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Our PGK writes

Greeting Brothers,

I hope you all had a good Easter and were able to spend time with your family and loved ones.

I am sure many of you were involved in helping your clergy in various ways with the Easter preparations. Keep up the good work and by doing so; tell the people who you are.

The Fraternal Cross went round the Province in March, disappointing that only two councils were able to take part. I took it to High Wycombe, Council 422 on Sunday 17th March for the 11.00 am mass. It was well received and it was well attended. The next day it was in Hanwell, Council 163 for the 10.00am mass when Fr Christiano said a few words promoting the Knights and the work that they do with the mass being well attended by all the council Brothers. As no other Council wanted it I had to deliver it earlier than expected to Province 29 when they had their Provincial Council meeting. The meeting was very well attended by all the Grand Knights and Deputies of the councils and the Cross was very well received.

In our Province this year we have four brothers receiving their golden Jubilarian awards. Two have received their certificates and I am waiting for the Grand Knights of the other two to arrange a suitable day to be able to present them with their certificate.

I thank all the councils that sent me their names to attend the centennial mass in July in Westminster Cathedral. Although some came late I have forwarded them on to the organisers.

I congratulate the three councils who are working hard to recruit and so far we have six in the 'pipe line' who will shortly be admitted into the Order.

The Provincial committee meeting held in April had a very poor attendance. I think only five councils were represented out of the fourteen in Province 30. Where were the other councils? Every council should be represented by at least four brothers. Why don't you send your new brothers to these meetings? It is a way of meeting other brothers and a means of sharing ideas and opinions of the various activities taking place in the Province and Order with your Provincial Officer and counterparts in other Councils.



The image of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" is once again visiting the Polish Catholic Church in Slough from Friday 7th to Tuesday 11th of June. The Knights of St Columba undertook an arrangement to help in the stewarding of any events taking place during the visit so I am asking for as many brothers as possible to assist especially on Friday 7th about 2.00pm to help with the setting up followed by a mass in English. Please contact me if you can make it.

The next Provincial Council meeting is on the 4th June 2019 and I hope every council will be represented.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

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(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

January 2019	1st	No 20	M Murnane CI 963
	2nd	No 87	D Ogundero CI 399
February	1st	No 16	M Sykes CI 399
	2nd	No 77	Mrs S Chidwick CI 243
March	1st	No 157	CI 399
	2nd	No 113	R Fichardo CI 163

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.

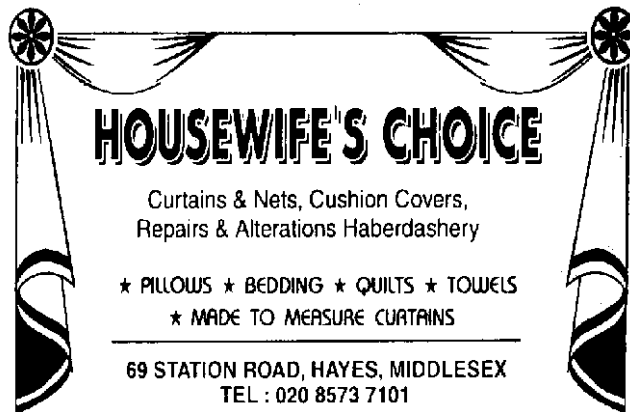
Please encourage membership from all the Brothers in your Council especially any new brothers who may have recently joined the Council, in fact anyone who is willing to support our Province.

Just a reminder that the 100 Club year is from October 1st 2018 to September 30th 2019, this is to offset the cost and not to be coinciding with the payment of dues.

Thank you,
Michael Bagness - 100 Club Organiser.

The Editor welcomes all contributions to the next issue which should reach him by 22nd June 2019.

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Advance Notice of The Centenary Mass 2019.

The Centenary Mass for the
SOUTHERN PROVINCES
10, 11, 12, 14, 29, 30 and 34
will take place on
Saturday, 6th July 2019
at 2.00pm
in Westminster Cathedral

Celebrant & Concelebrants:

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols,
His Grace Malcolm McMahon OP,
Archbishop of Liverpool and
Ecclesiastical Adviser to the
Knights of St Columba
followed by a reception in
Westminster Cathedral Hall.**

EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY & NOBODY

In a certain parish the parish priest asked everybody to lend a hand with a special pastoral programme. **Everybody** was sure **Somebody** else would do it. **Anybody** could have done it but in the end **Nobody** did it.

