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Greeting Brothers,

Wishing you and all your families a very Happy New Year for 2020. To think two decades have gone by!

Let's make this year a year to remember by increasing the numbers in the Order.

Congratulations to Brother Nestor of Wembley Council 982 for being very persistent in keeping the Council open as he was the only one there who was active. He was very proud when on the 9th December eight new brothers were admitted to the Council.

If he can do it why can't the rest of us do it? Let's put an effort and let the editor of Roundabout know when you have arranged a Recruitment Drive so he can publish it and other Councils can come and support your Council, I believe we can if we work together!

The 12th December was the feast of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" and was celebrated at a Mass in Bedford, the weather was very wet. The church in past years was always full with standing room only. This year there was plenty of room for seating. There were many Knights from all over England but not a single member of the Board of Directors was present. Have they given up on what they pledged?

In Hanwell Council 163 we recently had a brother John Ryan who went to his eternal rest. In 2002 he was given an extended life after his heart attack. He attended all the meetings when he was in town but in the last year his health started to go downhill but he still came to the meetings including the September meeting before he went into hospital. He has put a lot of us to shame.

The Provincial Project has already raised a substantial amount of money and I hope you in your Councils are doing the same. In the latest Columba magazine you will find the details of the National Action project, please support this as well.



I would like to congratulate all those Councils who were successful in receiving an award for achievements during 2019. The four awards we have were introduced many years ago as an incentive to promote the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity within the Council structure. I ask all Councils to work within these principles and in so doing promote more strongly the work we do as an Order.

I am now coming to the end of my term as Provincial Grand Knight. Brother Eric Joseph, PGK elect will be taking over from me in April and I ask that you give him all the help you can and make every effort to attend all Provincial meetings in the future.

I have been very proud to be your PGK for the last three years and I will still be here to help should you need it.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

1st Prize - £50.00 2nd Prize - £25.00
(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

<i>October</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>No 22</i>	<i>T Oghre</i> <i>CI 963</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>No 21</i>	<i>CI 163</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>No 26</i>	<i>R Rodrigues</i> <i>CI 163</i>
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>No 160</i>	<i>M Martin</i> <i>CI 399</i>
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>No 46</i>	<i>T O'Neill</i> <i>CI 330</i>
<i>Draw</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>No 68</i>	<i>R Fichardo</i> <i>CI 163</i>
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>No 27</i>	<i>Mrs P Grogan</i> <i>CI 970</i>

Thank you all for your support for the 100 Club throughout the year.

Whilst being a member is optional your continued support helps us to finance Provincial costs and to keep the Provincial dues as low as they are.

The 100 Club is open to all, including family, friends and neighbours, not forgetting your Council Chaplain.

Please encourage membership from all the Brothers in your Council especially any new brothers who may have recently joined the Council, in fact anyone who is willing to support our Province.

In the current 100 Club year from October 1st 2019 to September 30th 2020, there are 111 members spread over twelve Councils. ®

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The Editor welcomes all contributions
to the next issue which should reach him
by Saturday February 9th 2020
Opinions expressed in articles
and letters are those of the authors only.

PGK Elect 2020/2021

Congratulations to Brother Eric Joseph who is a member of Uxbridge Council 399 and currently Provincial Officer for Action & Youth, Brother Eric has been elected as Provincial Grand Knight for 2020/2021.



Deceased Brothers Mass 2019

The annual Mass for our deceased brothers together with the distribution of the Fraternal candles took place on Friday 22nd November at the Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip.



Fr Duncan Adamson, Provincial Chaplain and Parish Priest with the Brothers following the Mass.

Brothers, as we start this New Year, full of hope and anticipation, let us remember those of our brothers who have gone before us in the previous twelve months marked with the sign of the Cross that having served the Lord with joy on this earth they may meet again in the eternal happiness of His Heavenly Kingdom.

Brother Jim Keating – Council 243

Brother Vincent Masterson – Council 295

Brother Dominic Clinton – Council 243

Brother Tony O'Neill – Council 984

Brother John Ryan – Council 163

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Amen

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Around the Councils.

Hayes Council 243

Parish Christmas Bazaar

For many years Hayes CI 243 has supported the parish Christmas Bazaar with its usual bottle stall and this year was no exception.

