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## A Word from Pope Francis

‘What is the greatest fruit  
of a personal Covid?  
I'd say patience,  
sprinkled with a healthy  
sense of humor,  
which allows us to  
endure and make space  
for change to happen.’

*Pope Francis, Let Us Dream:  
The Path to a Better Future*

Front cover image:  
KSCSA Conference Mass  
Photo courtesy of  
Brother Peter Sullivan

Greetings to all of our readers. Whilst Knight Life is especially for our Members, we certainly hope that others too, who like to see what happens in our world as Knights, will enjoy browsing our bi-monthly publication.

As we are now into the Lenten period, I know this is a special time of the year for Members of the Order, where we are all able to consider Christ's suffering for us and His resurrection. We may also consider as Knights what we can do at each of our celebrations leading up to Easter, to support our Priests at this very busy and special time of the year for them.

Further to this, as our centenary approaches in 2022, I remind our Members of what our forebears did to follow their dreams of ensuring Catholics were employed, and supporting their Clergy to build Christianity in Australia, the Church, Catholic schools, orphanages, aged care facilities, and numerous other projects. They certainly made a difference to Australian society and helped to develop and ensure the freedom of religion we have been fortunate to live with to date. We too, can make a difference in these challenging times if we consider the plight of others around us, and what we can do to help. It's a matter of working together. Remember our Patron Saint, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and what she said: *Never see a need without doing something about it..* Therein lies our challenge and below is what State Council sees as their role in progressing the Order.

### KSC John Brewer Memorial Scholarships

Whilst these were awarded to three of the four recipients at the Australia Day Mass, Jaylee Daniels

from Samaritan College, Whyalla was not able to be with us on the day. However, I was able to present the scholarship to her, and a donated statue of Our Lady and book at an assembly of teachers and Jaylee's classmates and parents at Samaritan College on 11 March. I am grateful to Bro Richard Dunn, Whyalla Branch for attending this presentation with me.

### Planning Day

Held on 30 January, it commenced with the installation of the 2021 State Council by the State Chaplain, Mgr Rob Egar. The makeup of State Council was previously reported in the February / March edition of Knight Life. Mgr Egar also blessed the Crucifix in the meeting room following repairs to this as a result of damage during the renovations.

The monthly State Council meeting was held next to address business that had accumulated since our last meeting in November. Pleasing to see amongst the items addressed were four nominations for membership, including three from Clearview / Kilburn and one from Tailem Bend / Murray Bridge. Three have since been admitted as Members and the fourth is expected to be admitted in the near future.

Significant to the Planning Day meeting were our key projects for 2021, namely:

- KSC SA history writing and printing considerations.
- The SA Centenary scheduled for May 2022.
- A planning strategy for increased Membership.
- A review of and seek opinion on the value of having the availability of social media, and
- Succession planning.

State Councillors also suggested other goals and activities for discussion at the State Conference.

### Sub-committees

A number of State Council Members and two Branch Members have been involved in attending meetings relating to Membership, History, and our Website. These sub-committees were each chaired by the Deputy State Chairman, Brother Andy Tamassy. I won't go into detail as these will be further discussed at the State Conference. And in mentioning the State Conference, we have been meeting on Zoom to finalise details for the conference and AGM. I mention the sub-committees because of the great contribution each Councillor makes in attending these meetings, which drives the progress that we know we are making. So, my thanks to all of those on and outside of State Council who give up their time so willingly and selflessly.

### Tailem Bend / Murray Bridge Branch Merger

After many months of discussion about the two Branches of Murray Mallee and Murray Bridge becoming one Branch, I congratulate these Members coming together to form the Tailem Bend / Murray Bridge Branch. They are expected to receive their new Charter in March. It's always a pleasure to meet with these long serving Members, and I also congratulate their new Member, Bro Mark Scott on taking that first step of joining the newly merged Branch.

Finally, I extend my best wishes, and those of State Council to all Members and their families for a very Happy Easter. If you are travelling, please keep safe on the roads.

Thankyou



**Above:** Mrs Denise Campbell, one of the dedicated volunteers who managed the catering at the 2021 KSCSA Conference and AGM  
Photo courtesy of Brother Peter Sullivan

## Knights' Prayer

O God, 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



# John Brewer Scholarship Presentation

**Jaylee Daniels** from **Samaritan College**, Whyalla was presented with her John Brewer Memorial Scholarship on Thursday, March 11, 2021

A further 2021 recipient of the Knights of the Southern Cross John Brewer Memorial Scholarship was to Jaylee Daniels, a Year 12 Student at Samaritan Secondary College, Whyalla.

This is the 26th year since the Knights of the Southern Cross began awarding annual scholarships to two Year 12 students attending Catholic Colleges in South Australia each year. The scholarships, each of \$1500 are used by the students, as they require, in their education for their final year. In our selection for 2021, our State Council agreed to award 4 scholarships because of hardships experienced by many throughout 2020.

The awards are named after a deceased member (Mr. John Brewer) who gave many years of service to his church, community and to the Knights. He represented the Knights on a State and National level, was actively involved in the establishment of Southern Cross Homes, which we now know as Southern Cross Care, and was highly regarded by all those who knew him.

Whilst three of the Scholarships were presented at the Australia Day Mass at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide to **Kaitlyn Bowes** – Cardijn College, **Nicole Coppola** – St Mary's College, and **Oliver Warley** – St Patrick's Technical College, Jaylee was a very worthy applicant as well. However, we were only able to present her with this in March.

## Congratulations Jaylee!

**Photo Right:**  
**Presentation of John Brewer Memorial Scholarship** to Jaylee Daniels at Whyalla Samaritan College by Knights of the Southern Cross (SA) inc. State Chairman Don Campbell (L) and Whyalla KSC Branch Chairman Richard Dunn.

