



KNIGHTS TALK

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Monthly newsletter

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VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES
 Thanks go to all who have supported those Brothers and friends in Victoria who have been devastated by the recent (and, for that matter, ongoing) bushfires. I am advised by St Vincent de Paul Society that donations in the order of hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised and that, to date, 15 truck loads of goods have been sent from South Australia. Some Branches have already made significant donations and others, I am sure, will discuss the matter at the next meeting. It is inspiring that the people in Queensland who have been affected by severe flooding have chosen to support Victorians ahead of themselves in some cases. Please spare a thought for Queensland at this time.
 On behalf of State Council, thank you for your prayers and support for our suffering fellow Australians. Let us pray that we in South Australia can avoid similar disasters.
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AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL COMMUNITY LOTTERY
 The Community Lottery is run by Australian Central CU and 100% of the

\$2.00 ticket is returned. The lottery is for not – for-profit organisations and clubs. State Council has agreed to continue this lottery and has taken 2100 tickets in books of ten. Branches selling tickets will receive a 50% share in the money they collect.
 Tickets, based on the 2008 allocations are now being forwarded to Branch Secretaries. Please call Head Office for more tickets as required.
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BRANCH CHAIRMEN MEETING.
 Branch Chairmen are reminded that the meeting between State Council and metropolitan Branch Chairmen will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at North Plympton. Country Chairmen will hook up for a teleconference at 8.30pm. A separate letter and agenda has been sent to each Branch Chairman. Branches are invited to submit topics for discussion.
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FORMATION PROGRAM 2009
 The first session published in the March edition of Knightlife which was posted today to all members. Branches are encouraged to use the program. Feedback on its success or failure would be welcome. The

full document in both MS Word and PDF format is available by email and I will be glad to send it to anybody who would like to copy it for Branch meetings. Please contact Head Office.
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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 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.
 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
March 14th, 15th. St Patrick's Golf Weekend, Goolwa
March 14th. Country & Western Night, Kadina
March 19th Col Light Gdns Bowls evening (mixed) Reade Pk, 7pm.
March 20th Murray Mallee Dinner, Taillem Bend - Note change of date!

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 (date to be advised) Marian Procession Adelaide

May 21st CLG Annual Dinner Tonsley Hotel

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

July TBA: 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?

OBITUARIES:
Since the last ***Knights Talk***, we note with sadness the passing of Bros. Pat Mulraney, Byron Ford, Eugene Saint and Peter Connell.

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.

DECEASED MEMBERS
Branch Secretaries will be provided with a copy of the Knights' Prayers used at Funeral Services.

Copies are also being sent to some Funeral Directors who may be able to approach the family on behalf of the Knights. It is the intention of State Council that Branches discuss with the family the feasibility of reciting the Prayers and, if agreeable, arrange for a Branch Member to recite the Prayers.

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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 by email in MS Word format are preferred, but copy can also be sent by 3/4 inch floppy disc, or by USB device. Photos, preferably in JPG format are always welcome. The content of contributions need not be confined to reports of Branch meetings. Reports of events, projects, Parish activities, etc are encouraged. Opinion or reviews are also welcome.

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MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTHERN CORSS CARE.

Application forms are now available from Head Office.

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26th February 2009.