



KNIGHTS TALK

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Monthly newsletter

MRA TOY RUN BREAKFAST.

Thank you to those who generously supported Dernancourt Branch during the MRA Toy Run breakfast in December.

About \$1400 has been raised for St Vincent de Paul Society from sales of food and drinks. The weather was cooler than usual for the time of year and, although soft drink sales were slightly down, food sales were good and our service was well appreciated by the patrons.

Bros. Eric Temme and Ebe Lux both rode to Hahndorf during the run.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday February 11 at 10am - St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wakefield Street, City.

To mark the World Day of the Sick there will be a special celebration of the Eucharist and special prayers for those who are in ill health including the Sacrament of the Sick for those whose conditions are serious. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Philip Wilson.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the smooth flowing of "drop off" traffic before the Mass. Please contact Head Office on 8371 3301 if you are able to assist.

FORMATION PROGRAM 2009

National Office has advised that the new Formation Program will be available in the near future. There is no Segment in February Knightlife, but Branches are invited to conduct Formation through a topic of their own choosing.

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STATE COUNCIL VACANCIES

There are currently 5 vacancies for State Councillors. The workload is being carried by 8 Councillors, including the State Chairman. 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 involvement with the Knights and 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.

Due to the decreased number of State Councillors this year, it may not be possible to arrange a visit to all Branch meetings by State Councillors. The city State Councillors (4) have

Eight Branches to visit and expect that a visit only every 2- 3 months will be possible unless that Branch has a State Councillor on its Membership list. Similarly, there are nine rural Branches to be visited by 4 country Councillors as well as some city based Councillors.

If Branch Secretaries can keep State Council informed of special events in the Branch, State Council will endeavour to be on hand, but cannot guarantee this absolutely.

COMING EVENTS

Feb 11th: World Day of Sick Mass, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 10.00 am

Feb 13th Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Dinner -Mt Barker

March 13th Murray Mallee Dinner.

March 14th, 15th. St Patrick's Golf Weekend, Goolwa

March 14th. Country & Western Night, Kadina

April 4th, 5th. Carrieton Social Weekend

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

April 25th Anzac Day

May (date to be advised) Marian Procession

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

July 5th. Northern Conference, Pt Augusta.

July (Date TBA) Vocational interviews -

Southern suburbs.

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

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OBITUARIES.

Since the last *Knights Talk*, we note with sadness the passing of Bros. Vic Keane, John Donnelly, David Schwerdt, Harry Button and Lawrie Quinn. 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.

BRANCH CHAIRMEN

MEETING
A reminder that the combined meeting with city Branch Chairmen and State Councillors will be on Tuesday March 17th at Head Office. The meeting will be joined by Country Chairmen via teleconferencing during the evening. Please note your diaries.

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28th January 2008.