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*For you made us
for yourself,
are restless
until they find
their rest in you.*

*St Augustine
of Hippo*

Feast Day — 28 August

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Service and Christianity

Welcome readers to our August September issue of Knight Life. All the wild and wet days of recent weeks has triggered nostalgic thoughts of the usual Scottish summer days of 40 years ago. Seeing current reports of heat waves and wildfires on the BBC it would however seem that that there is now a somewhat different mid climate-change experience to be had.

At the end of June, the *Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill 2026* was put forward in parliament. It was approved by the Legislative Council but later the same day rejected by the House of Assembly. This result was met by many supporters of the Bill with disappointment but tinged with a little hope given the reception in the Legislative Council. State Council felt that it would be appropriate for KSC (SA) to write to each member of parliament thanking or expressing disappointment, as the case may be, for their yes or no vote. On behalf of the Knights, I wrote in those terms, and in a respectful spirit of dialogue, to each MLC (10 for and 9 against) and each MP (9 for and 36 against). Of course, all MLCs and MPs sent a standard response in acknowledgement. However, four parliamentarians also responded personally. I replied to two of these, one yes and one no, and undertook to take their view to State Council.

It is my own view that this is not an issue where we can afford to be black and white, it is a very nuanced issue. My letters to the parliamentarians put the issue in terms of advocacy for the unborn. It is often an issue of healthcare for women and the unborn. It is reasonable to say that, where practical or appropriate, prevention is far better than cure. There are many reasons that abortion is turned to which range from social deprivation to physical health and a myriad of issues in between.

One voluntary organisation doing great work in the prevention space is Birthline, and I have included some details about their work elsewhere in this issue of *Knight Life*.

On a lighter note, I attended the annual **Emmaus Branch Dinner** held at the Marion hotel and I thank Bro Peter McCarthy and the Branch for their generous hospitality. As always, this event went very well and the guest speaker this year was Associate Professor Robert Ali from the School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences. Assoc. Professor Ali spoke very engagingly and persuasively on the topic of drug and other substance addictions and their treatment and rehabilitation. It was also pleasing to note that all proceeds from the dinner went to the *St Vincent de Paul Society (SA)*, *Catherine House*, and the *Village of Hope, India*.

State Council once again donned their aprons and held a **BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings**, Adelaide Airport on Sunday 21 June. I say State Council, but we could not have managed without the great assistance from Edwardstown/Plympton Branch. Many thanks to all who participated, Bros Ian Fleetwood (captain), Sean McGrath, Declan Donleavy, John Calleja, David Lloyd, John Atkinson, Simon O'Neill, with me cashiering. On the same theme, I spent Saturday, 11 July also cashiering for my own Branch, Para Region's, BBQ at Bunnings, Parafield Airport. Different airport same hard-worked result. Thanks must go to Bros John Calleja (captain), Andrew Strawbridge, Daryl Jones, John Doyle and Bruce Worrall who put in a great, and rewarding, effort on a very cold and rainy day. Special thanks to John Calleja for his advanced skills in water-leak control.



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Our Mission

Witnessing to Jesus Christ
by advocating Christian
values and beliefs
throughout Australia,
and leading the laity
in a spirit of Service
inspired by the Gospel.

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State Council's July meeting had invited representatives attending from Edwardstown|Plympton and Para Region Branches. This enabled a lively discussion on the happenings and issues at the grass roots of the Order which helps to give a fuller perspective to both parties.

Thanks to *Bros Sean McGrath, Peter Quinn, John Clayton*, (Edwardstown|Plympton) and *Brendan O'Loughlin* (Para Region) who gave their input and shared their opinions.

State Council also welcomes our newest Members in *Jakub Mereszka* (Clearview|Kilburn) and *Tim Foley* (Prospect|North Adelaide).

Over the last nine months or so I have represented the Knights as a member of the **2026 Diocesan Synod**. This has been a very interesting journey which culminated on 27 June with the final meeting at Hahndorf which approved (by consensus) a large number of recommendations to *Archbishop O'Regan* for the future conduct of the work of the archdiocese. These recommendations were contained within five key themes, *Becoming Missionary Disciples, Communion in Grace, Mission of Catholic Education, Formation for Mission and Leadership*, and *Structures and Planning for Communion, Mission and Participation*.

On a personal level, I learned something different in the way in which discussions were conducted through a respectful listening and discernment process, *Conversations in the Spirit*. This methodology had much

to commend itself, but I am not sure if State Council, or Branches for that matter, would be ready for it. That says more about my own timidity than the ability of Councillors or Branch Members!

On that happy note of fallibility, I wish you all the best for warmer months which must surely be on their way. ■

Knights' Prayer

O God, please bless
all fellow Members
of the Knights of the
Southern Cross
and their families.

Bless all our activities
and inspire us at all times
to work for Your greater glory
and the salvation of all.

May the souls of
the faithful departed
rest in peace.

Amen



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KSC (SA) State Council Vacancies and Elections

We Need **YOU** for State Council ...

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Brothers, as the year progresses, we have come to that time where we are planning the immediate future of our South Australian organisation.

The AGM is in November and, as usual, we are calling on Members to consider being a part of the new State Council which will carry us forward.

For our organisation to run effectively we need new Members to volunteer their services to State Council. This can be a very worthwhile and rewarding commitment which helps to extend the Council's energy and expertise which your lived experience would bring to the Order. The commitment can be as flexible as suits your needs.

There is one meeting per month plus optional subcommittees.

Meetings can be attended in person or by ZOOM, thus distance should be no object. The timing of meeting is always adjustable to suit State Councillors' needs.

As a member of State Council you can be the agent of change that the Order needs to thrive in these rapidly changing and challenging times. Please consider taking up this challenge!

Please submit your nominations by 31 October 2026 to Bro Andy Tamassy, State Secretary.

At the end of this year, Bro Paul Hawkes will be standing aside as State Chairman having completed his maximum four-year term under the Constitution. Consequently, we are inviting nominations for a new State Chairman to commence in 2027. This position is normally held for two years with the ability to stand for a second, and final, term after that.

Please submit nominations for State Chairman to Bro Andy Tamassy, State Secretary by 30 August 2026. ■

• The truth is like a lion;
you don't have to defend it.
Let it loose; and it will defend itself. •

St Augustine of Hippo



Nomination Forms

Nomination for State Councillor

Name:

Address:

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Branch:

☐ I am a financial member of the order
and I accept the Nomination.

Signed:

Nominated by:

Signed:

No Member shall be eligible for election to State Council unless they have been a Member for at least 12 months.

Closing Date for State Council Nominations is 31 October 2026

Nomination for State Chairman

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Address:

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Branch:

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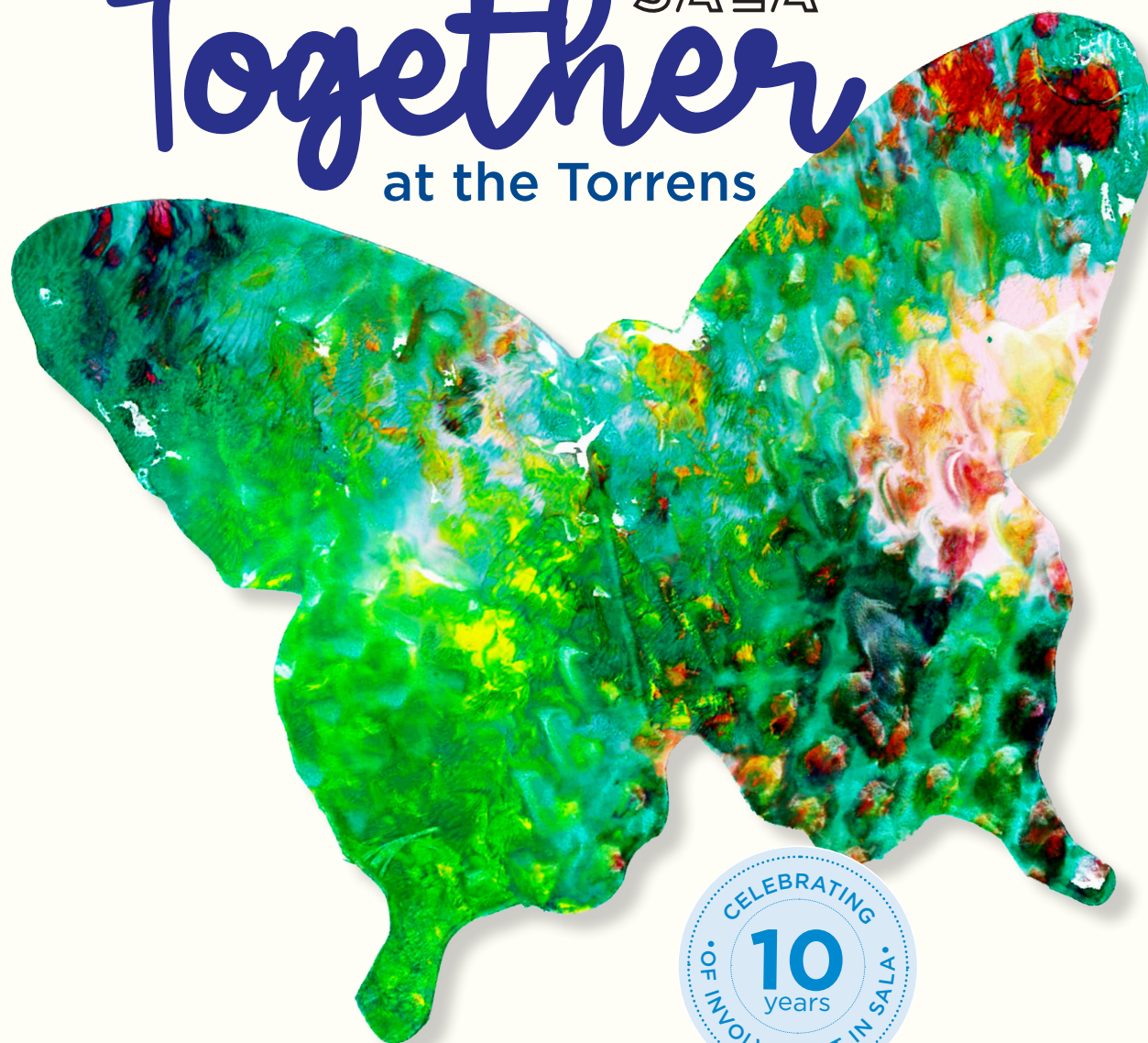
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Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill 2026

Dear Brothers

What a wonderful and historic result in the SA Legislative Council on Wednesday 17 June. To me this signals a crack in the, until now, almost impenetrable armour of negativity that surrounds the Abortion Debate across our nation.

All kudos to Dr. Joanna Howe and her team for the impetus they provided in informing the community of the reality of the infanticide of viable babies in the womb by the injection of potassium chloride into their hearts to kill them as part of the third trimester abortion process.

Yes, it was disappointing that our State Premier prevented any community discussion on the Bill by immediately forcing the Legislative Assembly to debate and vote on the Bill that very same evening. However, the initiative of Sarah Game MLC WILL NOT be halted as she continues her campaign against abortion from conception onwards along with Dr Joanna Howe.

