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Greeting Brothers,

This is my last front page report but definitely not my last report.

Let me start by saying thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication and support over the last three years. It's a shame I could not stay much longer. During the three years I have visited almost all of the Councils in the Province where I was very much welcomed. The ones I have not visited I will do so with Brother Eric, our new PGK.

In the last three years as PGK I have learnt a lot about our Province and Order and have listened to the views of you the brothers.

When I was asked to become the PGK of Province 30 I was not sure what to expect. When I accepted the office I also inherited Province 23 that had merged with Province 30. I was not approached or told by the Supreme Knight as to what to expect but I used my own judgement in handling the merger.

At the same time I had the task of merging two Councils in Province 23 into one becoming "Council 984 Thames Valley". With the assistance from Province 23 brothers, it has all worked out very well – thank you.

Can I please ask that you give Brother Eric the same support if not much more than you have given me; he needs it in taking on this new role.

Can you the GK's and officers please feed the details of your activities of your councils, both now and in the future, to the relevant Provincial Officer so that they can be of maximum assistance to you. If we don't know what is happening in your Councils we cannot help.

Easter is upon us and it's time to approach the schools for the Nativity scene paintings. We had a good response for the Christmas Nativity scene paintings; let us repeat this enthusiasm at Easter.



I hope you all are raising funds for the Provincial and National projects. The Provincial charity sponsored walk is arranged for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June from Hanwell commencing at 9.00am, sponsor forms are available from the Action Officer in your Council or by contacting Bro Eric.

At the end of this month we are losing South Harrow CI 385. I thank those brothers who are transferring to other Councils with a special thank you to Bro Julien Melville who has supported and guided this Council for many years.

I would like to close this, my final 'front page' of Roundabout by wishing you all every success in your Councils for the year ahead and I hope to see you all at various times at the many functions held throughout the year.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

*Rosario Fichardo*

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

## PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

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	<b>3rd</b>	<b>No 27</b>	<b>Mrs P Grogan CI 970</b>
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	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No 83</b>	<b>C 163</b>

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 Order/Council, in fact anyone who is willing to support our Province.

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

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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.

## Provincial Committee Meetings

from Bro Mike Bagness

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

I am writing this the morning after the 'Night before', not the night before you may be imagining but the night before when we held our quarterly Provincial Committee meeting. While this meeting is fresh in my mind, I decided to put my thoughts on paper as follows!

This is the meeting where our four Provincial Officers chair individual group discussions about their particular areas of responsibility in Finance & Administration, Spirituality & Welfare, Membership & Development and Action, Youth & Social.

All Council Grand Knights are requested to send their relevant Officer to this meeting to meet with their Provincial Officer and each other to discuss issues of importance taking place in the Province and elsewhere in the near future.

Fourteen Councils in the Province, four officers from each Council (you can do the maths!) The four Provincial Officers were present and ready for the meeting; Council Officers present totalled twelve with four apologies. **Where were you?**

I appreciate that all Councils do not have four Officers available but the Council can be represented by any Brother who is interested enough in the work of the Council / Order.

I would like to ask again a simple question "Where were you?" I receive very little feedback from Roundabout articles, but I am asking you for an opinion regarding the reason for the poor attendance at this and previous meetings, please consider the following when replying:-

- ❖ Are the meetings too long?
- ❖ Do you find the meetings uninteresting?
- ❖ Do you think the meetings are necessary?
- ❖ Are the meetings on the wrong day/night?
- ❖ Are the meetings at the wrong time/venue?
- ❖ How would you like to see the meetings change to make them more interesting/inviting?

Replies sent to me will all be considered and discussed by the Provincial Officers and, time permitting perhaps they could be discussed at our next Provincial Committee meeting which is on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

As we will soon be entering a new KSC year with a new Provincial Grand Knight, let us make a New Year resolution to look at ourselves and examine where we are going wrong and all agree to work more closely together in Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Thank you.

## Around the Councils. .

### Hayes – CI 243

Hayes Council 243 had its first social of the decade when on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January we had seven brothers and five family members present to enjoy the offerings of a newly refurbished Hayes Beefeater!



Choices included steak, pie, Parmesan chicken and desserts but more importantly the conversation was wholesome and informative as we took the time to learn a bit more about our brothers and their families!