Somebody got angry because it was the task of **Everybody**.

Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. And so when actually **Nobody** asked **Anybody** it ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** else.

Author unknown

The Fraternal Cross

*from Brother Eric Joseph
Provincial Officer for Action & Youth.*

The Fraternal Cross has been established as the Orders Rallying Point by Council 184 Wolverhampton to bring the Brothers of the Knights of St Columba together to Pray and Socialise across the country. The Cross is mounted on a Timber Plaque and is surrounded by the names of the countries where the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (I.A.C.K) operate. It is now in its seventh year of Pilgrimage.



The Cross has been in existence for the past 50 years and the original Cross is treasured and preserved by Council 184 while the current Cross now in its 7th year has become so successful that it has evolved into a full Pilgrimage, involving all the Provinces; promoting Fraternisation and Prayer with a Handover ceremony during Mass and, an informal social gathering afterwards. The Fraternal Cross started its current journey at Supreme Council in October 2018.

This Spiritual exercise has been designed to enable as many neighbouring Councils as possible to meet and greet in Prayerful Harmony.

We at Westminster Western - Province 30 have just had such an occasion, where on the 17th March 2019 we gathered at St Augustine's Church in High Wycombe with a full congregation and 11 Brothers present where we performed the handover ceremony to Province 29 moving the Fraternal Cross onwards to the next stage of its journey across the country.



Before moving on, the Cross made a further journey to Hanwell Council 163, where five KSC Brothers joined the parishioners of Our Lady and St. Joseph's Church to welcome the arrival and departure of the Fraternal Cross as it journeyed onwards into the care of Province 29. ®

Installation of Officers for 2019 / 2020

The installation of Provincial Officers for 2019/20 took place on Sunday 24th March during the 12 noon Mass at Our Lady & St Joseph's, Hanwell where at the same time, Hanwell Council 163 took the opportunity to install the officers of their own Council.

Our thanks go to Fr Cristiano Braz, Parish Priest, for allowing us to carry out the ceremonies during the Mass and to our Supreme Knight for his presence and for the installation of the officers.



The Supreme Knight with the officers of Province 30.



The Supreme Knight with the officers of Hanwell CI 163



Following the Mass the officers joined together with their guests and families for refreshments in the Parish Social Hall. ®

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Pilgrimage in honour of St Edmund Campion SJ.

Jesuit 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 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 30th June and continue with the pilgrimage as follows:-

Monday 1st July

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

and

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

Tuesday 2nd July

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

Wednesday 3rd July

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

Thursday 4th July

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

Friday 5th July

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

Saturday 6th July

Westminster Cathedral – KSC Centenary Mass
Mass at 2.00 pm

Sunday 7th July

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

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July

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

Tuesday 10th July

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

Wednesday 10th July

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

Wednesday 10th July

Marian House Convent, Uxbridge – Council 399
Mass at 11.20 am.

Wednesday 10th July

Our Lady & St Joseph. Hanwell – Council 163
A Brothers' Prayer Group, 7 Adelaide Road. W13.
Commencing at 7.00 pm.

Thursday 11th 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 21st July at 4.00pm.

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Golden Jubilarian Awards in Province 30

The period of fifty years of membership of an organisation is memorable but especially so in the Knights of St Columba when the presentation of a gold medal, certificate and membership exemption is made to the brother achieving this milestone.

Two brothers in Province 30 have recently reached this milestone and an account of their presentation follows.

Brother Paul Pennington – High Wycombe CI 422
from Bro David Sole,
Spirituality and Welfare Officer - CI 422.

On Thursday 21st March Bro Paul was presented with his Gold medal and certificate for completing 50 very active years as a Knight of St. Columba. He was the driving force behind many of the activities carried out by the members of CI 593 Didcot & Wallingford which had a reputation for monthly car boot sales and second hand furniture sales. The council also owned a Holiday Chalet in Dunster near Minehead and gave holidays to poor families via KSC Councils from all over England. The council looked after and maintained the chalet for many years until costs became prohibitive and they had to sell it.



In his council Bro Paul held office continually being Warden, DGK, Treasurer, Spirituality & Welfare, Secretary and Grand Knight. He also served as Warden at Province 23 and he and his wife Pamela were instrumental in the signage and banners etc. for the St. Edmund Campion pilgrimage at Lyford Grange each year.