Bro Peter Chidwick – GK CI 243 was responsible for the folding of all the ticket 'blanks', and on the morning before the opening time of 1.00pm brothers gathered in the social hall to number and prepare all the bottles, a task important to the success of the stall.

We thank Bro Felix and Tesco's, Yeading also brothers and parishioners for donating so many bottles of wine, for the brothers who assisted on the stall and for the many customers we had on the day as without their support the stall would not have been such a success in realising £476.00 for the parish funds. ®



Bros Felix Vedanayagam, Jim McCormack and Peter Chidwick and with Michael Bagness pictured below all set up and ready for the off!



Wembley Council 982

Welcome to new Brothers

Thank you Brothers for your support during the admission of eight new members on Sunday 8th December at the 11.00am Mass at The Church of the English Martyrs, Wembley Park, a new record of recruitment into Province 30. Thank you also to Fr Albert Ofere – Parish Priest for making us feel so welcome.

The presence of PGK Bro Rosario Fichardo, and Bros Eric Joseph, John Hibberd, Julien Melville and his wife, Michael Bagness and wife, Ben Almeida and Mario Barreto who all shared their time and is greatly appreciated.

It was a wonderful day and the Mayor of Brent Councillor Arshad Mahmood was present also to welcome the visiting Knights to Wembley and the English Martyrs Church. Many thanks once again Brothers.

Nestor Baniqued
Grand Knight
Council 982 Wembley



Fr Albert Ofere with the new brothers of Wembley Council 982.



The new brothers with Council and Provincial Officers following the Mass.

Thames Valley Council 984

Backpacks Project

The photograph below shows Backpacks ready for onward transmission to Mary's Meals in Glasgow. The 80 filled Backpacks shown are part of an assignment of 300 packed by parishioners of St Edmund Campion parish Maidenhead for the Thames Valley KSC CI 984. This brings to 605 the number of backpacks collected by CI 984.

Earlier on in the year St Francis Parish, Ascot collected and filled 305 backpacks for Mary's Meals. We hope to continue this project in future years and encourage other Province 30 Councils to assist us in collecting backpacks.



Bro John Lynn with the 80 backpacks ready for onward transmission to Glasgow.

High Wycombe Council 422

Annual Dinner

Despite being under-manned, Council 422 (High Wycombe) put on a great annual dinner at the Hit or Miss Public House in Penn Street, Amersham on Friday 29th November, attended by 30 people.

Those there included the Council's new Chaplain, Father Benedetto of St Wulstan's, High Wycombe, two Deacons, some of the Council's widows and from Province 30 PGK Bro Rosario Fichardo with Bro John Hibberd and Bro Eric Joseph.

Generally everyone really enjoyed the food and there was such an abundance of raffle prizes that the proceeds amounted to £170.00. Bro Stefan Zachary (DGK of C422) acted as MC and thanked his small Council team whose 'mucking-in' spirit had brought the Council through a difficult year.

CI 422 are looking forward to their next planned event - the Over 70's New Year Party which will be held at Our Lady of Grace, High Wycombe on Saturday 11th January when it is expected to serve a free three course lunch plus sherry, wines, and Christmas Cake to about 80 guests. Lifts will be arranged for those who need them and there will be a raffle plus some entertainment. Lots of fun ahead! ®

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World Apostolate of Fatima *I was there!*

from Bro Nestor Baniqued
National Custodian

World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales

Time flies quickly. After my first article in Roundabout for year 2017, my work for THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA involved going many places in England and Wales.

In 2018 the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited:-

Westminster Cathedral and St Georges Cathedral both in LONDON followed by BIRMINGHAM.

St Joseph and St Walburga, Sacred Heart and BOURNEMOUTH Oratory.

St Joseph Church, LONDON.

Montfort Missionaries, Ashurst, SOUTHAMPTON.

Adoremus Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, LIVERPOOL.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Boars Hill, OXFORD.

St John the Baptist Church, WESTERHAM, KENT.

Salford Cathedral, MANCHESTER.

Parish of St Pius X, Norbiton, SURREY.

Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Name, CHELMSFORD.

St Teresa Church, MORDEN, Surrey.