I would encourage all councils to have a social meeting outside the meeting halls with brothers and their families. To break bread as equals sharing gratitude for our blessings with our loved ones is surely one of Gods greatest gifts to us! *Bro Jason Kelly - Social Secretary*

### High Wycombe – CI 422

The Over 70's Party on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

This is an annual effort by Council 422. We begin in November by issuing written invitations (Bro Mark) and posting lists inviting names in all our three churches, then sending formal invitations to anyone who puts their name on the list. Bro Mark also arranges lifts for many who are otherwise immobile and we run them home again after the event. Bro Bryan runs the bar each year and controls the income-expenditure, producing an Excel spreadsheet after the event, which typically costs between £500-£600 each year. Bryan also struggles to bring and return all the crockery, glassware, cutlery, bottled drinks etc - no easy task.



This year, Bro Mark's family were all helping (mum Debbie, plus Josh and Gabrielle, and friend Lucy) while the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteered three ladies to help. Our fantastic ladies also included Angela, Margaret, Helen, Trina, Sally and of course Patricia. also the men .....Paul, Bryan, David, Eriah, Tony, Mark and me, Stefan.

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There's a lot of shopping and ordering of turkey crowns, apple pies, Christmas cake, table decorations (supplied free by ex-Bro Derek Kent of Special Days, Prince's Risborough).....and all the food is divided between the ladies who cook at their homes in the morning while the men set up the hall. Then we dress in black and white to receive our guests at 12:30 for sherry and they all sit down at 13:00 for a three course table service meal...with fine wines...live entertainment...a free raffle...followed by mince pies and cake to take home. We were entertained by the brilliant St Augustine's choir and a solo artiste, Carrie Stanworth ([www.hertsandvoices.co.uk](http://www.hertsandvoices.co.uk)) who was also brilliant. Grace was said by our retired priest, Father Marian, and the event was attended by Father Benedetto too.

The people attending are always VERY happy and grateful when they leave, and they say so! It is a very fulfilling moment for the many who worked so hard to make it all happen. We also received thanks from Deacon Rev Paul Priestley who said, "Thanks for hosting this and for such kindness, especially for those who don't often get out". This means a lot to us all. ®

### **Whitton – CI 970**

#### **Race Night for Friends of the Holy Land.**

In November the Knights of St Columba Whitton Council 970 held a race night in the St Edmund's Catholic Social club to raise money and awareness for the Friends of the Holy Land charity. The night was successful in raising over £940.00 for the FHL charity. The gratefully received donation will be spent by the charity towards supporting a young Christian living in the Holy Land by contributing towards their university fees.

The race night was also a great parish social event, each of the horses in the 8 races were wildly encouraged as the winning punters cheered them over the finishing line. The licensed bar serving a full range of refreshments and a half-time feast of sandwiches culminated in a finale auction race. The final neck and neck race, worthy of a Cheltenham Cup, was between two horses, 'Saddle Sore' and 'Horsey who Horsey' the photo finish and the Steward's enquiry verdict awarded the race to Saddle Sore. The FHL representative Sir Vincent Keane gave a detailed summary and presentation during the race night on the situation in Palestine and how the FHL charity supports the diminishing Christian community in the Holy Land. The charity's key aim, through charitable donations, works to support the Christian community and keep a living Christian presence in the Holy Land. The social, political and economic situation in the Holy Land has made this a very challenging prospect, however, race nights and charitable donations can and do make a significant difference to give financial support and hope to vulnerable Christians. For further reading and information go to:-

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

Alex McGhee – GK CI 970

### **Thames Valley – CI 984.**

*The following letter received by Bro John Lynn from Mary's Meals in response to the Backpack Appeal.*



Dear John,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of backpacks and for supporting Mary's Meals.

For many of the children, the backpack they will receive from supporters like yourself is the only gift they have ever been given. Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notebooks or even clothes to wear to school, so your support is helping these children to realise their full potential and go to school equipped with the necessary educational items.

With the generous help of supporters across the globe, our school feeding programmes have continued to grow. We are currently feeding **1,504,471** of the world's poorest children every school day, in 18 different countries. Our average annual cost to feed a child with a nutritious daily meal in school is just £13.90 - that's just 7p per meal!

Our vision is that every child in the world receives a meal a day in their place of education. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works – by providing a daily meal in a place of education, chronically poor children are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty.