In my opinion the Order must become more vocal and public in its support for the banning of this murder of Christ's Holy Innocents.

Kind regards, *Bro Gary Amott*

Southern Cross Care SA Living Artists' (SALA) Exhibition

Dear Knights

We invite all members of our community to walk through a stunning display of thousands of colourful butterflies for this year's Southern Cross Care SA Living Artists' (SALA) exhibition.

Art is a wonderful way to combat isolation and loneliness by giving people of different backgrounds a shared opportunity to express themselves. That's why bringing butterflies together into combined artworks seemed the perfect fit for this year's SALA program, proudly supported by the Southern Cross Care Community Foundation.

While each butterfly is different, together they form collective artworks that reflect belonging and community. The exhibition of these artworks, *Together at the Torrens*, shows what individual members of a community can achieve when they come together to connect and we would love to share this wonderful achievement with you.

Exhibition details:

- Open to the public 10 am – 4 pm on 4 – 6 August
- At the Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall on Victoria Drive, Adelaide
- Free parking, free entry and an onsite café

Thank you to the Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross who are volunteering to run the barbecue during the event.

Kind regards,

Anna Lyons — SCC Communications Coordinator

Our June and July meetings resulted in six and eleven Brothers in attendance respectively, with four and two apologies also received accordingly.

The main issue at our July Meeting was the booking of another Sausage Sizzle stall at our local Bunnings for Saturday, 11 July. This has become our latest and best fundraiser, and several of our Members are on board for this cooking extravaganza! Also, great to see our former Branch Member, Bro John Calleja at our July Meeting to organise things.

Unfortunately, no success as yet from our recent Salisbury Parish drive for new members, as was the case at Elizabeth last year. We are looking at ways to re-visit both with other options. Also, the **Young Men of God** organisation recently held a fundraiser in Salisbury for their third annual *YMG Men's Conference*. We have forwarded a letter and a \$100 donation to wish them well.

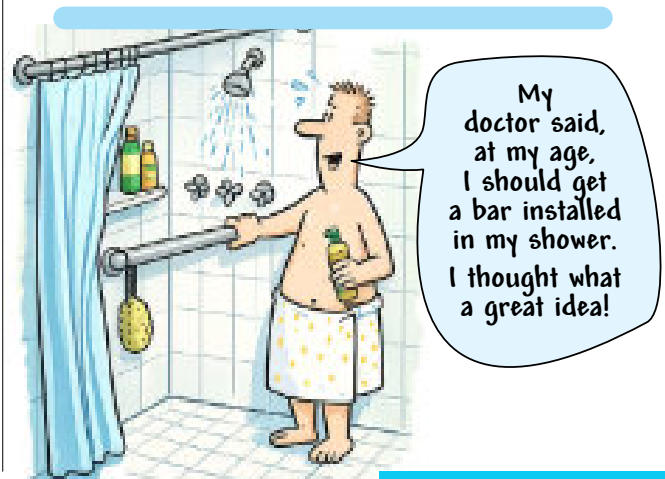
For the upcoming **North|Eastern Regional Dinner**, we have eight people from here planning to attend. We are also once more going to sponsor the three local Catholic Colleges' joint **Sports Carnival** coming up in November with a shield and also a donation to be included as well.

Bro Paul Hawkes also updated us with various Head Office matters as he transitions from State Chairman to National Secretary.

On Welfare, mention was made of *Paul Ryan*, *David Kennedy* and *Ken Turffrey* who have had recent ailments, and our *Andrew Strawbridge* is set to become a grandfather very shortly!

In closing, we are also looking at giving support to **Birthingline Pregnancy Support** who do so much good in their role of providing supporting mothers and families at this crucial time in their lives.

And despite losing three of our best players during the mid-year draft, those Mighty Eagles are still up there around the mark! ■



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Community Foundation



This year has been busy and very rewarding, with some of our activities including:

- 1 Serving a meal of cooked sausages in bread**, fresh salads, watermelon, ice creams, and drinks to children and parents during an induction gathering for those preparing for the 2026 Sacraments of Reconciliation. This special event was a chance for the Knights to support *Sandra Lloyd* and her dedicated **Sacramental Team** at the beginning of each year's meeting, helping families feel connected and celebrated.
- 2 We contributed \$750 to the Parish** in support of the purchase of online Mass-broadcasting equipment. This thoughtful initiative is designed to help those who are unable to attend Mass in person, ensuring they can still connect with their faith and feel part of the community from the comfort of their own homes, wherever they may be.
- 3 We donated funds to help with training costs** for our dedicated volunteer teachers involved in **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program**, which serves children aged 3 to 12 years of age. This beautiful initiative, inspired by the principles of *Maria Montessori* and rooted in scripture and the rich liturgy of the Catholic Church, provides a nurturing environment for our young ones to grow in Faith.

Our Knights are truly honoured to support this loving endeavour and the amazing individuals who make it possible.
- 4 Cooked 1,500 sausages on Students' Day** at St Francis de Sales College, marking the end of the term. It was heartwarming to see so many students and teachers embracing the occasion by wearing a wonderful array of colourful and sometimes quirky costumes. Our Knights take great joy in supporting the school community whenever they can. It's a privilege to contribute to such joyful events in the lives of the students.
- 5 Hosting a free BBQ sausage sizzle for parishioners** after Mass at Mt Barker. The next one is coming up in July. We'll also be doing one at Strathalbyn on 13 September. Along with serving up a great BBQ, we're always happy to chat if you'd like to know more about becoming a member — no pressure at all, but we'd love to welcome a few new faces.
- 6 Cooking a monthly lunch at SCC Oakford Lodge** in Mount Barker — a men's lunch for 10–15 attendees and a women's lunch for 25–30. It's become a highlight everyone looks forward to, and our Brothers enjoy hearing the wonderful stories shared around the tables. A big thankyou to all our Members who volunteer.



