



KNIGHTS TALK

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FIFTH NATIONAL TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

We have reproduced below the Statement of the Fifth National Triennial Conference recently held in Sydney.

There is also a report by the State Chairman, Bro. Brian Cooper, a delegate to the conference. Branch Secretaries are asked to arrange for the statement to be discussed at meetings. State Council asks that members consider the statement and prepare recommendations about the future direction of the Order. It is expected that a Mission Statement consistent with the Order's aims and objectives will be developed for adoption at the State Conference in November. The Order has a proud history of achieving objectives such as overcoming sectarianism and developing aged care facilities. These successes are now part of our past and it is time to determine what the Order should do in the future.

FIFTH NATIONAL TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT

This conference has reinforced the essential and pivotal nature of the formation program as part of each branch meeting. This enables us to be better formed and informed as Knights to fulfill God's plan for us to evangelise. Evangelisation is an opportunity for us Knights to witness, and defend our faith. This conference

recommends the development of strategic partnerships, with men's and youth organisations, to further develop our fellowship and formation.

Everything we do should be based on the fact that the human person is made in the image and likeness of God. Evangelisation involves the announcement of Christ, to the world, by our living witness. Being better informed on issues that affect the Christian way of life throughout the nation enables us to promote the greater glory of God through our objects.

Before we can evangelise the world, we as individuals and as an Order, must be formed in our faith so that what we are proclaiming is consistent with the teaching of the Church. We recognise that, when we bring Christ to others, we are evangelized ourselves.

REPORT ON NATIONAL TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY MAY 2009

Thursday 21st May 2009 was the day that almost all attendees found their way to Sydney in readiness for the National Triennial Conference. The Conference was held at the Mary MacKillop Place Convention Facility and all interstate attendees were accommodated in the rooms or suites onsite. I think that the Coopers may have been most fortunate to have "scored" one of the bigger and better suites. I guess you have to be lucky sometimes!

Thursday afternoon was a leisure time and settling in afternoon. The Coopers, Boyles and Huppertz's found their way out to Darling Harbour and looked around in between rain showers. Dinner was at our own devices and ended up at the nearby Pizza and Pasta Cafe. The Conference commenced with a Concelebrated Mass, with the Apostolic Nuncio as Principal Celebrant. We then moved to the conference room for the official welcomes from the appropriate dignitaries, including Doug Sutherland who performed the civic welcome. The official opening was performed by Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto, Apostolic Nuncio. The Supreme Knight, David Huppertz, welcomed everyone to the Fifth Triennial Conference and congratulated NSW on their 90th anniversary.

The "New Evangelisation" was the main theme of the conference and we heard from Bishop Ron, Fr Paul Hilder and David Huppertz to help "set the tone" of the conference. Dr Michael Casey, Private Secretary to Cardinal Pell spoke about Relativism. He spoke about Social Justice for the weak and poor and what is acceptable and what is tolerable. Do we challenge ourselves to take a stance? Robert Falzon, the founder of Men Alive spoke about the men's program and men's spiritualism. We then heard from John Starmans, the Deputy International President who

gave us a report on the happenings on the International scene. Bro John becomes the International President later this year at the International Conference in New Orleans. We closed the first day with a report from Bishop Max re the Armed Forces and "going forward". After Mass on Saturday morning we heard from Brother Guido Vogels speaking about "Evangelization – The extension of the Order - the "Faith in action Way". He was followed by Frank Colangelo and Damian Leach who spoke about what the Order means to them and engaging with the younger men in society. Brother (Dr) Steven Lovell-Jones conducted the final workshop session that led to the production of a Conference Statement. A copy of that Statement is attached to this report. The motions of the "Special General Conference" were adopted after some discussion and debate. The word "Spiritual" will be included in paragraph 3.1 (d). In addition the Constitution will now refer to Southern Cross Care rather than Southern Cross Homes. The AGM was conducted in very quick time with all reports adopted. We concluded the day and Conference with the Concelebrated Installation Mass for the National Executive. The Principal Celebrant was Cardinal Pell. The formal Conference Dinner was held after the

conclusion of the Installation Mass.

On Sunday morning the National Executive met to report on the business being continued or undertaken by the group. Melbourne will host the next National Triennial Conference in 2012. It is proposed that Perth will host the International Conference and National Triennial Conference in 2015. The update of our Website needs to become a priority as National is looking to enhance and upgrade its website which links with each state. The National Executive Meeting at Horsham next year needs some early preparation work commenced. The two campaigns will continue to be promoted i.e. Keep Christ in Christmas and the Reverence of God's name. Brian Cooper
State Chairman

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AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Thank you to those branches and members who have returned tickets. Would branches please ensure that all tickets and money are returned too Head Office as soon as possible. Unsold tickets must be paid for. Proceeds will be remitted to the branches in August.. Branches selling tickets will receive a 50% share in the money they collect. 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 further information.

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VOCATIONAL INTERVIEWS
Thomas More College will hold this year's Vocational Interviews on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. They expect about 180 students to be involved
Thank you to those who

have offered their assistance this year.

Please note that the date of the Mercedes College interviews has been changed to Wed July 29th. We are still seeking interviewers for that venue. If you would like to be involved, please contact Head Office
OLSH has scheduled interviews for 19th October.
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KSC CLOTHING
Head Office has completed arrangements for our official logo to be embroidered onto a wide range of corporate clothing available form Totally Work Wear. Items available include polos and business shirts. I have a catalogue available in the office and would be happy to discuss options with any member or branch. Costs are approximately \$30-35 for polos and \$55 for good quality business shirts.

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MARIAN PROCESSION 2009

I have received a letter of thanks from the Archdiocesan Office for our help in setting up and general assistance during this year's 60th Marian Procession. I would like to pass on my thanks to all who helped on the day.

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ROSARY PROMOTION:

Many thanks to Bros. David Huppatz and David Kennedy for their assistance in transporting Fr McMullen and the team during their stay in Adelaide

2009/10 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription Renewal Notices will be sent to Members early in June. State Council has decided not to increase subscriptions at this time. Subscription rates for 2009/10 are therefore: Ordinary: \$84 plus National levy, Total \$91,

Senior Members: \$42 plus levy, total \$49.

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COMING EVENTS

June 2nd, 3rd, 4th . Vocational Interviews, Thomas More College Salisbury.

July 1st Vocational interviews – Mercedes College, Springfield

July 6th. Woodville/West Torrens Annual dinner Alberton Hotel.

July 11/12th Northern Conference, Pt Augusta.

July 16th Brighton/Marion/Hallett Cove Annual Dinner, Tonsley Hotel

July 29th Vocational interviews Mercedes College, Springfield

October 19th Vocational Interviews, OLSH, Enfield

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 note with sadness the passing of Bros. Jack Mulligan, Don McCabe, Lyle Crutchett and Ross Rasheed. 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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29th May 2009.