Supporting Mary's Meals through the Backpack Project is a practical way to enable children to get the most out of their education.

The link below gives some pictures of the children in our school feeding programmes in Malawi receiving their Backpacks, as well as a picture of the Backpacks being loaded onto the container in which they are shipped to Africa and another picture of Backpacks being unloaded in Malawi. We also have a super 7 minute video called "The Backpack Journey" which follows Backpacks being packed by volunteers, arriving at our warehouse to go on the container and then finally being received by the children. This can be found on this page of our website <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/fundraising-resources>. It can also be found on YouTube.

On behalf of all the children receiving Backpacks a massive thank you to you and to all those who support you in this work.

Yours sincerely,

**Christina Read**

Supporter Engagement Officer, London.

Mary's Meals UK.

## Our Lady of Fatima comes to Ascot in Province 30.

*from Bro Tony Berkeley GK Thames Valley CI.984*



On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January Thames Valley CI 984 and St Francis Parish were honoured to be visited by the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Ss Jacinta & Francesco, the two little shepherds, to whom, together with Lucia their cousin, Our Lady appeared.

Bro Nestor Baniqued (National Custodian of the Apostolate of Fatima), and GK of CI 982 Wembley, wrote an article in the July/August 2019 Roundabout, which inspired me to follow up on what the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales was all about. I found that the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco were given to Great Britain by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968 after it was blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 during the Golden Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. It was one of the 25 pilgrim statues distributed to a number of countries worldwide. It was again blessed by Pope John Paul II during his Apostolic visit to Great Britain in 1982. In February 2017 during the Centenary Anniversary of the Apparitions here in the UK, Cardinal Vincent Nichols received, blessed and crowned the NPVS at Westminster Cathedral; he also re-consecrated England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

This raised the question, well why can't we have the statue visit our parish in Ascot? I thought this was a superb opportunity to start 2020 with a gold plated **ACTION** project which not only honoured and increased devotion to Our lady, but spread the message of Fatima, attract loads of parishioners from the surrounding area, and very importantly, showed off what the Order of the Knights of St Columba could do.

After an exchange of Emails between Bro Nestor, Jerry Rivera (National President of World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales) and my Parish Priest everything was in place for the great day. I put together an advertising poster, which was sent to all Province 30 Councils, the PGKs of Southern Area of the Knights, the deanery parishes, other parishes adjacent to Ascot plus a regular newsletter entry for the local congregation. Jerry Rivera sent in the program and the ceremonials that would take place throughout the day, which generated a print run- off for me to print 150 copies. Arrangements with the Head Teacher of the local school to run the background film of the history of the Apparitions and a presentation about the message of Fatima.

All went like clockwork, thanks to Council 984 Brothers, Bro Nestor with a team of brothers from Wembley Council, Bro Alex Moore from Farnborough Council, KSC Director of Communications Bro Sean Smith, Supreme Knight Bro Bertie Grogan and Bro Eric Joseph, Provincial GK designate for Prov 30 and Bro Michael Bagness Prov Secretary Prov 30 and others.

Follow up ACTION radiating from this visit is already planned at Ascot, to promote the message of Fatima. Many a devotion that were vaguely known will now become routine at the parish; The Five Saturday devotions, the Six apparitions of Fatima with Our Lady's messages and Her request on EACH visit for us to pray the rosary every day, the devotion of the Scapular of our Lady of Mt Carmel and more.

I am hoping that more Councils will follow up on our experience and through Bro Nestor try to arrange a similar Statue visit to their parish. ®



## Installation of Provincial Officers

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.



Brother Eric will be installed along with the other Provincial Officers of Province 30 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 during the 11.00am Mass at St Bernadette's, 160 Long Lane, Hillingdon. UB10 0EH.

## Provincial Action & Youth Officer

Brother Tony Berkeley has been nominated for the office of Provincial Action & Youth Officer for 2020/21; if unopposed he will be elected to the office at the March Provincial Council meeting.

If elected Brother Tony has set out his thoughts on the duties of the Action & Youth officer for your consideration as follows . . . . .

"He (the officer) is responsible for organising the work relating to the Lay Apostolate within the Council. He coordinates Council members' support for events and activities such as LIFE – SPUC etc, pilgrimages and retreats.