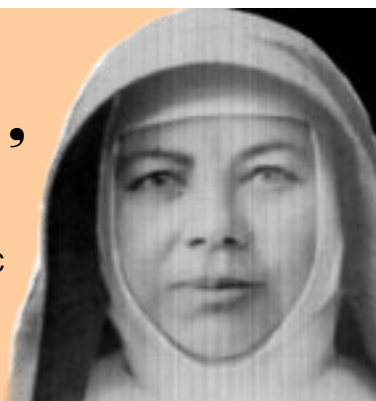
Hungry No More

- 7 We have organised to volunteer in the kitchen for 'HUNGRY NO MORE'** — a welcoming program for anyone who is hungry, homeless, lonely, or simply wants to come along. A free two-course meal is served every Sunday at 6 pm in the Mt Barker Uniting Church, prepared by volunteers from across our community. We have a team of 11 volunteers; many of whom proudly support the Knights and the work we do. ■

• **Never see a need without doing something about it.** •

St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop —
Patron Saint of the KSC

Feast Day — 8 August



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A Commitment to Achievement — Bro Des Tellis

At 98 years of age, Desmond Tellis, a resident at Onkaparinga Lodge Residential Care, looks back on a life defined by a clear sense of duty and contribution. For Desmond, purpose has always been about more than just personal success; it is about serving the community and doing things well. Desmond said that the purpose is *'to have a good life and do the right things.'*

Desmond moved to South Australia with his wife Loyse in 1967, after working for twenty years in India's defence research and development department. Starting at the State Library, he quickly made his mark on the Australian information science scene. His strong sense of purpose led him to the Australian Mineral Foundation, where he helped build what became the best special library in the country

His work was vital to the industry. He managed the Australian Earth Sciences Information System and worked on a thesaurus that simplified complex indexing from 20,000 words down to 6,000. For these achievements, he was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Information Sciences in London and the Australian Library and Information Sciences Association.

"I was very lucky to be involved in that sort of work and as luck would have it people are very generous," he said. "I've come through life being recognised by other people that saw something that I could do, the only credit I can take is that when I got a job I obviously did it well."

Desmond's commitment to others extended far beyond his professional life. He spent ten years as a parish treasurer and served on finance committees and in choirs.

After moving into McAuley Mews Retirement Living, he became a dedicated member of the Brighton's Men's Shed, which he describes as "extremely good pastoral therapy for men." Desmond and Loyse also spent time supporting their three children and two grandchildren.

Following the passing of his beloved wife, who lived to be 99, Desmond found a new rhythm at Onkaparinga Lodge. His sense of purpose now focuses on maintaining the strong connection he has built over decades with his Probus discussion group and the Knights of the Southern Cross. "My purpose is to live comfortably and take one day at a time," Desmond explained.



Above: Brother Des Tellis

He continues to attend Mass and enjoys regular visits from his family, local church community and other friends. When the opportunity came up, Desmond also put his hand up to be one of Onkaparinga Lodge's Resident Representatives. "God has been good to me, and I've still got my faculties by the look of it," he said.

For Desmond, a life well-lived is one where you are engaged in a supportive community. ■

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October | November 2026
Knight Life
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The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Our Branch is pleased to share our recent activities and achievements to keep you informed.

It was our Branch's turn this year to organise the annual **Joint North Eastern Regional Branches Dinner**, which was held at The *Nor' East Restaurant* on Tuesday, 14 July. In attendance were the KSC SA Chaplain, Fr Leon Czechowicz and KSC SA Chairman, Bro Paul Hawkes. Around forty members (from Clearview|Kilburn, Para Region, Dernancourt, Prospect|North Adelaide, and Hectorville|Tranmere) and their wives enjoyed a wonderful night out on this joyful occasion. We are grateful for everyone's participation and support, which reflect our strong community spirit.

We held our third **Bunnings Community BBQ** in 2026 on Saturday, 18 July at Bunnings Windsor Gardens, raising valuable funds to support our ongoing charitable initiatives. We sincerely thank Mrs Denise Campbell, whose dedication and generosity with her cake made our day, and we appreciate all the member volunteers who contributed to its success. Your support truly makes a difference and inspires continued involvement.

Through our fundraising activities, such as the *Bunnings Community BBQ*, *Club 45*, and *recycling*, we were able to make our biannual donations to our chosen charities, **Hutt Street Centre** and **Vinnies**. Donations to Vinnies were presented at the end of Masses at both *St Brigid* and the *Good Shepherd Churches*. The parishioners present expressed their appreciation for our Branch's charitable contributions with warm applause.

By His Grace. ■



Above: Bro Peter Molloy (Left) presenting the donation cheque to Hutt Street Centre CEO, Mr Chris Burns.

Below: The **Joint North Eastern Regional Branches Dinner**. In the foreground is Bro Peter Molloy, Clearview Kilburn Branch Chairman and his wife, Anne.

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Above: Bro Peter Molloy, presenting donation to representatives from Vinnies Clearview Conference.

Left: Bro Joseph Thalleycherry, Branch Treasurer, presenting donation to Sr Pat from the Vinnies Kilburn Conference.



