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Greeting Brothers,

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through this year 2019. Can we ask ourselves as to what have we achieved so far this year? By the time you read this you will either have attended or will be attending the Centenary Mass of our Order. Please can we have your comments on how we did?

This month the relic of St Edmund Campion makes its usual round of the Councils and I hope you have made every effort to venerate the relic.

I would like to thank all the Councils that attended the Provincial Council meeting in Hayes on the 4th June 2019. At this meeting a few things were discussed and the minutes were sent out to all the Councils, the minutes are now available to view on the Provincial Website. Will all Grand Knights please read out the minutes as part of the correspondence at their next meeting?

This is part of your correspondence item to tell the brothers of what they need to know. Also when you receive the officer's reports (Blue book with officer's reports) for Provincial Council, please give the Council officers their relevant page so they are aware of what's happening in their unfortunate absence from the Provincial Council meeting!

The image of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" was in Slough from the 7th to the 11th of June and the Knights were asked to help with the marshalling on those days. This year compared to last year the Knights were not visible, I thank the few brothers of Province 30 that did turn up to support me namely Brothers Eric Joseph from Council 399 Uxbridge and Nester Baniqued from Council 982 Wembley and myself from Council 163 Hanwell also Directors Sean Smith and Sean Mulligan. I would also like to thank Brothers Kevin Gavin & Geoff Cox from Cl 972 Aylesbury and Dick Gardner from Council 338 Bedford both from Province 38 Northampton, who also helped out.

A few miracles took place since last year 2018 and 2019. That is why the Image returned to Slough as a thanksgiving to Our Lady. I can vouch for one of these miracles.

This year we did not have the usual Provincial Walk which felt strange with its absence. 'Back-Packs' being the adopted project instead.

On the 16th June we had the usual Knights of St Columba annual pilgrimage to Aylesford. I thank Council 163 Hanwell and Council 514 Cranford & Feltham for arranging coaches to travel to Aylesford. Hanwell had fifty six passengers and Feltham had fourteen passengers with three other brothers representing their Councils in Province 30. Shame on the rest of the Councils! Why can you not turn up to celebrate the feast of your Patron Saint?

On the 23rd June there was a recruitment drive in Ruislip and I very much thank the brothers that came to support it. It went very well and we are hoping for a positive result especially after the 11.30 mass the people were practically donating money and I had to tell them we were not collecting but recruiting for new members.

At the 15th July Provincial Committee meeting you are asked to bring in a project for 2019/2020 for discussion. Please can the Grand Knights make sure their councils are represented at this meeting?

On the 14th July 2019 a recruitment drive is arranged at Wembley. Please contact Brother Nestor if you can and assist him in his drive. He urgently needs your help.

I thank Bro Mike Bagness for the work he does as the editor of the Roundabout newsletter trying to fill all the pages. He wouldn't have to if you contributed something to it. Why not tell Mike if your council are meeting in a pub for a social or having a dinner for the widows or a school fete/bazaar or a local charity walk.

DURING MASS WE TALK TO GOD, AFTER MASS WE TALK TO OUR FRIENDS

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

1st Prize - £50.00

2nd Prize - £25.00

(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

March	1st	No 157	CI 399
	2nd	No 113	R Fichardo Cl 163
April	1st	No 139	CI 514
	2nd	No 120	M Barreto CI 163
May	1st	No 38	J Anderson CI 267
	2nd	No 96	CI 243

hank 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.

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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.

NB: Tickets, available from the PGK, are required for access to the Cathedral Hall for the reception following the Mass.

The Editor welcomes all contributions to the next issue which should reach him by Saturday 24th August 2019.

Opinions expressed in articles
and letters are those of the authors only.

Council 422 High Wycombe Youth Report 2019

from Bro Bryan Hill, Youth Officer

National Prayer Competition 2019

I am pleased to report that Jodie Keating – Head of RE at St. Michael's School in High Wycombe – has confirmed his school's participation in this year's competition. The theme will be "A Prayer for Family Life". I have not yet received details of the exact title but will report any further news later in the school term.

Nativity Scene Painting Competition 2018

Since our last Council Meeting I have been privileged to present prizes at both Provincial and National level in two schools – Our Lady's in Amersham and St. Michael's (Primary Phase) in High Wycombe.

First came Our Lady's School on 17th May. Shrikar Polamarasetty received a Provincial Certificate for runner-up in the younger Age Group and a cash prize of £20.00. He also received a beautiful Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight for reaching the National Finals. I presented these awards in an excellent "Achievement Assembly" and was given a warm welcome and thanks from the whole school. Shrikar knew nothing about the presentation before it happened, but he must have been curious as to why his mother was attending! She was at least as pleased as her son was, and very proud of him too. Shrikar was only six when he produced his most striking image.

On Tuesday 4th June, I was welcomed to the Primary Phase of St. Michael's by the Head, Dani Collins. She was very pleased indeed with the achievements of Karolina Karnas in Year 6 (age 11). Karolina won Provincial First prize in the older Age Group, which earned her a Provincial Certificate and a cash prize of £30.00. She too received a beautiful Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight for reaching the National Finals. As with Shrikar in Our Lady's, she knew nothing of her achievements before the day of the presentation. She was somewhat bowled over by the prizes and by the repeated applause given to her by the whole school.

Children in both schools recognized me, or perhaps more importantly my KSC regalia. They were extremely pleased for their school winners and several children personally thanked me for coming in to present such obviously high status prizes. I was even thanked by altar servers at Mass this weekend in St Augustine's! The children and the schools seem to hold the KSC in high regard.