He organises, prepares for and interacts with local schools promoting the national competitions of the Order. He actively interacts with the Parish Priest on Seminars organised by the Order. He is required to produce a regular monthly council report which is forwarded to Province.

Together with the Social Officer, he organises all social events, and in conjunction with the Parish Priest, organises religious events and other functions across the parish on behalf of the Council. Together with other brothers he plans an activities calendar at the start of the year and takes care of all arrangements to ensure success of the events undertaken.

He is responsible for directing the work of the Council in the interest of Youth generally. He is required to attend Provincial Committee meetings and accompany the Council GK to Provincial meetings when possible." ®



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## Dates for your Diary

<b>MAR</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Provincial Council meeting. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Installation of Provincial Officers. 29 <sup>th</sup> – Clocks go forward 1 hour.
<b>APRIL</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> – Good Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Provincial Committees meeting.
<b>MAY</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> - Provincial Officers meeting. 25 <sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday
<b>JUNE</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Provincial Council meeting. 7 <sup>th</sup> – Provincial Sponsored Walk. 13 <sup>th</sup> – Biennial Mass in Liverpool. 14 <sup>th</sup> - Aylesford Pilgrimage.
<b>JULY</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> – Provincial Committee meeting.
<b>AUG</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – Provincial Officers meeting 31 <sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday
<b>SEPT</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Provincial Council meeting
<b>OCT</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> – Supreme Council meeting. 19 <sup>th</sup> - Provincial Committee meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> – Clocks go back 1 hour.
<b>NOV</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> - Provincial Officers meeting
<b>DEC</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> - Provincial Council meeting

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to be the Provincial Project for 2019/20.

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

For more information about this project go to

[www.comboni.org.uk/latest\\_read\\_online.html](http://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' and any other persons who may be interested.

A limited number of printed copies are available on request.

Thank you.

Michael Bagness – Editor.



**We Serve God by Serving Others in this Year 2020**

### Pilgrimage in honour of St Edmund Campion SJ.

**J**esuit priest and martyr he was born in London in 1540 and died at Tyburn on 1st December 1581, where he was hung, drawn and quartered, his only offence being his religion.



He is known as the London saint, by his death was lost a brilliant thinker and literary stylist, comparable to any in the Elizabethan age. One who might have contributed no less effectively to his cause by the spoken and written work than by heroic suffering. He was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

#### ***The start of the Pilgrimage***

The pilgrimage was first mentioned in the minutes of Province 11 in 1966. Bro. Sherry McGuy who was Provincial Grand Knight of Province 11 in 1970 thinks the pilgrimage was the idea of Brother Janssens and Father Barry, curate of St Vincent's, Osterley, he was also the Chaplain. Brother Janssens went on to become a member of the Board of Directors and was Supreme Treasurer.

The pilgrimage starts at The Chapel, Stoner Park near Henley, Oxon and is taken to many churches throughout Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and West London finishing with mass at Tyburn Convent, Marble Arch.

#### ***Pilgrimage Itinerary***

The Relic will be collected from The Holy Family Church, Langley after the 11.15 am Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and continue with the pilgrimage as follows:-

#### ***Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July***

St Bernadette's, Hillingdon - Council 399.  
Mass at 10.00 am.

***and***

St Raphael's Convent CI 399  
(Contact GK for details).

#### ***Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July***

St Joseph's, Hanwell – CI 163  
Mass at 10.00 am.

#### ***Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July***

Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip – CI 330  
Mass at 10.00 am.

#### ***Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July***

St Edmund of Canterbury, Whitton – CI 970  
Mass at 9.15 am

#### ***Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July***

Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip – CI 330  
Mass at 8.00 pm.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

English Martyrs, Wembley – CI 982  
Mass at 11.00 am.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

St John Fisher, North Harrow – CI 948  
Mass at 9.30 am

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael,  
Uxbridge – Council 399 Mass at 9.30 am.

**and**

Marion House Convent – Council 399  
Mass at 11.20 am.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Bro Jack's Prayer Group, Hanwell - Council 163  
7 Adelaide Rd, W13 9ED. 7.00 pm.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Our Lady & St Joseph. Hanwell - Council 163.  
Mass at 10.00 am.

The Relic then leaves Province 30 and is passed on to  
Province 11.

*The final Mass of the pilgrimage takes place at Tyburn  
Convent, Marble Arch on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm.*

