

WHAT ARE OUR AIMS?

The charter of our Order is expressed in the objects approved by the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

- * *To promote the advancement of Australia.*
- * *To foster the Christian way of life throughout the Nation.*
- * *To promote the welfare of its members and their families.*
- * *To encourage social and intellectual activities amongst its members.*
- * *To conduct and support educational, charitable, religious, and social welfare work.*

These are a clear and concise statement of the reasons for the existence of the Order and the nature of its operations.

The objects provide scope for members to make positive and valuable contributions, not only for the welfare, both temporal and spiritual, of their fellow members, but for the whole of the Australian society.

We are very active in charitable works and here in Tasmania we provide high quality aged care in our operation of Southern Cross Care (Tasmania) Incorporated, Tasmania's largest provider of Aged Care.

ORGANISATION

The governing body of the Knights of the Southern Cross is the National Council which comprises representatives from all States and the Australian Capital Territory.

This Council meets every three years and decides constitutional and policy matters. The Executive Committee of the National Council meets several times each year.

State Councils elected by the members to govern the Order in each State.

OUR BRANCHES

All members belong to a particular Branch and it is acknowledged that this is where the real work of the Order is conducted. Branches maintain direct contact with members, and activities organised encompass a number of sectors of the community, eg. Parishes, Local Government, various organisations, etc.

Branches of the Order are located in the following parishes:-

Hobart, Eastern Shore (includes Bellerive, Lindisfarne and Richmond), Kingborough, Burnie/Somerset, Devonport, Ulverstone, Wynyard and Smithton.

Contact the State Secretary for the name of the local contact person.

Membership provides the rewards of fulfilment in your spiritual life and a sense of achievement in contributing to your Catholic community and your fellow Australians in a practical way.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

TASMANIA



**Service
and
Christianity**

WHO ARE WE?

A National organisation of Catholic Laymen banded together under a charter approved by the Catholic Bishops of Australia under the title of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Our history and traditions date back to our origin in 1919 in Sydney when the Knights were founded to improve the economic well-being and standing of Catholics in the community.

Today our charter is much the same although our emphasis is now directed towards instilling and maintaining Christian values throughout Australia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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The KSC through the State Secretary would welcome enquiries from prospective new members.

The KSC offers you a great opportunity to be active in your Catholic Community and to share with others your personal spiritual development.

Be an active Catholic, Join the KSC – you can develop your spirituality and/or, on the other hand, you have many opportunities to be “a hands on Catholic” and express your Faith in a practical way.

WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

We are proud of our Faith and we aim to aim to be an influence in government and community decisions.

Community Relations

The Order encourages community awareness, education, and where appropriate, submissions and actions on current social issues such as family, homelessness, distribution of wealth, drugs, chastity, pornography, palliative care, abortion, sex education, euthanasia, gene technology, etc.

Don't be afraid to speak up.

Media Support

The Order supports the Catholic Enquiry Centre in its Australia-wide works. The Knights of the Southern Cross have also accepted responsibility for encouraging subscriptions to the Catholic Press throughout Australia.

Commitment of Members

A member of the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross is required to:-

- * attend regular Branch meetings;
- * offer to contribute his talents towards furthering the Objects of the Order in his Branch area;
- * become involved with his family in Branch activities;
- * recite daily the Knight's prayer;
- * maintain his financial membership.

Social/Fraternal

Each Branch of the Order holds regular meetings providing opportunities for fellowship and spiritual development. Each Branch has substantial family social calendars and regular combined meetings with other Branches.

We are one in unity with our families.

SOUTHERN CROSS CARE

Tasmania's largest provider of aged care services

Southern Cross Care operates independently in each State as a charitable activity of the Knights of the Southern Cross to provide a wide range of aged care facilities and services.

Southern Cross Care (Tasmania) Inc. conduct Guilford Young Grove and Sandown Village at Sandy Bay in Hobart providing Nursing Home, Hostel and independent Villa accommodation.

Rosary Gardens Nursing Home at New Town in Hobart provides care for 180 aged residents.

Low cost housing is provided for Over 100 older persons at the A. A. Lord Homes in West Hobart and the Taroonia Villas.

“Yaraandoo”, is a sixty bed Hostel at Somerset providing care and accommodation for the aged on the North West Coast.

Mount Esk at St. Leonards near Launceston provides nursing and hostel care for 97 residents. A further 12 independent living units are situated in Launceston.

A new 15 million dollar development is under construction in Launceston and will include 60 2 & 3 bedroom residences and a 70 bed Care Facility.

400 aged residents in the community are cared for through ‘Community Care Packages’ and Department of Veteran Affairs programs.

In all, over 1200 clients are provided with aged care services and we employ around 600 staff.

We invite you to share in our mission of care for the aged. Volunteers are most welcome.

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 all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen