



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

# KNIGHTS TALK

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Monthly Newsletter

## KNIGHT LIFE DELAYED

Due to a technical problem beyond our control, Knight Life was not available for posting at the usual time. I expect that we will post early next week (commencing 5th July) and that most Members will have a copy in time for the monthly meeting. Any branch that needs a copy of the next formation is asked to contact me.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription notices have been sent. Thank you to those Members who have already paid and thank you for the many donations that have been made.

We have continued the "Early Bird Draw" for Members who pay by Thursday July 15th. Our State Chaplain, Monsignor Tiggeman, has kindly donated a bottle of Jonnie Walker Black Label whisky for the lucky winner. State Council thanks Monsignor for his generosity and his support of the Knights.

## CONCESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

In Knights Talk of December 2009 (Vol 13 Issue 11), I reported that the constitution had been changed to create the category of Concessional Membership (replacing Special Membership). This category provides for a concessional rate of membership for those members whose financial circumstances may cause them difficulty in paying full membership rates. State Council asks that Members in those circumstances approach their branch and seek endorsement as a concessional member. As such, concessional members may negotiate a reduced fee with the Branch. Branches will make an appropriate recommendation to State Council. Please note that the category of Senior Membership is still available. However, this is restricted to those Members in receipt of a FULL aged pension or FULL DVA pension.

and over 65 years of age.

## ANNUAL DINNER

Aberfoyle Park branch is arranging the State Annual Dinner on Saturday November 13th at the Unley Citizen Centre, Arthur St Unley. Cost will be \$30 per person. The Aberfoyle Park Branch Executive will contact branches shortly to advise of ticketing and booking arrangements. Seating will be limited so early bookings are essential.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Membership Cards will not be issued this year, and were not issued last year. We are aware that some Members have used the card in the past to obtain a discount at Cash and Carry and other outlets. If any Member wishes to use the Membership for a discount, please contact the office and I will issue a confirmation of Membership.

## PENOLA BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER

*The Penola Branch Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday August 14th. Please let me know if you wish to attend as the branch must have numbers for catering purposes.*

## CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP

Patroness of the Order, Blessed Mary MacKillop will be canonized on Sunday October 17th in Rome.

Celebrations in Adelaide will include a procession from St Joseph's Kensington to MacKillop Plaza adjacent to the Cathedral on that day. A procession of the MacKillop Cross will also take place in various parts of South Australia. This is being organised by the NSW State Branch of The Knights of the Southern Cross

A fundraising appeal to defray the costs of the canonization celebrations has been launched by the Sisters of St Joseph. Branches and Members are invited to contribute.

Details have been circulated to branches

**ACCU LOTTERY**

This year's lottery is now closed. Thanks to all branches that took part. All tickets were sold and all books have been returned. A special thanks to Bro. Tony Schar for his fine work in coordinating the return of tickets and cheques. The draw will take place on Saturday 24th July and results will be on Channel 7 at 8.30pm. Branches will be invited in November to submit expressions of interest in taking part in the 2011 Community Lottery.

**HECTORVILLE FILM NIGHT**

The event will be on Friday August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Wallis Theatre, Richmond Road Richmond at 7.30 pm. Proceeds will be donated to Catholic Missions. Details Bill Morris 8337 3640.

**VOCATIONAL INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to those Members who have given their time and talent to assist in the Vocational Interviews. Remaining interviews for this year are:

Mercedes College  
Thursday 29th July

Nazareth College:  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
(day time interviews)

OLSH: 18<sup>th</sup> October.  
**(If you wish to register for Day Time interviews at Nazareth, please ring the Office 8371 3301)**

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

The Southern Conference was hosted by Murray Bridge Branch on 30th May. The Branch also hosted the Conference dinner the previous evening. Matters discussed at the Conference included the new Roman Missal and the forthcoming changes to the Mass (a discussion led by Mrs Jenny O'Brien of the Office of Worship) and new arrangements for Knight Life production. State Council thanks Murray Bridge Branch, especially Bros Michael Carr and Neville Connell for their hospitality and for organising the successful event.

**NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

The Northern Conference will be held at Port Augusta on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**ASSISTANCE WANTED**

State Council is asking for branches or individuals to take over the organisation of the next State Conference and the Conference Mass as well as the end of year Mass and the Australia Day Mass. Venues have been secured for these occasions .

**COMBINED STATE COUNCIL AND BRANCH CHAIRMEN'S MEETING**

A combined meeting between Branch Chairmen and State Councillors was held at Head Office on Tuesday 22nd June. Items discussed included the

National Executive meeting and the Horsham golf celebrations in June, the country conferences (Northern and Southern), Adopt a Chaplain in Training, the canonization of Blessed Mary MacKillop, Knight Life arrangements, the retirement of the SEO, the next ACCU lottery and branch activities. .

**COMING EVENTS**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>:** Northern Conference, Pt Augusta

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Hectorville, Michael Bendyk, Guest Speaker. Mixed Meeting

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Branch Dinner, Brighton Branch – Tonsley Hotel

**July 29th Vocational Interviews, Mercedes College (Please note new date)**

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Hectorville Annual Film night, fundraiser for Catholic Missions. For details Bill Morris 8337 3640. Sponsored by Blackwell Funerals.

**Aug 14th**  
Penola Branch - Annual Dinner

**September 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Vocational Interviews, Nazareth Catholic College, Findon

**October 5<sup>th</sup>:**  
Woodville/West Torrens Mass and Installation, St Margaret Mary's Croydon 7.30pm.

October 17th

Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop, Rome.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>.**  
Vocational Interviews, OLSH, Enfield.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>:** State Conference, Mass for Deceased Members (The Pines) and Annual Dinner (Unley Citizens Centre).

**November 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
Woodville/West Torrens Christmas Luncheon, Alberton Hotel

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Mass for installation of State Council.

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

**OBITUARIES:**

Since the last edition of *Knights Talk*, we note with sadness the passing of *Bros. Barry O'Callaghan O.A.M. and Joseph M Gunston*. 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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