



# KNIGHTS TALK

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CHAIRMAN.

Brothers, you may be aware that Southern Cross Care will shortly be holding its AGM and those of you who are financial members of SCC would have been invited to that very important meeting. You will be asked to vote on some constitution matters.

Please make sure that you are well informed regarding the issues that you will vote on.

There is a proposal to reduce the status of the KSC on the SCC board, reducing the number of KSC members that will sit on the Board. The fact is that our aging order just does not have enough suitably qualified persons for us to nominate to fill positions on the SCC Board.

As sad as it will be for our elder Brothers to accept, we all need to realize this is the reality that exists.

There also needs to be more females on the make up of that Board. More than half the residents of SCC facilities are female, more than half the employees are women and there is an increasing number of state and federal government departments that they deal with that are run by women. We have no choice but to accept that our hold on the day to day operation of the organisation we founded is reducing and, although this breaks down our influence, if we can retain two positions on the Board we should always

be able to make sure that our Catholic ethos is maintained.

## ANNUAL MASS.

The Annual Mass for deceased members will be held on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at St Peter Claver Church, Stuart Rd, Dulwich at 7.30 pm. State Council will be installed at this Mass. Please bring a plate for supper and leave it in the Church Hall across the road. Regalia to be worn. Further details appear in November *Knightlife*.

## HELP WANTED.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral will be holding a Mass on Wed Dec 3 to mark the end of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Cathedral. The Knights have been requested to help with car park marshalling and ushering. If you would like to be involved in this Milestone celebration, please let the office know as soon as possible

## BALLOT FOR STATE CHAIRMAN.

Ballot papers must be returned to the Returning Officer, Bro. Tony Sexton, by 12 Noon Monday 10th November. The Ballot will be declared at the State Conference on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## STATE CONFERENCE AND DINNER.

The 84th State Conference and Dinner will be held on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>. Conference Venue as it was last year, CBC Conference Centre, Wakefield Street Adelaide. Enter the Centre from Ifould Street. As there is

no Pageant on that day, the Car Park will not be needed.

The Annual Dinner will be held that evening at the Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens, South Terrace, Adelaide. Enter from South Terrace, near the corner of Peacock Road. The Dinner is at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Cost is \$42 per head for a similar menu to last year's. Please advise your Branch's Conference Delegates by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Tickets have been sent to Branches during October; please advise your numbers as soon as possible

## TOY RUN.

It has been agreed that the BBQ for the Motor Bike Riders Association Toy Run at Glenelg on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 will again be held. Members are asked again to come forward this year and assist.

## THE GIFT OF WATER.

An Ecumenical Service to pray for the River Murray and its communities will be held in St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge, on Sunday November 23 at 3.00pm. The river affects all South Australians through irrigation and the pipeline that serves communities as far west as the West Coast. We therefore invite members wherever you are, to join us in or to organise a similar service in your region. Our prayers may be the catalyst to help communities survive in this time of need.

## VOCATIONAL INTERVIEWS.

Thanks to all who took part in the Vocational Interviews at Thomas More College during September and at

OLSH in October. The project was very successful and at least one branch is considering approaching a nearby Catholic College to broach the subject of taking part in a similar exercise.

## 2008 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

I remind brothers that subscriptions are now past due. The Order relies on subscriptions to fund its activities and will be severely restricted if membership subscriptions are significantly reduced

## BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP STATUE.

A cheque for \$5000 has been forwarded to Bishop Greg O'Kelly. This comprises branch donations of \$2600 and a State Council contribution of \$2400. Thanks to all branches and individuals who generously donated towards this cause.

## OBITUARIES.

Since the last *Knights Talk*, one member, Bro. Andrew Dempsey, has died. 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.

## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS.

Advance Notice is given of the Australia Day Mass in the Cathedral on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009. The Knights will be asked to help with the Ministries

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30<sup>th</sup> October 2008.