

## What am I expected to give?

- The priority for members is that they live by Christian ethics and strive to achieve the Objects of the Order by their daily life and actions.
- Attendance at monthly Branch meetings is for the purpose of:
  - (1) Maintaining, supporting and reinforcing your commitment to this priority.
  - (2) Helping other members, the branch and Order to achieve its purpose.
  - (3) Assisting member's formation and understanding of the Catholic faith.

Members are expected also:

Involve themselves and family in Knights social activities, recite daily the Knights prayer and maintain their commitment to the Catholic faith.

## What is the Annual Subscription?

The annual financial membership is currently \$55 and reduced rates apply for senior citizens and retired members.

## What do I get out of being a member?

- ❖ A voice within the Church and society.
- ❖ A sense of belonging to a National and International Order.
- ❖ Personal development.
- ❖ Lasting friendships and support from like minded men.
- ❖ Increase awareness of community issues and values.
- ❖ Opportunity to put your faith into action with like minded men of faith.

## The Objects of the Order

- ❖ To promote the advancement of Australia.
- ❖ To foster the Christian way of life throughout the nation.
- ❖ To promote the welfare of its member's and their families.
- ❖ To encourage spiritual, social and intellectual activities amongst its members.
- ❖ To conduct and support educational, charitable, religious and social welfare work.

**If you are interested in learning more please complete the attached insert and return it to the address.**

## The Order of the



An Association of Christ's Faithful  
and fraternal organisation for Catholic men

*Christianity and Service*



*Come, follow me*

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

What are **YOU** waiting for?

Postal address: The Secretary KSC (TAS)  
GPO Box 217 Hobart 7001

## WHO ARE WE

We are a non-political and open National Order of Catholic men dedicated to the service of the Catholic Church and fellow man. We live by our motto and objects - see cover page.

We form part of the International Orders of Knights eg. Knights of Columbus in the USA, Knights of Malta and Knights of Mulumba in Nigeria.

## Our origins

The Order in Australia was instituted as the Knights of the Southern Cross in 1919 under a charter approved by the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

Although initially circumstances dictated the Order remain highly confidential in its activities; in the 21st century much of the Order and its membership is necessarily open so as to attract support and exert influence in favour of the Church.

## Organization

The Knights of the Southern Cross is a federation of autonomous State bodies coordinated by a National Council.

Each State has its own elected State Council and has direct contact with branches spread throughout the State.

## What we Stand for

The order is built on men who strive to improve the spiritual and economic well being of all and who uphold Christian principles within our community. The relevance of the Order today and in the future lies in the following areas.

## Community Relations and Life Issues

The Order encourages community awareness on issues such as education, social justice, Family, homelessness, discrimination, drugs, pornography, palliative and aged care, abortion, euthanasia etc. including submissions / lobbying where appropriate.

## Family Values

The order is family oriented. In policy and program the Order is committed to the highest ideals of marriage and family life. We regularly lobby governments on family issues.

Social functions involving members and their families are an integral part of the Order.

## Vocations

The Order has a special focus in praying for vocations and Branches are encouraged to be prominent in their communities in prayer and education on the issues surrounding vocations.

## Spiritual Development

A personal faith formation program based on reading, commentary, reflection and sharing is conducted at Branch meetings. This program allows members to reflect on how their faith can be lived in their daily activities.



Southern Cross Care  
(Tas.) Inc.

*Caring across Tasmania*

Southern Cross Care, dedicated to promoting quality care for the aged in a Christian environment is a charitable work founded by the Knights of the Southern Cross and has facilities in each state.

## KSC Activities

- ❖ Support of Parish programs.
- ❖ Support of Missionary activity overseas.
- ❖ Support of Christian ethics and values in society on issues such as marriage, the family, Catholic education, the right to life, aged care and those in need.
- ❖ Ongoing support to Southern Cross Care.
- ❖ Social functions for members, their families and for the Catholic community.