Bro Paul was delighted to receive his award and the letter from our Supreme Knight together with a lifetime travelling card. A cheerier person you could not wish to meet even though his wife is battling illness and he himself has lost both legs in recent years. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be asked by the Provincial Grand Knight Bro. Rosario to make the presentation to a worthy recipient.

Brother Julien Melville – North Harrow CI 948
from Bro Mike Bagness

On Sunday 7th April at St Lawrence's, Feltham, during the 11.00am Mass Brother Julien received his gold medal and certificate from the Supreme Knight Bro Bertie Grogan. Our thanks to Fr John Byrne, Parish Priest and

to the Brothers who attended and supported Bro Julien in his fine achievement.

Brother Julien held the office of Provincial Grand Knight from 1991 to 1994, he is currently the Finance and Administration Officer, an office he has held since 2000, he also supports South Harrow Council 385 as well as holding the office of Finance and Administration in his own Council 948. With all his other commitments, he is also Secretary/Convener to the Southern Provinces PGK's liaison committee, taking the minutes and organising the meetings.



When the Membership Degree and Full Knighthood ceremonies ceased being a 'private' ceremony and became part of the Mass, Bro Julien assumed the role of Grand Knight for the ceremonies and has brought many brothers into the Order and raised many to Full Knighthood.

Together with his wife Ruth, who is an organist, they supply the music each Sunday at the 10.00 am Mass in their own church of St John Fisher and for many years organised and supplied the music for the annual pilgrimage to Aylesford.

Congratulations, Bro Julien, and thank you for 50 years of service to the Order and the wider community.
(Read on page 6 Brother Julien's own personal experience of his 50 years as a Knight.) ®

Aylesford Pilgrimage 2019

Sunday 16th June

**Mass commencing
at 12 noon.**

Celebrant:

**Monsignor Matthew Dickens
Vicar General of Southwark.**

**The Mass will include the
Full Knighthood Ceremony.**

Presiding Officer:

**The Supreme Knight
Brother Bertie Grogan.**

**Rosary Procession & Benediction
3.00 – 4.30pm**

**Celebrant: Rev: Innocent Abonyi
Chaplain of Province 12**

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Knights of Saint Columba: A Personal Experience

from Bro Julien Melville

In 1969 when I was a few years into my teaching career, living several hundred miles away from my Yorkshire home, I was invited to join Camberley Council 241 of the Knights of Saint Columba. This invitation began a most enriching experience for me.



I found myself in a group of some fifteen Catholic men which gave me a first experience of adult companionship outside my professional life and focused on the Church. In fact I discovered that the Order of the Knights of Saint Columba has a twofold purpose: to support the mission of the Catholic Church and at the same time to work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of its members and their families.

The Council met once a month in a fraternal atmosphere which was deeply spiritual. It mattered to me that the layout of the Council Chamber represented a large Cross. The Cross also featured in the ritual salute given at various points in the meeting, which included also an element of prayer and a reading from Holy Scripture which the Brothers then discussed.

In my time in Camberley I became firstly Minuting Secretary and then Grand Knight.

When my job situation led to a move to Harrow in 1974 I was able simply to transfer into South Harrow Council 385 and continue as before. While at South Harrow I was again Minuting Secretary and then Grand Knight for a three-year period in the 1980s.

Then in 1990 it became possible to establish a Council in my own Parish of St John Fisher, and I made my final transfer into that Council, where I held the Offices of Training Officer, Treasurer, Membership & Development Officer and Action Convener.

By then I had become involved in the wider Westminster Western Province 30 (covering an area from Kenton to Feltham and from Wembley to Uxbridge), and was its Provincial Grand Knight from 1991 to 1994. I have been Provincial Finance and Administration Officer since 2000.

In early 1995, shortly after my stint as Provincial Grand Knight, I was honoured to be invited to become the Secretary/Convener of the KSC Southern Provinces Liaison Committee, which meets about four times a year quarterly and consists of all the Present and Past Provincial Grand Knights of all the Provinces in a large swathe of Southern England, booking the meetings, managing the rota of the Chairmen and writing and circulating the lists of Agenda and Minutes. I have continued to enjoy that position ever since.


I have represented the Province at the Order's annual Supreme Council meeting on a number of occasions, and have served on a committee to rewrite the Order's constitution.

As a Knight I have had the honour to act as a steward at special occasions which have drawn large crowds of Catholics, such as the visit to Westminster Cathedral of the Relics of St Theresa of Lisieux and the youth event in Hyde Park which formed part of the visit to this island of His Holiness Pope Benedict.

I have taken part in an all-night KSC prayer vigil on the steps of Westminster Cathedral praying that the Government would not alter the traditional definition of marriage as between a man and a woman. Clearly God in his wisdom knew better what was to be, but at least we made the point.

I have enjoyed all these roles, responsibilities and experiences over a period of 60 years, alongside the regular activities of the Knights in general and am eternally grateful to my Brother Knights.

Finally I have received from Bro Bertie Grogan the honour of being recognised as a Golden Jubilarian at a ceremony during a Mass at St Lawrence's Church in Feltham, an experience which I shall always treasure.



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Around the Councils. . .

Hanwell Council 163

Aylesford 2019

from Bro Mario Barreto – GK Council 163

A coach has been booked for the pilgrimage to Aylesford on 16th June 2019 and will be leaving at 8.30am sharp from St Joseph's Church, Hanwell. Fare is £16.00 with a preferred booking to avoid disappointment. To reserve a seat/s contact the GK Bro Mario Barreto on 07817 31457 or PGK Bro Rosario Fichardo on 07903 258875. Seats can also be reserved at Hanwell Church after Sunday masses from May 2019.

Hayes Council 243

from Bro Peter Chidwick – GK Council 243

We were pleased to welcome Botwell Catholic Primary School again as participants in the Nativity scene painting competition. Pupils from all classes were encouraged to submit entries which were then independently judged with one winning entry being selected from each class. Two entries, one from each year group, were also sent to Head Office to participate in the national competition. Certificates were then produced and framed and together with a W.H. Smith voucher presented by Bros Mike Bagness and Jim McCormack at a morning assembly in the school. We also returned the paintings, or a copy, to enable the children to show their parents what they had achieved. We thank the staff and pupils of the school for participating in this annual event.

The proceeds from our charity walk last year have now been used to donate £500.00 to Hayes Friends of the Homeless, £500.00 to MacMillan Nurses Hillingdon and £200.00 to the Provincial Project 2018 The Ealing Centre for Independent Living.

Sadly we lost Brother Dominick Clinton in February, May He Rest in Peace.

Dominick was a long standing member of the Knights in Hayes having joined in 1976 and was also a former chairman of St Clare's Parish Social Club. Please remember Dominick and his family in your prayers at this sad time.

We will be having our usual Bottle Stall at the parish Summer Fayre on Saturday June 8th – look forward to seeing you there!

High Wycombe Council 422

The Quiz Night – a serious challenge

from Bro Stefan Zachary – DGK Council 422

The event was held once again in the lovely Upper Room at St Augustine's, High Wycombe. Fathers David and Jonathan both attended and took part, each joining a different team. As usual, the teams took the Quiz as a serious challenge and you could hear a pin drop as the questions were read out.

The night attracted 78 people and was a great success. DGK Stefan's wife, Patricia, was the Quizmaster and performed the job for the first time - perfectly. Brother Paul Hogwood acted as MC, treasurer and scorer for the evening and Brother Geoff Pilkington counted the money, folded raffle tickets and generally gave us the benefit of his experience. A number of other brothers attended, many with their families.

We have over 20 lovely raffle prizes. Half way through the evening the food arrived (fish or chicken and chips, according to orders), then we zoomed through the second half and finished bang on time at 10:30pm.

The evening raised £540.00, half being sent to Mary's Meals and half boosting C422's charity fund which Council can put to good use locally. This was announced at the end and gained a roar of approval! Then everyone spontaneously helped to clear away, removing all the furniture and rubbish, and sweeping the floor. The room was cleared and ready for its next event in 10 minutes.

The Knights were very grateful to everyone for their generosity and hope to repeat the event again in the future.

Feltham & Cranford CI 514

from Bro. Victor Olomukoro - GK Council 514

Golden Jubilarian Ceremony: April 7th 2019 - A Golden Jubilarian ceremony was held at St. Lawrence's Catholic Church in Feltham during the 11:00am mass, for Brothers Julien Melville and John Simons, a good attendance was observed from Brothers of the KSC and Supreme Knight.