Photo courtesy of Mrs Denise Campbell



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When Pope Leo XIII wrote the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891 it was truly ground-breaking. Leo looked to the world beyond the Church where a new working class had come into existence. The industrial revolution had burst upon the scene. Men and women in factories were being exploited. Leo call for justice in the payment of wages.

Pope Francis' book, *Let us Dream*, not an encyclical, is similarly history making. Francis pleads for a gentler more tranquil society in a world of violence and terror. He proclaims that *the common good* should be the ideal for all institutions and individuals.

He includes verbal violence in his analysis of moral failings. He speaks of a *labyrinth of accusation and counter accusation which conceals the bad spirit in a time of false reason and justification*.

Parliamentary sessions on TV illustrate this. MPs of all political partis or of none are prone to accuse their opponents of lying. Technically nothing is a lie if the speaker believes what he or she is saying.

GK Chesterton said, *It is not bigoted to say another person is wrong. It is bigoted to fail to see how he thinks he is right.*

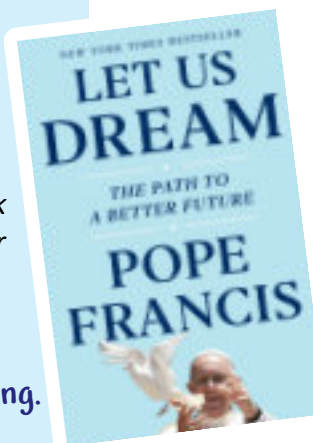
*In the light of Let us Dream, can we look forward to a new spirit of chivalry in our legislatures?*

Some MPs may need a new song.  
They could sing it quite loudly and long.  
In their jousting and vying  
they won't say "you're lying"  
but smilingly claim "you are WRONG".

Mgr Rob Egar

*May the celebration  
of Christ's resurrection  
bring you  
great peace and joy.  
Alleluia!*

Mgr Rob Egar



### Let Us Dream

Authors: Pope Francis and Austen Ivereigh  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster (December 1, 2020)  
Length: 160 pages  
ISBN13: 9781982171865

### About The Book

In this uplifting and practical book, written in collaboration with his biographer, Austen Ivereigh, the Pope Francis explains why we must—and how we can—make the world safer, fairer, and healthier for all people now.

In the COVID crisis, he saw the cruelty and inequity of our society exposed more vividly than ever before. He also saw, in the

resilience, generosity, and creativity of so many people, the means to rescue our society, our economy, and our planet ...

He begins *Let Us Dream* by exploring what this crisis can teach us about how to handle upheaval of any kind in our own lives and the world at large. With unprecedented candor, he reveals how three crises in his own life changed him dramatically for the better. By its very nature, he shows, crisis presents us with a choice: we make a grievous error if we try to return to some pre-crisis state. But if we have the courage to change, we can emerge from the crisis better than before.

Pope offers an inspiring and actionable blueprint for building a better world for all humanity by putting the poor and the planet at the heart of new thinking. For this plan, he draws not only on sacred sources, but on the latest findings from renowned scientists, economists, activists, and other thinkers. Yet rather than simply offer prescriptions, he shows how ordinary people acting together despite their differences can discover unforeseen possibilities.

*Let Us Dream* is an epiphany, a call to arms, and a pleasure to read. It is Pope Francis at his most personal, profound and passionate. With this book and with open hearts, we can change the world. (Simon & Schuster — 2020)

[Let us Dream is also available as an e-book.](#)  
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“The question is whether you’re going to come through this crisis and if so, how. The basic rule of a crisis is that you don’t come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same.”

Pope Francis, *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*

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# State Conference and Annual General Meeting — Report



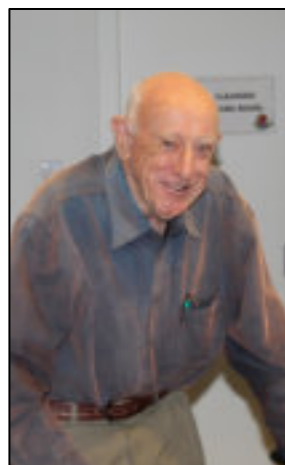
The 2020 State Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) were held at *John Martin House, The Pines*, on March 6, 2021. It was finally held following two postponements due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns.

**Right:**  
Southern Cross Care CEO, David Moran, giving the SCC Report to the Conference.

**Above:**  
Brother Frank Brogan at the Conference

During Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and State Chaplain, Mgr Rob Egar, His Grace gave an inspirational homily, referring to the story of the Prodigal Son, the mercy of the father of this man, and how this may relate to the works of the Knights.

Brother Brian Cooper (KoH) formally introduced Archbishop O'Regan who opened the conference with his inspiring oration to the 30 Branch Members and State Council present. In this address, His Grace particularly referred to:



- Pope Francis and his current visit to Iraq, endeavouring to bring people of this country closer together. He also referred to his book 'Let us Dream'.
- how this leaves us open to Grace and revelation.
- Covid-19 around the world and how Pope Francis challenged us to look at our values.

His Grace suggested we look at what inspires the Knights, what we want and what we see.

- how intense loneliness drives people to despair.
- other pandemics in our lives – that of hunger and greed, violence and intolerances that are present today, and
- what does it mean to deal with family life or communities in a disrupted life.

State Secretary, Brother David Huppertz (KoH) responded to the Archbishop, thanking him for his support of Knights in SA.

Brother Cooper delivered the IACK report and the State Chairman spoke of the key milestones reached during 2020, despite the challenges of the pandemic in 2020.

Southern Cross Care (SCC) CEO, Mr David Moran reported on care in South Australia, and gave special emphasis to plight of the coronavirus in 2020, the effects of the Royal Commission on Aged care, awards received by South Australian SCC centres, and the innovation developed at Carmelite. David also spoke about SCC's commitment to maximising life of residents and those who are cared for by them. The National Secretary and State Minute Secretary, Brother Ian Fleetwood responded emphasising KSC's gratitude to SCC for their valuable and continued support to us.

The Angelus was led by Mgr Rob and lunch was then served.

Upon resumption, Brother Michael Galea (Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Branch) talked about the benefits of using social media (e.g. Facebook) as an aid. It was agreed that this would be recommended to the AGM.



Photos courtesy of Brother Peter Sullivan

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Deputy State Chairman, Brother Andy Tamassy presented a power point session on State Council's plans, which could assist an increase in membership. It was accepted that the plan would be recommended for acceptance at the AGM.

In Open Forum, Brother Don Campbell discussed the appointment of District Chairmen in the Northern and Southern areas, with the intention of improving communication and co-ordination. He also proposed a necessary amendment to the Constitution re a Policy for Working with Children Checks. Finally he asked if limited

Branch representatives would like to attend monthly State Council meetings by Zoom as observers.

All initiatives were accepted by Members and recommended to the AGM for approval.

State Councillor and Knight Life editor, Brother Tony Sexton discussed the benefits of moving to a digital edition. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend this to the AGM for approval.

Brother David Huppatz briefed Members about the Membership Profile of State Council and the need for others to accept SC positions. He also discussed

Branches obtaining grants to place defibrillators in churches. Members agreed to this latter point being recommended to the AGM for approval.

Brother Andy Tamassy discussed the History Book and invited the author, Bro. Paul Hawkes to outline the book's progress.

To complete the open forum, Brother Ian Fleetwood asked for Branches to consider providing help to State Council to raise funds to support the History writing and printing.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Following notification of apologies, the minutes of the 2019 AGM were received and adopted, as was the State Chairman's report and the Treasurer's report.

The Returning Officer then notified the meeting the results of the election for State Chairman, with Brother Don Campbell being elected. Additionally, the Returning Officer reported that, there being insufficient numbers to call an election for State Council, all nominees were accepted as State Councillors.

The following motion to add to Part 4 of the Constitution was passed:

*4.21 Maintain an up to date statement policy for Working with Children Checks and Safeguarding Children and Young People. Such policy statement will commit Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) in South Australia to comply with South Australian Catholic "Working with Children Checks and Safeguarding Children and Young People" policies, which are applicable to either the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide or Diocese of Port Pirie, dependent on the geographical location of each Branch.*

Recommendations from the Annual State Conference were received and approved.

Closing remarks and Closing Prayers.

A dinner was held that evening at the Tonsley Hotel.

*Our thanks go to the dedicated catering volunteers, Mrs Ann Kay, Mrs Anne Fleetwood and Mrs Denise Campbell, who, along with Bros Frank Brogan and Peter Comas ensured we were able to comply with Covid-19 restrictions.*



**Above Left:** Brother Michael Boyle receiving his 50 Year Membership Certificate from State Chairman Bro Don Campbell at the Post Conference dinner.

**Left:** Brothers, wives and friends at the Post Conference dinner

*Photos courtesy of Brother Peter Sullivan*

# Branch Reports

**Clearview | Kilburn** — *Brother Peter Molloy*

Well, 2021 has finally arrived with a vengeance with our Branch heavily involved with supporting our Parish community and of course Father Selva. In the last two months we have been able to continue our efforts with recruiting new Members into the Knights. In January our State Chairman and fellow Branch Member Bro Don Campbell conducted information sessions at the Good Shepherd, Clearview with three new Members agreeing to join the Knights.

Our 2 major fund raisers for the Branch, Club 45 and Bottles/Can Re-cycling have really been accepted by the whole Parish which has set our Branch's vision of assisting the Parish with all its needs.

It was decided by all Members at our Branch Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March that the Knights would donate \$200.00 towards the re-scheduled Parish Youth Day, that will be held on the May 8, with the Knights offering to run the BBQ and assist Fr Selva with Covid-19 Marshalls. We also offered to assist Bro Fabian CHEVALIER with fun games for the Parish Youth.

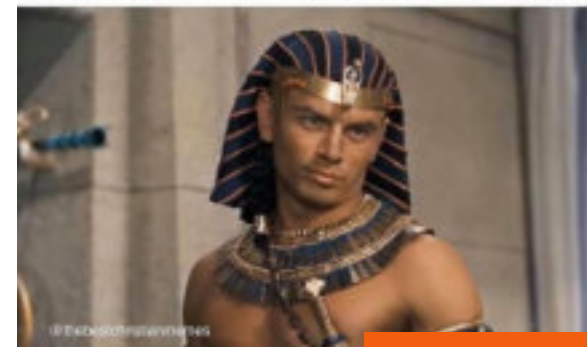
A donation of \$1500.00 was also agreed by all Members to donate to the Clearview/Kilburn Parish to upgrade of the sound system at the Good Shepherd Church.

**Right:** Branch Chairman Bro Ivan MIRANDA and Bro Anil D'SOUZA presenting a cheque to Fr Selva

**Below Left:** (L – R) Brothers Fransisco LACAR, Don CAMPBELL (State Chairman), John FRANCIS and Franco TADDEO



Pharaoh seeing us all freaking out over just one plague.