THE OBJECTS OF THE ORDER

- **To promote** the advancement of Australia.
- **To foster** the Christian Way of Life throughout the Nation.
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At our last meeting in June, we had seven members present with four apologies.

Our meeting times seem to have cut back from 75 mins to 45 mins which gives us a chance for a little more fellowship after the meeting.

On fundraising, our monthly BBQ, which usually averages \$80 had a leap in profit to \$117 this month. I guess the freezing weather down here made everyone looking for something hot to warm up their souls,

Our next major fundraiser will be the Father's Day Raffle which we hope will be as successful as our Mother's Day Raffle.

We have donated \$1,000 to Vinnies Winter Appeal as well as \$250 each to South Coast Care, The Uniting Church Open Door and the Whalers Group. All of whom assist those struggling in our area.

Please keep in your prayers a number of our brothers who are struggling with health issues at the current time.

Hoping the weather picks up a little soon but on the upside, we have had the best rain in many years. ■

A BOLD STORY WELL PROVEN

One Hundred Years of the Knights of the Southern Cross

(Published 2022)

This book charts the 100 year history of the Knights of the Southern Cross in South Australia.

Paul Hawkes relates the founding and flourishing of the South Australian Order and traces the roots of the modern worldwide Orders of Catholic Knights from which the KSC has evolved.

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With winter being a cold and wet time in our region, a few of our members have headed off to sunny Queensland for some sunshine, but we have still managed to have 4 – 6 members attend our May, June and July meetings.

Apologies for missing the last Knight Life report so I will report on our activities starting back in May

We drew our annual **Easter Raffle** the Monday before Easter with some lucky people receiving some very nice prizes from our local businesses. We were able to raise a profit of approximately \$1,500, and it was agreed to donate \$1,000 to our local *St Vincent de Paul* charity in Port Pirie. We felt this would be helpful at a difficult time for those in our local community with an increase in cost of living. We presented this to local Vinnies Conference President, *Delia Guy*, after our Knights Mass in celebration of *St Joseph the Worker*, where we cooked and provide a BBQ lunch for all who attended the 10.30 am Mass at St Mark's Cathedral. This was much appreciated by our local parish.

At our last meeting we looked at the request from State Office to see if we could support Birthline with a donation. We decided to look at our local charity, **Yourtown Penrose House** who do wonderful work in that space, helping mothers and families in Port Pirie and surrounds. It was agreed unanimously that we would donate \$800 to help this cause.

My family and I attended the **Catholic Adelaide Fire Weekend**, which was run by the *Disciples of Jesus* and *Missionaries of God's Love*. It was great to see such a genuine and wonderful expression of love and faith for the Catholic Church. A mixture of young families and older generations with a real love for Jesus. I would recommend anyone to check it out next year.

Looking forward, we are hoping to have a Knights social gathering that would potentially be a picnic at Bowmans Park for all people from our parishes. Trying to find a suitable date will be discussed at our next meeting.

Hopefully the rain will continue to fall for the next few months, and the State continues to look as green and lush as it is.

God bless. ■

- Christianity is not a set of private convictions that we cultivate inwardly or whisper among ourselves. It is the message that the whole world needs to hear. We who have heard it must become agents of subversion and transformation. — Bishop Robert Barron



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A warm welcome to our Knight Life readers. Well, the last week has been warm by 11am – Laura and I on occasions have had coffee outside in the sunshine, warm and amazed at how weeds can take over the gardens so quickly. The weeds have flowered much faster than our roses, tulips and sweet peas. However, our plants are growing, and we look forward to our ‘man-made’ efforts at colour and beauty.

Our June meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather — wind and heavy rain, cold. July was considerably better attended. A family dinner meeting was suggested, and we had eight members present and Fr Paul Quirk as our invited guest. Two members and our potential member were apologies received along with Fr Steve Ardill. I need to point out most of our members’ wives were present. A three-course meal was on the menu with food supplied and shared by all present. Not only was it tasty and satisfying, but it was also plentiful. Business was again discussed and attended to quickly and efficiently as dessert was on hold until we finished.

Promotion continues with members wearing our name badges at Masses and parish events. We try to regularly include notices in our church bulletin. Our 150 Club Draws are posted in our churches, *Star of the Sea Homes* at Wallaroo as well as *Knight Life* of course. An aside — the first four draw results are included in this Knight Life edition.

Our bi-monthly barbecue at *Star of the Sea*, Wallaroo on 2 June, saw Laura and I attending to the clientele. Again, it was a wonderful event with the men and women enjoying the barbecue and salads along with the interaction amongst themselves and with us. Our next barbecue is on 4 August with Bros Fab, Laurie and I committed to assist. We are promoting ourselves through our action in supporting this function.

I’m sure there are times we all wonder if our prayers are heard by the saints or our Father in Heaven. I believe we may not see the results of our prayers, but they are heard and they will be attended to, not necessarily as we hoped but they will be as our guardians see fit. So, Members and readers your prayers need to continue for all brother Knights and their families, and for all our and your parishioners suffering ill health; also, for any special needs we each may have.

Parish Events

Fr Steve thought our parish should help our community, particularly those in need so a free community lunch was coordinated for the first Sunday of each of the winter months and held at the *Star of the Sea Function Area*. The first two were very well supported with lovely soups and main courses supplied by parishioners. Almost thirty attended for meals, a mix of parishioners and community members. Food was so plentiful, the visitors went home with take away containers for later. We hope the final lunch is as well supported and successful.