Aylesford Pilgrimage June 2019 Could I please ask if it is possible for the coach being arranged by the organiser (s) from Hanwell council or any other Council, to stop by in Feltham at St. Lawrence's Catholic Church to pick up interested parishioners/ brothers. If possible, can I be advised of the cost per head, so that; I could designate someone to start collecting payments and also advertise on the parish weekly newsletter asap as June 2019 is just around the corner.

Summer Fayre: plans are in progress to join/have a stall at the St. Lawrence's summer fayre this year in July 2019.

Membership: struggling with payment of dues and keeping existing Brothers and also to recruit new members.

Easter Greetings: Trust all Brothers and family had a Holy and Blessed Easter celebration.

Yeading Council 963

from Bro John Hibberd

We recently held our annual Easter Egg Draw which has been supported by the Parish for many years; from the proceeds we will be making a donation to Father John to help the Parish. We hope to organise a Mass on the 22nd and 23rd June to celebrate the Centenary of the Knights. More details of this event to follow. ®

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Membership Matters

from Bro John Hibberd

Provincial Officer for Membership & Development

I was very disappointed at the attendance at the last Provincial Committee meeting when a only Hayes and Yeading Councils were in represented and with only four apologies from other Councils.

If Councils do not attend the meeting how am I to know how recruiting is progressing. We have had a lot of lapsations in the last few months and if Councils do not recruit the Province will have a very bleak future.

Please make an effort to attend these meetings or if you cannot attend at least let me know what is happening in your Council. ®

ACTION – or better still - Lack of ACTION!

from Bro Tony Berkeley – GK Thames Valley CI 984

ACTION - we have all heard the word before, many times, I dare speculate, at nearly every meeting or assembly. No brother in the Order can deny having heard of the need for ACTION. Our Supreme Knight, who for years promoted membership, also stressed how important ACTION is in the need to increase our membership and recruitment.

Promoting ACTION, one has often been told that this could take a number of different forms, some spiritual, and some social being the most commonly talked about.

Each council has a brother charged with promoting and managing ACTION in his council and regularly has to write a report and inform his fellow brothers of what ACTION is going on or being organised in his council. Some councils/provinces are proud to publish in their newsletter or in the Columba magazine details of their achievements in the ACTION arena.

In spite of all this the Provincial Committee meetings are barely attended by more than three or four councils, the Annual Provincial Project is in danger of dying a death because of lack of councils wanting to propose a project, there are very, if any ACTION reports sent in to the Provincial Secretary. Bro Mike Bagness who has to plead to councils to tell him about the ACTION that has been going on so that he can include details of it in Roundabout. I think that if any brother who finds this attitude points to them personally or to their council, they need to hang their head in shame, need to ponder why he joined the Knights in the first place and if this does not move him, ask himself why he pays £50.00+ a year just to belong to the Knights and maybe occasionally meet for an hour of chin-wag that does not produce anything related to their promise to promote CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY or indeed any ACTION that can come out of these principles. ®

Celebrations for Uxbridge CI 399

An important day for the brothers of Uxbridge Council 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

The membership ceremony was carried out by Bros John Hibberd, Rosario Fichardo and Ben Almeida with the Installation of the officers by Bro John Hibberd assisted by Bro Noel Verissimo.

We congratulate the officers on their commitment to the Order for the year ahead and to the new brothers, wishing them every success in their decision to join the Order.



The new members pictured above with PGK Bro Rosario are:-

Rudolph Jan Velasquez - Uxbridge Council 399

Michael Comiskey – Hayes Council 243

Gregory D'Souza – Uxbridge Council 399

We welcome them into the Order and wish them every success with the work they will be doing in their councils.

We thank Fr Krzysztof Stawicki CMF and Deacon Bro Reg Abrahams for allowing us the time for these ceremonies and every success to Uxbridge Council 399 for the year ahead. ®

Dates for your Diary – 2019

MAY	1st – Provincial Officers meeting
	6th – May Day holiday
JUNE	4th – Provincial Council meeting
	16th – Aylesford Pilgrimage
JULY	6th – Centenary Celebration Mass in Westminster Cathedral commencing at 2.00pm
	15th – Provincial Committee meeting

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