Diocese of CARDIFF, MORRISTON, SWANSEA,

Stow Hill, NEWPORT.

Belmont Abbey, HEREFORD.

English Martyrs Church, STREATHAM.

Our Lady of Canvey Island, ESSEX.

the June Rosary Procession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, High Street, KENSINGTON.

St Peters Church, SHOREHAM BY SEA, West Sussex.

Our Lady of Reparation, WEST CROYDON.

Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Church of Mary, Mother of God, LONDON.

SS Philip and James, BEDFORD and many more.

My experience on such occasions gave me great moments of promoting the messages of Our Lady of Fatima to people who did not have the opportunity to Visit Our Lady of Fatima in PORTUGAL.




My prayers for you Brothers of the Order of the Knights of St Columba were offered to Our Lady of Fatima.
AVE MARIA.

George Marriott Fund

The George Marriot Fund was established to provide monies to help with the cost of training of seminarians, estimated at around £6,000.00 p.a. Some of the items identified are, the assistance with laundry, basic needs, books, travelling etc, and any other expenses incurred in carrying out their ministry estimated at around £500.00 per term. Other costs were those of developing natural gifts of students in attending specialised courses and seminars.

The following letter was received in acknowledgement of monies given to a student priest serving in Our Lady & St Joseph's, Hanwell, who subsequently returned home to South Sudan.

(The Roundabout issue of July/August 2018 gives a full history of the establishment of the Fund)

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Mr Rosario Fichard Our Lady & St. Joseph' Parish Hanwell, London		
Re: Acknowledgment of the Money offered		
Dear Mr. Rosario I write to you to acknowledge with great gratitude the amount of 200 UK pounds you generously gave to Fr. Richard for the purchase of two cassocks for me. I have personally received them, and I hereby confirm that they will help me for my ministry.		
I also wish to thank you for your kindness as you hosted one of my priests Fr. Richard Odour during his summer course at Ealing Abbey, that was very kind of you may God Bless you abundantly for that help to the Neighbour.		
Rest assured of my deep prayers for you and the all parishioners.		
Yours Sincerely In Christ		 + Rt. Rev. Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla Catholic Diocese of Torit
		
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Provincial Council Minutes

Minutes of the last Provincial Council meeting and other Council & Provincial information can be viewed on the Provincial website by using the link on page one of Roundabout.

A Review of 2019

as reported through the pages of Roundabout

January/February

- Four schools honoured by High Wycombe CI 422 for their part in the Nativity Scene Painting competition and the National Prayer competition.
- Backpacks for Mary's Meals to be the Provincial Action project for the year.
- Full Knighthood & Deceased Brothers Mass held at The Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip commencing at 6.00 pm.
- Hayes CI 243 announced that they had been able to donate £500.00 each to Macmillan Nurses and Hayes Friends of the Homeless Group as a result of the Sponsored Walk held in 2018.
- The Ealing Centre for Independent Living (ECIL), the Provincial Project for 2018, was presented with a cheque for £2,974.25

March/April

- Roundabout celebrates 25 years of publication. The first issue being in April 1994 when Bro Jim Keating was PGK.
- Full Knighthood ceremony formed part of the 6.00 pm Mass at the Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip on Saturday 26th January when five brothers were elevated to Full Knighthood.
- Thames Valley CI 984 presented certificates to the winning entries in the Nativity Scene painting competition 2018, from St Mary's School.
- The Fraternal Cross entered the Province on 9th March and was with us until 29th March.

May/June

- The installation of Provincial Officers took place on Sunday 24th March during the 12 noon Mass at Our Lady & St Joseph's, Hanwell where at the same time Hanwell CI 163 took the opportunity to install the officers of their own Council.
- Golden Jubilarian awards had been presented to Bro Paul Pennington High Wycombe CI 422 and Bro Julien Melville North Harrow CI 948.
- A successful Quiz night organised by High Wycombe CI 422 had raised £540.00, half being sent to Mary's Meals and half boosting CI 422's charity fund.
- The annual pilgrimage to Aylesford took place on Sunday 16th June supported by a coach of pilgrims from Hanwell CI 163 with other brothers and their families in attendance.
- An important day for the brothers of Uxbridge CI 399 when on Sunday 28th April during the 9.00am Mass at St Bernadette's, Long Lane, Hillingdon three new brothers were received into the Order and the officers of their Council were installed for the coming year