Last report, I mentioned our two young gentlemen coordinating a **Pilgrimage Day** from Moonta, to Wallaroo and

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Parish Activity Centre,
Strathmore Tce, Brighton

Clearview | Kilburn:

1st Tuesday — 7.00pm,
Parish Hall, Clearview

Dernancourt:

2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm
Parish Centre, 1 Avoca St, Dernancourt

Edwardstown | Plympton:

2nd Wednesday — 7.00pm
‘The Pines’ Club Rooms —
336 Marion Rd, North Plympton

Emmaus:

3rd Thursday — 7.00pm
Lisieux Space (Foyer),
St Therese’s Church,
Colonel Light Gardens

Hectorville | Tranmere:

1st Wednesday — 7.00pm
Paradise Room,
35 Stoneybrook Drive, Paradise

Mt Barker | Strathalbyn:

3rd Tuesday — 7.00pm,
Our Lady of Mercy Church Foyer

Para Region: 1st Monday — 7.00pm

Family Centre, Salisbury Parish,
Carey St, Salisbury

Penola:

2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Port Augusta:

3rd Thursday — 7.00pm,
Meeting Room, All Saints Church

Port Pirie | Crystal Brook:

2nd Tuesday — 7.00pm
Pt Pirie Diocesan Centre,
odd months
Crystal Brook Parish Centre,
even months

Prospect | North Adelaide:

3rd Wednesday — 7:00 pm,
Church Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary,
14 Barker Road, Prospect.

Southern Fleurieu:

3rd Wednesday — 3.00pm
St John the Apostle,
Gardiner St, Goolwa

St Mary MacKillop | Copper Coast:

3rd Thursday — 4.00pm
Star of the Sea, Function Area, Wallaroo

Tailem Bend | Murray Bridge:

3rd Sunday — 2.00pm, Church Hall,
Tailem Bend

Woodville | West Torrens:

1st Tuesday — 2.00pm
St Margaret Mary’s Presbytery, Torrens Rd,
Croydon



finishing in Kadina walking the bike-trail connecting all three towns, on 12 June, the *Feast of the Sacred Heart*. A good number of parishioners supported them at the beginning with the prayer time in *Moonta Church* at the start, and some walked part of the way with them. The Mass at the end had other parishioners join them and all were invited to Fr Steve's home for a light dinner. This was a three-course meal, with soup and two of the main course options prepared and supplied by Fr Steve. The planning by the two young men was detailed and showed their determination and commitment to their faith.

To cap off this report, the Branch has decided to trial holding meetings in the afternoon, seeing our Members are now retirees. Please note — we will be meeting as detailed below for coming meetings before making a final motion and decision:

Third Thursday of each month at *Star of the Sea Function Area, Wallaroo*, beginning at 4.00pm.

Thoughts for the coming weeks

From B. Johnson's, *I Don't Suffer from Insanity*

All we can take with us to heaven
is what we leave behind
in the lives we touch.

That is why I am grateful for what we have, I don't wish we had more, bigger or better. It gives me a warm feeling when helping others be it through, family, church events, *Scouts*, *Vinnies* or *Knights*. I'm happy to be busy; it keeps my mind alert and my days full and active.

Laura says it keeps me out of mischief.
Finally, as a challenge over coming weeks ...

Desire all that's good, true
and beautiful in the world.
Live an extraordinary life!

And remember the following to keep yourselves positive —

What a wonderful thought it is
that some of the best days of our lives
haven't even happened yet.

— from an old Florentina calendar, published by Createl.

Until next time ...

150 Club Draw: 2026 – 2027

April	1 st	# 54	F Appay
	2 nd	# 21	F Appay
	3 rd	# 25	C Matthews
May	1 st	# 12	P Thomas
	2 nd	# 57	G O'Callahan
	3 rd	# 82	P Oswald
June	1 st	# 58	B Thomson
	2 nd	# 95	E Browne
	3 rd	# 72	A Curnow
July	1 st	# 52	Terry McCumiskey
	2 nd	# 59	Joan Bavington
	3 rd	# 23	P and H Crook

Prospect | North Adelaide — Bro John Calleja

Our July Branch meeting included guest speaker Cassidy Farrar from Ronald McDonald House based in North Adelaide. The presentation gave us an insight to the day-by-day operations, volunteering programs and how we can help. An invitation tour into the house has been agreed in the coming weeks.

Since the establishment, in late November 2025, the new Prospect/North Adelaide Branch, consisting at present of four Members, has been busy promoting our Branch at our local Church communities. In addition, we have been braving the wet weather during June and July, on some Fridays, conducting sausage sizzles at the *Prospect Bunnings* store.

Bros Mike Wake and Frank Garreffa have become expert sausage sizzle cooks and enjoy seeing return customers back for more cooked sausages.

Many customers have never heard of the KSC, hence, the team take it in turn to provide a brief summary and mention some of the known charities ... great way to promote our KSC profile.

Left: BBQ L – R: Bros Mike Wake, Frank Garreffa, and John Calleja (Branch Chairman).



Please remember in your prayers deceased Members whose Anniversaries occur in ...