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## Branch Reports

### Southern Fleurieu —*Brother Paul Kennelly*

At the 9am Mass at Goolwa on Feb 28 our Council was installed by State Councillor Brother David Huppatz. There were new Members on Council this year in Vice Chairman Brother Robert Lee as well as Brother Tony Sicliano. Both are long time Members of our order and extremely committed to our Branch.

Our last monthly BBQ was a success, not so much by the number sold, but by the donations thrown into the money bowl.

At our next meeting, we are looking forward to meeting Brother Des Wallace who has transferred from Para Hills to live in Victor Harbor. We hope he enjoys being a Member of our Branch. Most importantly he gives us a new Member to our small group. And that will give us all a lift.

We are hoping to put on a mini St Pat's Night, depending on numbers, at Goolwa on March 21, and to try and get the parish together socially, as well as saying "thank you" for supporting our fundraising. We have made the night FREE.

And finally, a small joke ...

The elderly lady in No 10 of her street was finding her jigsaw puzzle too hard to work out, so she asked her young neighbour next door for help.

Her young friend came into her house to try and solve the problem. She asked her elderly neighbour what the jigsaw was meant to be and she answered "a Rooster".

The young lady then asked her friend to sit down and have a cup of tea, while she picked up all the Cornflakes and put them back in the box.

### Hectorville | Tranmere —*Brother Otto Moscan*

Greetings Brothers – Every year our February meetings are always a mixed meeting and we had total of 13 (which included partners and visitors) and 1 apology.

The night started off with a Mass (celebrated by Fr Roy) at Tranmere St. Joseph's Church and then we progressed over to the Hall for the installation of the new Branch Council Members for 2021 which was officiated by State Chainman (Bro. Don Campbell). Council members for this year are the same as usual – Mike Boyle (Chairman), Otto Moscon (Secretary), Chris White (Treasurer) and Mike Pierce (Member).

Don Campbell gave a brief outlined of what State Council achieved last year and also the projects they are embarking on in 2021, He also mentioned about the 4 candidates who received the John Brewer Award at the Australia Day Mass, spoke about Archbishop Wilson's funeral Mass and also how the History of the KSC book is progressing. Last point of interest he mentioned that due to the aging population of our current members, we need to concentrate on recruiting more new Members.

Mike Boyle also gave a brief description on what a difficult year 2020 was and due to the lack of fund raising activities during the pandemic, our financial status was almost depleted. He mentioned that he regards us (Members & partners) more as a "FAMILY" of volunteers and as a family we try and help each other as best we can. Mike also concurred with Don Campbell statement that we do need to recruit more Members.

Apart from donations to Vinnies and Hutt St, we also sponsor a local African child who attends a school in our region and the money helps the family pay for her books etc.

Meanwhile, the **Bottle Drive Team** is doing its best to replenish our treasury and have blessed us with a total sum of \$93.70 (thanks to M. Pierce).

We have just been informed by Tranmere Admin that the Hall (which we use to conduct our meetings) will be having some renovations done from late April to end of November and that we will need to make other arrangements for future meetings. So Mike Boyle and I are now trying to find a suitable venue to continue our monthly meetings. A few places were mentioned but it has not been finalised yet. The meeting then ended with Closing Prayers and guests were invited to enjoy some nibbles and drinks.

The March meeting was very short & sweet. Only 3 members were able to attend with 3 apologies. Members were reminded about the State Conference (6 March), possible donations to Vinnies again and the February Edition of Knights Talk was handed out to make them aware about the DIGITAL version of Knight/Life which will be debated at the coming State Conference.

We are hoping to start the sausage sizzle at Tranmere soon, but still waiting for approval from Fr. Roy. Another event we were banking on in May is the Annual Men's Dinner. However as stated above the Hall may not be available due to renovations, so at the moment Mike and I are busy searching suitable venues for this function. Well that's it from me, so good-bye for now and catch you next time round.

First of all, a belated Happy New Year to all fellow Branches as this is our first Report for year 2021.

Our first Meeting was held on the Feb 1, with ten Members plus State Chairman Brother Don Campbell, in attendance, and two apologies received.

Usual Branch matters were attended to, and also our KSC name badges distributed accordingly.

On Welfare, both Brother John and wife Margaret Schwerdt were having their health ups and downs, but Margaret Dolman is now going very well with everything at her end.

Valued Member Brother Des Wallace has now moved to Victor Harbor in his retirement life change, and interesting to note, the monthly BBQ assistance that he and other Brothers have given to SCC at Gawler has now reached a time frame of some 25 years!

Don (re-elected as State Chairman) also gave a comprehensive report on Head Office activities.

Our March Meeting on March 1 also ironically had ten Brothers in attendance as well as State Chairman Brother Don, with just one apology.

One highlight was Brother Don presenting a *Long Service Certificate* and *Badge* to Brother Malcolm Allison. Brother Malcolm also said that wife Bev

was going OK with new health treatment recently commenced.

Also, Brother Paul Hawkes is progressing well with the KSC History writing, but did mention that donations to the History Fund would be welcome!

Membership Drive and proposed substantial donation to SCC at Gawler remain on the Agenda?

In closing, I am personally against footy on Good Friday, but seeing that those Mighty Eagles are playing on that day, I may have to make an exception there? What do you think?? LOL



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Welcome to the second report from our Branch in 2021.

Our Branch has an extended break over the Christmas Season, so our first meeting was held in February, with six members present and apologies received from four others.

With the *Formation Program* available for this year, we began our meeting prayerfully, with contributions made willingly and thoughtfully, and as all agreed the future needs to be hope-filled.

Our business revolved around the re-starting of events, within the Parish, our community and the Diocese. Starting with the latter, three of our Members are attending the Diocesan Assembly for 2021. (2020 was cancelled for obvious reasons.) We pray this year's assembly is well supported particularly as it is the first for our new bishop, Bishop Karol.

We also are planning to run our 150 Club (past ticket holders — we will be in touch) and to have our annual **Phantom Melbourne Cup Dinner** at the end of October.

Expressing our concerns to politicians regarding the **Termination of Pregnancy Bill** did have some effect on those MPs who listen and speak on behalf of their constituents, who do value life. We need to thank them.

A thought — February 14 Sunday Mail, the *Backing Abortion Bill* article gave a half page feature for the 300 pro-choice protesters at parliament house on the Saturday, but there were 4000 to 5000

*Walk for Life* group in the article the week before. Did the voting result match??? We need to continue in our positivity and *Be an explorer for Christ ... wander around winning the hearts of the young and the old and the unbeliever.* (Pause & Ponder.)

Back to the positives. My wife, Laura, and I attended the Mt Barker / Strathalbyn Annual Lunch, catching up with some of their Members and State Councillors who were also in attendance. The Lunch was enjoyed, the entertainment and guest speaker were excellent, and the fellowship / socializing worthwhile.

Brother Jim McCall and I attended the State Conference and AGM with the opening by Archbishop O'Reagan reminding us of the value we have within our parishes and communities. We are a fraternity seeking *the common good*. Life has its ups and downs but when we are confronted with difficulties we should *Dare to Dream*. We side with Pope Francis and the need to stay with our 'Community-minded Values.' The evening dinner which Laura and I attended again gave us the chance to catch up with members.

We ask all Members to continue praying for each other, for past members of

the Knights and their families, and for those not in the best of health, and for our parishioners. We pray particularly for one parishioner, a man whose faith was strong, who passed away recently. In the Pt Pirie Diocese, we mourn the passing of Fr Chris Warnock and Sr Mary Howard.

Let us pray all we can for those who are sad or sick or lonely. (Pause & Ponder.)

A note for the coming months?

Recognise the importance of Lent in order to celebrate a good Easter. (Pause & Ponder.)

As a Branch, I think we are on the come-back with a far more positive approach to what we can do and achieve in 2021.

Until next time ...



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## Branch Reports

### Port Augusta — Brother Neil Miller

Port Augusta continues to be a very active branch up in the *jewel of the north*.

This year on April 29, we will be celebrating 50 years of Bingo in the Port Augusta community. Over the year, we have raised thousands of dollars which we have put back into the community through various charities. A few of the major beneficiaries have been the aged care services and palliative care. Through these donations the Knights have gained great recognition and the respect of the community.

#### Photos:

**Left:** Brother Adrian and Naomi Maloney

**Below Left:** Brother Paul McGeever (centre) congratulating Brothers Adrian (L) and Tony (R).

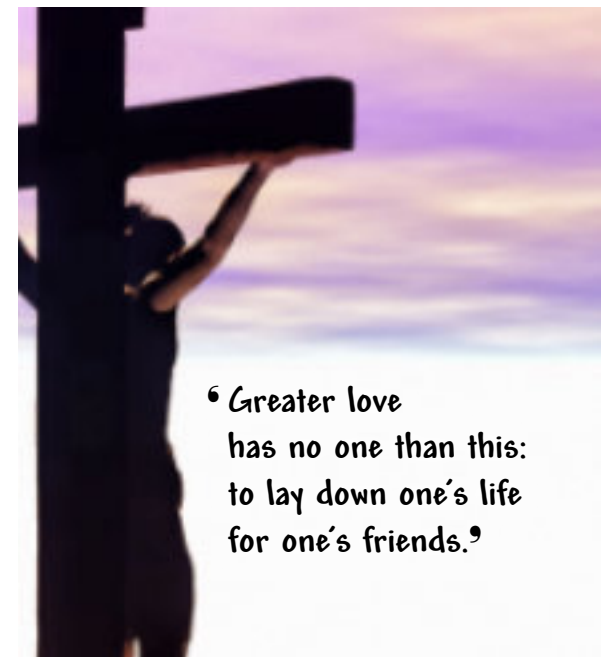
**Below Right:** Brother Tony and Mary Hall.

Also this year on May 10 we will again help host the Clergy Golf Day. This will be returning after a 12 month lay off on account of the pandemic, so we will be looking forward to see some old faces back again.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kyoka Cain wife of member Bobby who has been on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Attached are a few photos from the presentation of service medals to a few of our Members.

Would like to wish all a happy Easter as we move forward into a better and rewarding year.



‘Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’

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Seven Members gathered in Port Pirie on March 9 and we were able to confirm our activities for the year. *They are:*

- **Charitable Projects Raffle:**

Books were distributed and we agreed to support the local businesses who generously donated the prizes.

It will be drawn on March 29.

- **Knights' Mass:**

Mass as a group in the Cathedral on Sunday, May 2.

This Mass will promote the Knights in the parish.

- **International Lunch:**

We have a lunch on *Migrant and Refugee Sunday* on September 26. This recognises and celebrates the diverse cultural groups in our area.

- **Men's Retreat:** Sometime in October.

Possible themes of *Men Alive* or *Alpha*.

- **Christmas Dinner:**

Tuesday, November 9 in Crystal Brook.

Michael Preece reported on the State Conference and there was agreement with the resolutions. We are working on increasing our membership and looking at ways of funding defibrillators in the parish.

We agreed to host the **Northern Region Conference** in Crystal Brook on Sunday, July 25 in Crystal Brook. We were notified that we are able to resume the weekly visits for a *Happy Hour* with the men at the Aged Care facility. We are looking forward to returning to a more normal year this year.

**Session 1** of the **Formation Program** provided a time of reflection and thoughtful discussion about social media use. Lastly, members were thanked for their good work on the March public holiday cleaning out the shed for the Cathedral Parish.

## Knights of the Southern Cross (SA) State Council

### Back Row: (From Left)

Brothers Dino Persico, State Treasurer,  
Brian Cooper (Knight of Honour),  
Peter Kay,  
David Huppatz, (Knight of Honour), Executive  
Secretary, Brother  
Ian Fleetwood, Minute Secretary and  
Peter Sullivan

### Front Row: (From Left)

Brothers Andy Tamassy, Deputy Chairman,  
Don Campbell State Chairman,  
Mgr Rob Egar, State Chaplain,  
Brothers Mike Boyle and Tony Sexton.



At our recent meeting, the branch looked very closely at what we will be undertaking for the year, and it was the feeling of all to concentrate on Fun and Parish Community.

For many branch members, including the Branch Chairman, the important idea of the Knight's activities is to support and enhance the Christian lifestyle of the men within the Parish. Events will be planned to bring Parish and community men together in worship and fellowship.

Although fundraising presents as an excellent opportunity to bring us together, we must remember that it is not our focus to raise money and donate it. We must not forget the FUN part of "FUN"draising.

Unfortunately it is arguably a reality of society that us guys don't do a good job of looking after and supporting each other. Many may make the argument that most Parishes present many opportunities for women to support each other, however us guys seem to be forgotten! This presents an opportunity for the Knights to step in.

With this in mind, the Branch is planning FUN Activities for the men of the Parish, which include:

- Whiskey Night
- Knight's Beer Festival
- Wine & Cheese Afternoon
- Parish Men's lunch (every 2nd Month)
- Parish Barbecues
- Men's Retreat
- Parish Dinner Club



With the Covid restrictions we have been unable to host Sunday Morning barbecues after Mass, however these should recommence after Easter.

These will obviously be significantly different than before however, with our Branch experience, at Bunning's BBQs, we should be able to undertake COVID compliant barbecues. These barbecues raise a small amount, however it provides a significant opportunity for the Knights to be visible in the Parish. Additionally we often obtain assistance from other non-members within the Parish, enabling these other men to become part of the Knight's activities.

Within the Parish we have quite a number of very good men, who although not Knights, are always eager and willing to attend Knight's functions, activities, and fundraisers. We will be making these men "Friends of the Knights", and keeping them very closely informed as to our activities. These men may not be ready to join us as Knights, however keeping them close to us is an excellent opportunity to bring them towards membership.

So in closing, we are planning a busy time for 2021/22, with an emphasis on the support of Parish men in their worship and Parish Life.

**Aberfoyle Park:** 1st Monday — 7.30pm  
Parish Centre, 26 London Rd, Aberfoyle Pk

**Brighton | Marion | Hallett Cove | Glenelg:**  
1st Wednesday — 7.30pm  
Parish Activity Centre, Strathmore Tce, Brighton

**Clearview | Kilburn:** 2nd Tuesday — 7.00pm,  
Parish Hall, Clearview

**Copper Coast:** 3rd Thursday — 7.30pm — Parish Hall

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

**Edwardstown | Plympton:** 2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm  
'The Pines' Club Rooms — 336 Marion Rd,  
North Plympton

**Emmaus:** 3rd Thursday — 7.30pm  
St Therese School Hall, Col Light Gdns

**Hectorville | Tranmere:** 1st Wednesday — 7.30pm  
Tranmere Hall, 1 Birkinshaw Ave, Tranmere

**Mt Barker | Strathalbyn:** 2nd Wednesday — 7.00pm  
Our Lady of Mercy Church Foyer

**Murray Bridge:** 3rd Sunday — 4.00pm  
Holy Redeemer Pastoral Centre

**Murray Mallee:** 2nd Tuesday — 2.00pm  
Church Hall, Tailem Bend

**Para Region:** 1st Monday — 7.30pm  
St Ann's Parish Church Supper Room  
Midway Road Elizabeth East

**Penola:** 2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm — Parish Centre

**Port Augusta:** 3rd Thursday — 7.00pm — Parish Centre

**Port Pirie | Crystal Brook:** 2nd Tuesday — 7.30pm  
Pt Pirie Diocesan Centre, odd months  
CrystalBrothertherok Parish Centre, even months

**Southern Fleurieu:** 3rd Thursday — 4.00pm  
St John the Apostle, Gardiner St, Goolwa — odd months  
St Joan's Annex, Seaview Rd, Victor Harbor — even months

**Whyalla:** 1st Wednesday — 7.30pm  
Knights Meeting Room in Church Grounds

**Woodville | West Torrens:** 1st Tuesday — 3.00pm  
St Margaret Mary's Presbytery,  
Torrens Rd, Croydon

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid virus, the Branch AGM was postponed until 2021. It was decided that the current office bearers remain until the AGM in September 2021. The usual meetings are back in person with Zoom for some Brothers.

I accepted the Chairman's role in 2012 and Brother Tony Schar accepted the Treasurer's role back in 2006. It would be great to see some fresh faces in these positions.

The Formation program will be adopted this year in conjunction with matters arising from the Plenary Council. We note the Passing of Emeritus Archbishop Philip Wilson who initiated the Plenary Council, and we remember him in our Masses and Prayers.

With the Abortion Bill and Euthanasia Bill before State Parliament, we have continued to lobby our local politicians re the sanctity of EVERY human life from conception to natural death. We wish to recognise those Members of our branch that were vocal and or physically visible and /or lobbyists, in the written form, to our local politicians on this bill.

The Branch has continued its support for the Vinnies conferences in our four parishes and a substantial donation was provided for Christmas Hampers.