July/August

- The Orders Centenary Mass took place on Saturday, 6th July 2019 at 2.00pm in Westminster Cathedral. The Concelebrants being Cardinal Vincent Nichols and His Grace Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool and Ecclesiastical Adviser to the Knights of St Columba. The Mass was followed by a reception in Westminster Cathedral Hall.
- The St Edmund Campion Relic pilgrimage commenced on Monday 1st July and continued until Sunday 21st July.
- Two brothers from Whitton CI 970 had attended the 'Celebrate Catholic' family Charismatic Conference held at St Mary's University, Twickenham on Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th June.

September/October

- The Chaplain's Dinner was held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 at Our Lady & St Joseph's Social Club, Hanwell. In total forty people were in attendance including six priests, Bro Stephen Pound MP and with Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan being the guest of honour.
- High Wycombe CI 422 held a Sponsored Walk (4 miles) on Sunday 15th September. The proceeds will be given, 50% to Wycombe Homeless Connection and 50% to other KSC Charitable activities.
- The sun had shone on the fourteen Confirmation candidates at St. Raphael's, Yeading on 29th June when brothers of Yeading CI 963 formed a guard of honour for Bishop Michael Campbell to welcome these young people into the faith.
- Thames Valley CI 984 held its inaugural National Easter Painting Competition for juniors - 8 years to 11 years. St Mary's RC School, Maidenhead was the only school to take part with 30 entries. The judging was conducted by the Parish Priest, Fr Liam and the local UCM group

November / December

- The memorial Mass for deceased brothers took place in Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 3rd November.
- The annual Supreme Council took place on 4th/5th October when Bro Bertie Grogan was re-elected for his third year of office as Supreme Knight – unopposed.
- Thames Valley CI 984 took part in a parish activities weekend with a display to advertise their work and where possible recruit more members and helpers.
- Brother John Simons, a member of Cranford & Feltham CI 514, was presented with his 50th anniversary medal and certificate by GK Bro Victor Olomukoro accompanied by Bro Tom Davies.
- The Uganda Street Children was adopted as the Provincial Project for 2019/20.

(Please continue to submit details of your activities throughout 2020. Thank you - Michael - Editor)

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The Life of John Ryan RIP

16th September 1953 – 9th November 2019

A member of Hanwell Council 163

(This eulogy was narrated by Bro John Collins following John's funeral Mass on Tuesday 26th November 2019.)

John was born to Mary and Jack Ryan on 16th September 1953 in Rathmore, Aughnaccliffe, County Longford, Ireland. John lived in Longford, in his Grandmother's house, before moving to London when he was young. He did not stay static for long, travelling back and forth between London, Ireland and even New York in the United States.



Early in John's working life he had a stint working for Aer Lingus, before then starting his Lufthansa journey, with humble beginnings in the mailroom of their Bond Street offices. John being John, he needed to keep himself busy, so he also began working part-time for the Metropolitan Police, taking Friday evening and weekend shifts.

At age 19, John met Geraldine and later married in St Aiden's Church in East Acton. On moving to Hanwell with Geraldine, his working life started to evolve. John moved roles with Lufthansa and began his life at Heathrow. He also gave up his role with the Police to take over the local Youth Club, right next door.

As the years flew by, John and Geraldine were blessed with 3 children. First their son Shannon, followed by their two daughters, Colleen and Roisin. As the family grew, so did the list of family holidays.

John always loved spending time with his family, and even though John's family is spread across the globe, he would try and travel around to see all of them. From driving house to house in Ireland, to flying across the Atlantic to the United States, John did his best to make sure the family stayed connected, usually joined by his wife and kids. John would sometimes gather close friends and work colleagues to enjoy the ride too, and some of those lucky ones might be in attendance here today.

In 2001, after many happy years with Lufthansa, and working himself up to the role of Lufthansa Training Manager, John decided to start RathmoreRyan Aviation, and become his own boss, as he knew best anyway. His passion and knowledge of the Dangerous Goods industry helped him become a leading figure within it, as well as gain him the trust of many industry

colleagues and customers. The growth of RathmoreRyan had John travelling across the globe once again, and from that grew many more friendships.