August

1	Kenneth R GEOGHEGAN	1996
	Ronald L PANTZER	
	John M FOLEY	2004
	Robert JOHN CHAPMAN	2013
	Joseph KELLY	2014
2	R Murray GLASTONBURY	2003
3	Kevin G YEATES	2005
	Patrick T DILLON	1974
4	Raymond H FYFE	1995
	Dorian J BORDA	2022
	William McELLISTER	1956
	John FOX	1986
5	Michael J O'GRADY	2005
	John J FOGARTY	2022
6	Peter A McCARTHY	2001
	Tadeusz KRUPKA	2022
8	Philip J RYAN	2009
	J (Jack) MALONE	1955
	Michael G MURPHY	1972
9	Malcolm D McDONALD	2000
	Timothy A HOWARD	2001
	Terence P JENNER	2022
	Colin E J MATTHEW	2004
10	Peter J BARKER	2020
	Clifton BARNETT	1988
	Richard C HONNER	1991
12	John SCOLLIN	1980
13	John A LUNDIE	1995
	Denis S BYRNE	2003
	Ian REID	2019
	Frederick DEEGAN	1940
14	Eamonn J HUGHES	1996
	Frank DOCHERTY	1979
	Raymond B MILLER	2014
15	Francis J FAY	1997
16	Douglas G BURT	2015
17	Kevin J HOLLIS	2025
18	Martin O'NEILL	1993
	John V DAVOREN	1998
	Thomas LINEHAN	1947
19	John D HILL	1996
	Keith J KOEN	1999
	Kevin L STANLEY	2012
	Desmond E HANCOCK	2012
	Maurice HOWIE	2018
20	Francis R WILLIAMS	2001
	Francis R (Frank) BROGAN	2022
	Robert S (Bob) JOHNSON	2022
	Desmond J SANDERCOCK	2022
22	Maurice S KERIN	2015
23	Maxwell S WEEDON	2002
24	Michael F KAIN	1994
25	John Moritz HEUZENROEDER	2008
	Thomas F O'NEILL	1956
26	Reginald COLBERT	2010
	Douglas E BAKER	2012
	Don ANDERSON	2020
27	Joseph P COSTELLO	1997
	John L MAINGARD	2016

28	Cecil C NITSCHKE	1995
	Carlo DUREGON	2005
	Gerald D CAREY	2014
	Francis D O'SHEA	1986
	Alwyn (Al) T TYLER	2022
29	Adolphe H CAMPBELL	2011
	Peter J DONNELLY	2017
30	Kenneth COOMBE	1995
	Geoff OATES	2015
	William A MOUSLEY	1965
31	James (Jim) DWYER	2024
	Garrett P CRONIN	1977
	Ronald L PANTZER	2003

September

1	John A TROMPENAARS	1999
3	Robert LANGLEY	2002
	Brian J O'RILEY	2015
4	James H BROWN	2004
	Peter GILLEN	1931
	Robert (Bob) BOOTS	2024
6	John B SHIRLEY	2004
	William J MALONEY	2005
	Henry (Harry) CARN	2010
	Francis W (Frank) SCHUTZE	1969
	Jeffrey A COOPER	2015
	John (Jack) E HEFFERNAN	2015
7	P Joseph O'SHAUGHNESSY	1999
	James R HARRINGTON	2000
	William F CONNELLY	2008
	Colin EGAR AM	2008
8	Trevor A HEHIR	2013
	Walter L MAGUIRE	1998
	Francis H (Frank) WARNER	2010
	Harold O HENNINGSEN	2002
	John E McMILLAN	2015
9	Stephen P MULHALL	1965
	Francis KELLY	1961
10	Patrick J CONCANNON	1978
11	Thomas MORONY	1994
	Brian C LOCK	1997
12	Arthur E FREEMAN	2004
	Nathaniel RENFREY	2010
13	Oscar MATTIAZZO	2017
14	George COLLINS	1995
15	Francis K WILLIS	1998
	Leo M DUIGAN	2003
	Bernard F RUSH	2007
17	Gerald T ASCIONE	2024
	Adrian KORFF	1948
19	Martin L DAVOREN	1985
	Mons Rob EGAR	2023
20	George Edward TOOLE	1993
	Harold F HUDSON	1995
	Vincent P BREEN	2015
	Martin J COX	2017
21	Brian F CRONIN	1994
	John B SULLIVAN	1998
	Frank NEWPORT	2018
22	Kenneth A KILEY	1996
	Joseph KELLY	2002

23	Rodney W SHELDRIK	1994
	John J McMAHON	2002
	Peter W CROTTY	2022
24	Denis R J MORRISSEY	2016
26	Richard William JUDD	1993
	Peter S DALY	2009
27	Henry KENNEDY	1991
28	Harry ZWAANS	2010
	David J DALZELL	2016
	Daniel J DONOVAN	1979
29	Cyril E DEED	1928
30	Bernard HENDERSON	2000
	Brian MOYLE	2013
	Edmund J DUFFY	2022



State Council recently discussed this submission and strongly endorses the work of *Birthline*. All Branches have been contacted and encouraged by State Council to consider supporting Birthline.

Attention: Mr Paul Hawkes,
Chairperson Knights of the Southern Cross

SA State Council
RE: Submission to the Knights of the Southern Cross State Council — June 2026

Supporting Birthline's Material Assistance Program through Financial Assistance and Volunteer Support

Introduction

Birthline Pregnancy Support Inc. respectfully submits this request for support to the Knights of the Southern Cross State Council.

For more than 50 years, *Birthline* has provided compassionate support to women and families facing unplanned pregnancy, pregnancy loss, and the challenges of early parenthood. Founded in South Australia in 1972, *Birthline* remains a volunteer-driven organisation committed to ensuring that no woman or family faces these challenges alone.

Alongside counselling and emotional support, *Birthline's Material Assistance Program* provides essential baby goods free of charge to families experiencing hardship.

The Need in Our Community

Across South Australia, many families are experiencing financial pressure due to rising living costs, housing insecurity, unemployment, family violence, and unexpected pregnancy-related expenses. Through our *Material Assistance Program*, *Birthline* provides donated and carefully prepared baby goods including:

- Cots and bassinets
- Prams and strollers
- Car seats and capsules
- Baby clothing
- Highchairs
- Baby baths
- Bedding and nursery items
- Toys and developmental resources

These items are supplied at no cost, helping vulnerable families provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

A summary of *Birthline's Material Assistance Program* activity and outcomes is attached for the Council's information.

