously given their time and talents to service of the Order on State Council. The vacancies offer an opportunity to add a new dimension to your involvement with the Knights and to carry out essential service for the Order.

State Council meets once per month for about 2 hours. All Office Bearers, with the exception of the State Chairman are appointed by State Council.

While election to State Council is normally for 2 years, casual appointments are for the remainder of the current Calendar Year. Enquiries from all Members are welcome. Please contact the State Secretary, Bro. Tony Sexton on 8371 3301 in the first instance.

BRANCH VISITATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS.

Branch Visitation by State Councillors will continue where possible but due to the decreased number of State Councillors this year, it may not be possible to arrange a visit to all Branch meetings.

COMING EVENTS April 4th, 5th. Carrieton Social Weekend

April 4th, 5th. Men Alive Retreat Aberfoyle Park

April 16th CLG Men's Social Dinner, Kingswood

April 25th Anzac Day

May 17th Marian Procession Adelaide

May 21st CLG Annual Dinner Tonsley Hotel

May 30th, 31st. Southern Conference, Victor Harbor.

July 11/12th Northern Conference, Pt Augusta.

limited to reports of Branch meetings. Reports of events, projects, Parish activities, etc are encouraged. Opinion or reviews are also welcome.

July (Date TBA) Vocational interviews – Southern suburbs.

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MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTHERN CROSS CARE.

September (TBA) Vocational Interviews, Thos. More School.

Application forms are now available from Head Office.

October 19th Vocational Interviews, OLSH, Enfield

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30th March 2009.**

November 14th State Conference and Dinner

December 7th. Annual Mass for Deceased Members.

Would Branch Secretaries please advise Head Office of coming events for inclusion in future editions?

OBITUARIES:

Since the last ***Knights Talk***, we are pleased to report that no member has died. Please remember in your prayers all deceased members of our Order. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace. AMEN. Also please keep in your prayers those members and their families who are sick or infirmed.

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KNIGHTLIFE

Contributions for Knight Life are always welcome. We aim to fill 24 pages each month and Branch contributions are the largest part of the magazine. Contributions of about 500 words by email in MS Word format are preferred, but copy can also be sent by ¾ inch floppy disc, or by USB device. Photos, preferably in JPG format are always welcome. The content of contributions need not be