Back home, his three kids were not the only ones John considered part of his immediate family. John would also come to include Tara Findlater (nee Pugh) (RIP) and Shane O'Connell, treating them both like his own. When Shane married in 2009 they gained a daughter-in-law in Priti, and were later blessed when John and Geraldine then became grandparents. First with Ryan in 2013 and then again with Yasmine in 2018. Later in 2018, John and Geraldine's family grew once again as they welcomed John Kane as Roisin's new husband, and their new son-in-law.

As many of you know, John loved his animals. Over the years John and Geraldine had many dogs, cats, fish, budgies, and even rabbits. These rabbits, Gizmo and Eevee, can still be found in the house, hopping around and chewing wires.

A few summers ago, John adopted not just a new dog, but also a new best friend, Brody. With the help of Aunt Sadie, who was visiting from New York, John went to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, and brought Brody home. Brody kept John very busy, going for walks every day, and bringing John back into local pubs he had not frequented for years, where they both enjoyed a quiet drink. Brody with a fresh bowl of water and John with his trademark pint of Diet Coke, no ice.

While his family (and now Brody), along with Lufthansa, were big parts of John's life, one of his biggest passions was following the ups..... and many downs, of his beloved Tottenham Hotspur. After being taken to the home of Spurs, White Hart Lane, on one of his first trips to London, he suddenly and inexplicably fell in love with the Lilywhites. It became a family affair, as the whole family became club members and through the years Geraldine, Shannon, Colleen and Roisin all made trips to North London with John, before he eventually decided, along with Shannon and Tara, to commit to the season tickets. Over the past few years, John's health deteriorated which meant he struggled to keep up with his reputation of being the man who could be anywhere at any time - much to his own dismay. Even in the last few weeks he showed us all that though his body wasn't as strong, he could still swear at a doctor, or sing a little Spurs song, and tell us that he loved us all.

John will be greatly missed, but I don't think any of us will ever forget him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

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Dates for your Diary

JAN 2020	21 st – Provincial Committees meeting. (A reminder that this meeting now takes place in the Upper Room of Botwell House in Hayes)
FEB	5 th – Provincial Officers meeting.
MAR	3 rd – Provincial Council meeting. 29 th – Clocks go forward 1 hour.
APRIL	10 th – Good Friday 13 th – Easter Monday 20 th - Provincial Committees meeting. 25 th – Bank Holiday
MAY	6 th - Provincial Officers meeting.
JUNE	2 nd - Provincial Council meeting. 7 th – Provincial Sponsored Walk.
JULY	20 th – Provincial Committee meeting.
AUG	5 th – Provincial Officers meeting 31 st – Bank Holiday
SEPT	1 st – Provincial Council meeting
OCT	19 th - Provincial Committee meeting 25 th – Clocks go back 1 hour.
NOV	4 th - Provincial Officers meeting
DEC	1 st - Provincial Council meeting

Provincial Awards 2019

For many years now Councils in Province 30 have competed with each other for awards in various categories.

The successful Councils for 2019 are:-

- ❖ Hanwell Council 163 received The Martin D’Cunha Trophy for Efficiency.
- ❖ Uxbridge Council 399 received The O’Brien Cup for Membership.
- ❖ Harrow and District Council 295 received The Frank Prendergast Trophy for Action.
- ❖ High Wycombe Council 422 received The Les Ford Trophy for Youth.

Congratulations to these four Councils for making a real effort in encouraging their members to work in the various areas and achieve such good results. ®

Hospital Admissions

Just a reminder that due to the Data Protection Act 2018, it is necessary for those admitted to hospital, if they wish to be visited by the Roman Catholic Chaplain, to give permission for their details to be passed onto the Chaplain.

The Uganda Street Children

This was balloted for at the Provincial Committee meeting on Monday 21st October 2019 to be the Provincial Project for 2019/20.

There will be a Sponsored Walk for this project on Sunday 7th June, 2020.

For more information about this project go to

www.comboni.org.uk/latest_read_online.html

Roundabout Distribution

A reminder to Grand Knights, please forward Roundabout to all Brothers of your Council who are ‘online’. A limited number of printed copies are available on request.

Thank you.

Michael Bagness – Editor.