The attached statistics highlight both the demand for support and the significant difference that donated goods and volunteer assistance make to vulnerable families across South Australia.

The statistics have been drawn from *Birthline's* annual September Bulletins, which provide a record of our telephone *counselling services* and *Material Assistance Program*. We hope they offer insight into the breadth of our work and the vital role that community support plays in helping us meet the needs of families facing difficult circumstances

The Importance of Material Assistance

The generosity of the South Australian community allows *Birthline* to receive a steady flow of donated baby goods. However, collecting, preparing and distributing these items requires significant volunteer effort and resources.

Every cot delivered, pram collected and package of baby clothing distributed provides practical support to families during a challenging time. Our *Material Assistance Program* reflects the values of dignity, compassion and service while helping parents meet the basic needs of their children.

Areas of Need

To continue and expand this essential work, *Birthline* seeks assistance in three key areas.

1 Financial Support

While the goods themselves are donated, costs are incurred in ensuring they can be safely and effectively redistributed.

Financial assistance would contribute towards:

- Cleaning and safety preparation of donated items
- Equipment maintenance
- Insurance and operational requirements
- Packaging and distribution costs

Additional funding would enable *Birthline* to assist more families across South Australia.

2 Volunteer Drivers

Transportation is one of the greatest challenges facing our *Material Assistance Program*.

Many donors require assistance with the collection of larger items, while many recipient families lack suitable transport to collect essential equipment.

Volunteer drivers are needed to assist with:

- Collection of donated baby goods

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- Delivery of essential items to families in need
 - Transport between storage and distribution locations
- Their contribution ensures donated goods can reach the families who need them most.

3 **Volunteers with Practical Repair and Maintenance Skills**

Birthline relies on volunteers to help maintain both our donated baby goods and our premises. Before donated items can be distributed, they must be inspected, cleaned, repaired where appropriate, and prepared for use. In addition, the upkeep of our facilities is essential to providing a safe and welcoming environment for volunteers and families.

We are seeking volunteers who can assist with:

- Minor repairs to cots, highchairs, prams and other baby equipment
- Basic maintenance and refurbishment of donated items
- Safety checking and quality assessment
- Cleaning and preparation of goods for distribution
- Assembly and disassembly of larger items when required
- Painting and general upkeep of *Birthline's* premises
- Minor building repairs and maintenance projects
- Assistance with working bees and facility improvement projects

These volunteers help ensure that families receive safe, functional and dignified items while also helping *Birthline* maintain its facilities in a cost-effective manner. Their contribution allows us to maximise the value of community donations and direct more resources towards supporting vulnerable mothers, babies and families.

Why Support from the Knights of the Southern Cross Matters

The Knights of the Southern Cross have a proud tradition of supporting families, strengthening communities and promoting practical Christian service.

Birthline's work aligns closely with these values through its commitment to supporting women, children and families facing challenging circumstances. Support from the Knights would strengthen a practical ministry of care that delivers immediate and tangible assistance to vulnerable families across South Australia.

Conclusion

Birthline respectfully requests the consideration of the Knights of the Southern Cross State Council for:

- Financial assistance to support our *Material Assistance Program*;
- Assistance in promoting volunteer driver opportunities among Knights members and affiliated communities; and
- Assistance in identifying volunteers with

maintenance, repair, trade, handyman, building, painting, mechanical, or other practical skills who may be willing to contribute their time and expertise.

Every donation and every volunteer hour contributes directly to the wellbeing of mothers, babies and families across South Australia.

We thank the Knights of the Southern Cross for their longstanding commitment to service and for considering this request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we might work together to continue supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Juanta | Director
On behalf of the *Birthline Board of Management*
Birthline Pregnancy Support
412 Magill Road, Kensington Gardens
SA 5068
Phone: 0413 380 833 ■

Dates to Remember 2026

AUGUST

- 5 **SALA BBQ (KSC)**
Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, Victoria Drive
11:00 am 2:00 pm
- 6 **State Council Meeting**
(Clearview | Kilburn and Dernancourt invited)
- 30 **Nominations for State Chairman position** close
- 31 **Branch Annual | Finance Reports** Due

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **State Council Meeting**
- 6 **Father's Day**
- 9 **BMHCG Annual Branch Dinner**, Highway Inn
Guest Speaker: Dcn Tim Grauel — Wed. 6.00 pm
- 13 **Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Branch BBQ**
after Sunday Mass, Strathalbyn.
- 24 **KL submissions** due (Oct | Nov issue)

OCTOBER

- 1 **State Council Meeting**
- 5 Labour Day **Public Holiday**
- 17 **Nominations Bill Keene Award** closes
- 24 **TBC**— Phantom Cup Dinner — Kadina

NOVEMBER

- 5 **State Council Meeting**
- 14 **TBC** — **KSC Annual Conference and AGM**
- 24 **KL submissions** due (Dec | Jan 2024 issue)

Lectio Divina for August meetings

Gospel Reading Sunday, 26 July, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13: 44 – 52

Jesus said to the crowds,

The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

‘Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.’

‘Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.

This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Have you understood all this?

They said, Yes.

And he said to them,

Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the Kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.

Lectio Divina for September meetings

Gospel Reading Sunday, 30 August, 2026
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16: 21 – 27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.

Heaven preserve you, Lord, he said.

This must not happen to you.

But he turned and said to Peter,

Get behind me, Satan!

You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think it's not God's way but man's.

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?

Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.





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