**On This Knight:** We recognise ...

### January

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Brothers Bob Boots | 38 years, |
| John Fogarty       | 36 years, |
| Brian Monro        | 30 years, |
| Tony Schar         | 15 years, |
| Declan Donleavy    | 20 years, |
| Des Tellis         | 3 years,  |
| Rod Roach          | 3 years,  |
| Gerard O'Shea      | 3 years   |

### February

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Brothers Vin White | 61 years, |
| Jeff Papps         | 18 years, |
| Graham Gurry       | 17 years  |

### April

|                                                     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Brothers Anthony Pollard                            | 59 years, |
| Peter Kay                                           | 23 years, |
| Bob Baker                                           | 23 years, |
| Bob Byrth                                           | 4 years,  |
| and ... Austin Nevis got through his first of many. |           |

*Congratulations to all.*

### 45 Club: Game 68:

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| Week 1: | Jeff Papps    |
| Week 2: | Joan Moriarty |
| Week 3: | Linda Papps   |
| Week 4: | Frank Barrett |

**State Council Report:** KSC History Book and Centenary functions going well. The author, Paul Hawkes, spoke at the State Conference State Council AGM was held on 6th March. I was afforded the time to have a look at the upgraded offices awarded by Southern Cross Homes whilst I was present. If you get the opportunity to meet with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, don't leave it for another time. He is a breath of fresh air. I suggest in the mould of Pope Francis.

## Topics for Paddys Corner

- **Knight Life on line:** How are we going to ensure we all get the best value out of Knight Life. Maybe we will bring it to attention during our meetings under its own heading for discussion, focusing on different articles monthly.
- **A Facebook Page:** Have we anyone keen to head up just for our branch?
- **Training on using computers, laptops:** Do we need additional time slots during the year to focus on such?

The Annual Branch Dinner will be held again this year at the Tonsley Hotel. Brothers Peter Kay and Graham Workman are the organisers along with any help you can provide.

### Guest Speaker:

Sgt Peter Benn from SAPOL explained the SAPOL's COVID Operations Centre at our Branch mixed-meeting on March 3, 2021. Sgt Peter gave us a picture of his life, youth to now. It was not hard to fathom that employment in the media (radio) would always be on the top of his wish list. He had the voice for radio and continues to volunteer in that sphere. Sgt Peter was able to speak from experience as has done from his time on Border Patrol, Airport duties to heading the State Covid Operations. Another one of those calm, unflustered leaders. No wonder our State is a leader in this field ... worldwide.

Invitation letters have been handed to Fr Michael and Fr Dominick to become regular visitors to our meetings as not only are they Priests in our parishes but honorary Knights. For the Knights to grow in number, it helps having regular contact with our Priest.

## A love ever more open

• In the depths of every heart, love creates bonds and expands existence, for it draws people out of themselves and towards others. Since we were made for love, in each one of us “a law of *ekstasis*” seems to operate: “the lover ‘goes outside’ the self to find a fuller existence in another”. For this reason, “man always has to take up the challenge of moving beyond himself.

Nor can I reduce my life to relationships with a small group, even my own family; I cannot know myself apart from a broader network of relationships, including those that have preceded me and shaped my entire life. My relationship with those whom I respect has to take account of the fact that they do not live only for me, nor do I live only for them. Our relationships, if healthy and authentic, open us to others who expand and enrich us. Nowadays, our noblest social instincts can easily be thwarted by self-centred chats that give the impression of being deep relationships. On the contrary, authentic and mature love and true friendship can only take root in hearts open to growth through relationships with others.

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As couples or friends, we find that our hearts expand as we step out of ourselves and embrace others. Closed groups and self-absorbed couples that define themselves in opposition to others tend to be expressions of selfishness and mere self-preservation.<sup>9</sup>

Pope Francis, 2020: *Fratelli Tutti*  
– paras 88 & 89

The Holy Father begins the third chapter of his Encyclical by reminding us that we were all created to be living expressions of God’s love.

*No one can experience the true beauty of life without relating to others, without having real faces to love. This is part of the mystery of authentic human existence.*

There is an obvious challenge for us in these days of enforced isolation as we attempt to manage the pandemic. We find ourselves trying to come to terms with personal separation and with restrictions on movement as decreed by those we have entrusted with social authority. It is not surprising that these measures have incited an increasing plea for accountability and reasons.

We have entrusted our civic leaders with the burden of making judgements about our way of life and we seek to understand their reasons for their determinations. As we embrace the fact that the spiritual dimension of our existence is fundamental



to coming to an understanding of who we are, we are naturally averse to anything which limits our capacity to “go beyond ourselves”. Even more than that is our natural repulsion of any

attempt to limit our sense of being present to and for each other. We spontaneously admire those who overcome any instinct of self-preservation so that they may be of service to others. This is completely understandable as deep down we recognise that this is fundamental to our created being as humans.

And so Pope Francis encourages us to use every experience to reflect on and advocate the value of our shared individuality. He encourages us to embrace the challenge to be authentic to our reason for being — to give prominence to our understanding of ourselves as reflections of God’s love. He expresses this in para 95 of his Encyclical: “Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others.

By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: “You are all brothers” (*Mt 23:8*).” Very clearly this transcends our present circumstances to the whole of life.

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## Reflection:

- 1 What is God asking of me during these difficult days?
- 2 What am I doing to reinforce my ability to maintain and deepen my relationship with others during these days of limitations?
- 3 What prominence have I given to applying the spiritual values of being genuinely human in making judgements about enforced separation from others? Do I need to compensate in some way?

