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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2009 - REPORT

The early part of the meeting concentrated on the National History, archiving of National Records, obtaining early the important dates from each state for listing on the national calendar. Accommodation for the young disabled or mobility impaired by illness was discussed in some depth. Funding for this is from State Governments while aged care is funded by Federal Governments and that it why it is difficult establishing the program for younger people and often young people do not have the finances to meet the appropriate bonds for these programs to work. Continual investigation will be made as well as discussions with possible partners in a project of this type e.g. "Young Care Qld". The internet and Website was discussed. WA offered to set up a National Website for all states and administer its continual upgrades etc. At moment Tasmania doing a lower level of assistance for the NEO. We urgently need to update our Website. Keep Christ in Christmas and reverence for the name of God campaign

was discussed. I have some free bumper stickers. I may work in a sheltered environment but I rarely witness the name of God being used in disrespectful way but most would know what I stand for. All reports were discussed next. Victoria had Bishop Max talk to them re the ADF and mentioned that he had almost run out of prayer books. Victoria offered a proposal for a reprint that would fund the project. 10,000 blood proof books to be printed plus 10,000 saleable ones. The money raised from selling the saleable ones pays for the print run. Victoria puts up the money. All states are asked to help sell the books. Funding National on per capita basis will be continued although Victoria wanted a change. SC Charitable fund donation may assist with funding of the prayer book reprint. Nearly all states face Euthanasia Bills. We need to provide info to National on our Palliative Care education Program a few years back. Discussion re next year's Executive Meeting in Horsham in June centred on the logistical challenge of interstate travel for some delegates but all

were committed to attending.

Brian Cooper

EUTHANASIA

The Private Members Bill to legalise euthanasia was defeated in the South Australian Upper House (Legislative Council). Members are asked to remain vigilant as there is a general expectation that the Bill will be introduced again after the next State Election. The voting record of Legislative Councillors on the matter is:

- Against:**
- Hon Dennis Hood MLC (Family First)**
 - Hon Robert Brokenshire MLC (Family First)**
 - Hon David Ridgway MLC (Liberal)**
 - Hon Stephen Wade MLC (Liberal)**
 - Hon Bernard Finnigan MLC (Labor)**
 - Hon Robert Lawson MLC (Liberal)**
 - Hon Caroline Schaefer MLC (Liberal)**
 - Hon Carmel Zollo MLC (Labor)**
 - Hon Paul Holloway MLC (Labor)**
 - Hon Rob Lucas MLC (Liberal)**

Hon Terry Stephens MLC (Liberal)

For:

- John Gazzola MLC (Labor)**
- Hon Mark Parnell MLC (Greens)**
- Hon John Darley MLC (Independent)**
- Hon John Dawkins MLC (Liberal)**
- Hon Ian Hunter MLC (Labor)**
- Hon David Winderlich MLC (Independent)**
- Hon Gail Gago MLC (Labor)**
- Hon Michelle Lensink MLC (Liberal)**
- Hon Russell Wortley MLC (Labor)**

Abstained:
Hon Ann Bressington MLC (Independent)

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KNIGHT LIFE REPORT
(Due to an oversight, Hectorville's Knight Life report for December was not included. Our apologies to all concerned. The contribution is printed below.)

HECTORVILLE
Due to the redevelopment around the Hectorville Parish grounds and our beloved Christ the King meeting room about to be demolished, beginning in Feb 2010 we will be meeting in the parish hall

at Tranmere for the next year or so ????

Over 300 people celebrated the priestly ministry of Mons. John Swann at the Gala Dinner recently. It was a memorable night and we wish Mons. a happy, healthy and long retirement.

The last B-B-Q we had netted a profit of \$189 and because of the change of venue the bottle drive at the moment is in doubt - more about that later in 2010. Also another change of venue this year is the location of our Christmas Dinner. It is at "Allegrias" 307

Payneham Rd, Royston Park on Wed 9th

December at 7:30pm. Bro. Bill Morris is waiting to hear from members and friends who have not booked yet. His phone no. is 8337 3640. Always an enjoyable night.

Reports (not good) are that there are a lot of sick people who are struggling at the moment; too many to mention. Please remember them in your prayers. On behalf of the Hectorville Branch we wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. Importantly, remember our next meeting in 2010 will be the first Wed (3rd February) at Tranmere at 7:30pm, corner of Magill Rd and Birkinshaw Ave Tranmere.

Lawrie Sweeney

STATE CONFERENCE

Thank you to all who assisted with the State Conference arrangements. The Conference was considered very

successful and the new venue was well received. A full report will be published in the March edition of Knight Life

ACCU LOTTERY

The 2010 Australian Central Credit Union Community Lottery is now open and State office has been asked to place an order for tickets as soon as possible. Branches will be contacted and asked to advise their requirements.

INSTALLATION MASS

The Mass for installation of State Councillors will be celebrated, as usual, on the first Monday in December (Dec 7th) at St Peter Claver Church, Stuart Road Dulwich at 7.30pm.

For catering purposes would Members please advise this office if they are attending.

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

At the AGM held on 14th November, Members overwhelmingly passed 2 resolutions to amend the Constitution. One dealt with amending the objects of the order to incorporate changes by the National Meeting in May this year and the other amendment created a category of "Concessional Member" (replacing "Special Member").

POLICE CHECKS

We have been approached by the

Diocesan Office to advise our measures for Child Protection. Diocesan requirements are that any person involved in Church activities must undergo an official police check. These checks are arranged by parishes. Branches will need to arrange for Members to undergo a Police Check through the Parish/Cluster/Deanery. Checks are free of charge.

Members who have generously agreed to assist with vocational interviews must have a Police Check before taking part in the program. Again, these are to be arranged through the Parish/Cluster/Deanery as appropriate.

NEW BRANCH COUNCILS

Branch Secretaries will soon receive a list of Branch Chairmen and Secretaries as well as a list of current State Councillors

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BANNERS

State Office has one corflute banner (1200mm x 900mm) available for resale to any branch that requires it. Please contact the office on 8371 3301.

COMING EVENTS

December 5th: Port Augusta Christmas Dinner at South Football Club

December 7th. Mass for Installation of State Councillors

December 9th: Hectorville Christmas Dinner, *Allegrias*.

February 12th Mt Barker/ Strathalbyn Annual Dinner, Grays Inn, Mt Barker.

March 27th, 28th: (Palm Sunday weekend): Carrieton Social weekend.

Would Branch Secretaries please advise Head Office of coming events for inclusion in future editions of Knights Talk.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The State Office will be closed from 18th December 2009 to 22nd January 2010. Incoming mail (both email and post) will be monitored as will the telephone answering machine. For urgent matters, please ring me on 0403 191 906 or Brian Cooper on 0427 617 349. My home email for urgent matters is:

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OBITUARIES:

Since the last *Knights Talk*, we note with sadness the passing of Bro. Brian Leydon. 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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