## Prayer During a Pandemic

Loving God, Holy One,  
Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.  
We hold in tenderness and prayer the  
collective suffering of our world at this time.  
We grieve precious lives lost  
and vulnerable lives threatened.  
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors,  
standing before an uncertain future.  
We pray: May love, not fear, go viral.  
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely,  
aligned with the common good.  
Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to  
us new and creative ways to come together  
in spirit and in solidarity.  
Call us to profound trust in your  
faithful presence,  
You, the God who does not abandon,  
You, the Holy One,  
breathing within us,  
breathing among us,  
breathing around us  
in our beautiful yet wounded world. Amen.

## Starting Anew

“Today there is a tendency to claim ever broader individual — I am tempted to say individualistic — rights ... Unless the rights of each individual are harmoniously ordered to the greater good, those rights will end up being considered limitless and consequently will become a source of conflicts and violence.”

The New Testament describes one fruit of the Holy Spirit (*cf. Gal 5:22*) as **agathosyne**; the Greek word expresses attachment to the good, pursuit of the good ... This is an attitude that *wills the good* of others; it bespeaks a yearning for goodness, an inclination towards all that is fine and excellent, a desire to fill the lives of others with what is beautiful, sublime and edifying.

Solidarity finds concrete expression in service, which can take a variety of forms in an effort to care for others. And service in great part means “caring for vulnerability, for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people”. In offering such service, individuals learn to “set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable ... Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, ‘suffers’ that closeness and tries to help them. Service

is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people”.

**Solidarity** is a word that is not always well received; in certain situations, it has become a dirty word, a word that dare not be said. Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money ... Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history, and this is what popular movements are doing.”

*Pope Francis, 2020: Fratelli Tutti  
– paras 111, 112, 115 116*

Some might immediately recall that the word “Solidarity” took on a special significance during the time of Pope St John Paul II. It was the name given to the movement in Poland which eventually brought about that country’s release from communism. This was a movement that the Pope supported and encouraged. The context of the word in Pope Francis’ Encyclical is a more interior and embracing one. Here he uses it in a scriptural sense of working together for the common good as a gift of the Holy Spirit to the whole community. More broadly it means an attitude of ‘caring service’ to others.

In these days there seems to be a conflict of almost rampant individualism (determined to fashion society's values) and the community more generally. I think the Holy Father is giving us a timely warning that we need to be alert to the fact that specific interest groups are intent on creating a society that adopts their specific values. Now it may well be that many of these groups are genuine in trying to address identified injustices. But it also true that many of these 'movements' have a deeper agenda to reshape society on values that are contrary to Gospel values. Pope Francis reminds us that our true value has its origins in God and that all that we do, if it is to be authentic, must be directed to helping each of us live and develop according to the dignity of children of God. That is the "greater good" we are committed to and only that can resolve the conflict between individuals. This is the context in which he asks us to reflect on the notion of 'rights'.

One way of bringing a better understanding of "solidarity" is to be prepared to stand together with all in community and to serve each other with a genuine intention to ensure that we do all we can to ensure that the dignity of each one is honoured. This calls for a genuine service that builds the community by our attitude of commitment to the dignity of each one in what we think, say and, by our real life, actions that take the initiative to 'caring' for each other where 'they are at' (as the saying goes). Of course this means continuing the many things we already do to assist those in genuine need or who are marginalised but it goes beyond that. It is more than a superficial benevolence – important though that is – to a genuine 'desire to fill the lives of others with what is beautiful, sublime and edifying.'

In his World Day of Peace Message this year (2021) the Holy Father, drawing in part from the teachings of Pope Saint John Paul II, had written:

- Solidarity concretely expresses our love for others, not as a vague sentiment but as a "firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all." Solidarity helps us to regard others – whether as individuals or, more broadly, as peoples or nations – as more than mere statistics, or as a means to be used and then discarded once no longer useful, but as our neighbours, companions on our journey, called like ourselves to partake of the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God.<sup>9</sup>

*Pope Francis: World Day of Peace Message, 2021*

### Reflection:

- 1 When I become aware of the activities of 'interest (or 'action') groups' do I make a distinction between their public behaviour and the underlying values or concerns that provoke them?
- 2 How prepared am I to 'set aside my own wishes and desires' to stand alongside or to become involved in the lives of others who are vulnerable or in need?
- 3 Can I see that 'solidarity' should be expressed more as a constant attitude rather than a label I might give to affirm my actions to try to make things better for others?

### Prayer for Solidarity

Almighty and ever-living God,  
empower your one human family to join  
hands  
on our journey of faith.

Send us your spirit of hope,  
so that we may work to alleviate human  
suffering  
and foster charity and justice in our  
world.

Amen



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At the State Conference and AGM, there was strong support for changing the production of Knight Life to digital, while fading out the printed edition.

This edition of Knight Life has been placed on the KSC(SA) web site and is available for downloading and, if needed, for printing from a remote printer — either entirely or in part. The last 2 editions have also been loaded onto the website can be viewed through Logging in

State Council has undertaken not to abolish the printed edition until all Members have access to the digital version in some form, either by direct access to the Website, or by Branches downloading and printing whatever part they need.

We expect some “teething” problems, as we would with any new, radical system. However, we will persist with the new format and start delivering benefits to Members, such as time savings and savings on printing and postage (this could be up to \$5000 each year.)

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Tony Sexton

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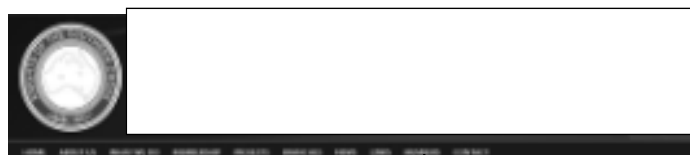
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