(Congratulations to Council 422 and to Bro Bryan for another successful painting competition. I look forward to receiving the results of the prayer competition in due course. Ed.)



Presentation at Our Lady's School, Amersham to Shrikar Polamarasetty



Presentation at St Michael's School, High Wycombe to Karolina Karnas



Juliet Barreto RIP

In February of this year, Juliet Barreto, wife of Bro Mario (Esse) Barreto, GK of CI 163 Hanwell passed away. The following is a letter sent at the time to Bro Rosario Fichardo, PGK Province 30 on the eve of their Council meeting which I am pleased to include in this current issue of Roundabout.

Dear Brother Rosario,

My family and I were overwhelmed by the guard of honour and assistance given by the Knights to my beloved wife Juliet during her final reception into the church on 18/02/2019 for the Mass and funeral service on 19/02/2019.

We also thank you and the Brothers who visited and assisted us in hospital and at our home during our very difficult time. All the Brothers who attended the Mass and funeral services helped and comforted us.

Many of those who came from out of London for the services told me that they were very impressed by the welcome and assistance they got from our Knights at the church and in the hall.

Juliet was a great admirer and supporter of the Knights and she tried to attend as many of our events as she possibly could, her favourite event was the yearly Valentines Dance held at Hanwell at which she was missed very much this year.

She was my great supporter for last 19+ years both as a Provincial Officer and now as Grand Knight. Her two brothers-in-law from Canada, who are Knights, were very impressed at our Guard of Honour and the assistance given by our brothers at both the services. They also admired our Fraternity and Unity very much.

Thank you, brothers for your support and comfort and God bless you all and have a fruitful meeting, I regret I am unable to attend today.

I would like to thank Bro Bertie SK for remembering Juliet at the HO meeting, also I would like to thank Bro Mike (Bagness) for his assistance and to Bro Rosario for being in constant t touch with our family and assisting us in our needs, and for Bro Denis (Barry) for his visits and assistance.

From Mario, Cheryl, Bernice and Lynette and Juliet's family.

Pilgrimage in honour of St Edmund Campion SJ.

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 11.00 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 Cl 399 (Contact GK for details).

Tuesday 2nd July

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

Wednesday 3rd July

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

Thursday 4th July

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

Friday 5th July

Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip – Cl 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 – Cl 982 Mass at 11.00 am.

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July

St John Fisher, North Harrow – Cl 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.

Sunday 21st July

Tyburn Convent, Marble Arch - Mass at 4.00pm.

The final Mass of the pilgrimage takes place in The Chapel, Stonor Park, Henley on Sunday 28th July at 10.30 pm

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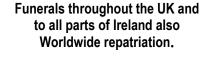
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Around the Councils

Hayes Council 243

Parish Summer Fete

or many years Hayes Council 243 has supported the parish summer parish fete with its usual bottle stall and this year was no exception.

Bro Peter Chidwick – GK Cl 243 was responsible for the folding of all the ticket 'blanks', and on the evening before the event brothers gathered in the social hall to number and prepare all the bottles, a task important to the success of the stall on the day.

We thank Bro Felix and parishioners for donating so many bottles and cans of drink, 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 £406.00 for the parish funds.



Where are the customers?
Bros Felix, Jim and Peter – ready & waiting!

Whitton Council 970

Celebrate Twickenham - 15th to 16th June 2019

from Brother Alex McGhee

wo brothers from Whitton Council 970 attended the Celebrate Catholic family charismatic conference held at St Mary's University, Twickenham on Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th June 2019.

The annual conference, organised by a core team of lay people, is in its seventh year and attracts over 400+ people over the weekend and Bros Tom and Bros Alex and their wives and families, who attended this year, realise why the numbers are consistently high.

The theme for the conference was, "Be strong and courageous! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9 NLT) and this theme was examined and opened up by the excellent speakers which included Fr Paul Keane (Vice Rector of Studies at St Mary's College, Oscott), Damian Stayne (founder of the Cor et Lumen Christi Community) and Michelle Moran (cofounder of the Sion Community, Brentwood) and this

theme was further carried on into the smaller varied workshops on the Saturday afternoon.

The six children's streams, which follow in parallel to the main conference, are led by young committed Catholics, who co-lead a high quality children's programme adapted to the age group throughout the weekend.

The conference supports a renewal in faith inviting the Holy Spirit into our hearts through uplifting praise and worship, inspiring dramas, continuous Adoration, healing services, confession, and opportunities for prayers of the Holy Spirit and fellowship.

The highlight of the Sunday was the main finale mass which was concelebrated by Bishop John Wilson, where the children's streams presented other parts of the mass. As delegates we were sent forth by Bishop John Wilson filled with the Holy Spirit to renew our parishes.



If you would like to know more about these Celebrate regional weekend conferences others are taking place across the country, and further details can be found at https://www.celebrateconference.org/regional-weekends

I was there! from Brother Nestor Baniqued GK Council 982 Wembley

he start of the year 2019 and as Custodian of the World Apostolate of Fatima I have travelled miles to take care of the National Pilgrims Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto and simultaneously represented Council 982 Wembley.



We started from Salford
Cathedral on 23rd February 2019, at the parish of St Pius
X, Norbiton, Surrey and during the month of March to Our
Lady Immaculate and Holy Name in Chelmsford. In the
early part of April, just before Easter, we travelled to St
Teresa's RC Church in Morden, Surrey to celebrate the
anniversary of St Francisco Marto where I met a couple of
members of our Order.

The month of May was a busy time for me travelling around Wales to Moriston, Newport, and Belmont Abbey, Hereford and continuing on to St George's Cathedral, Southwark with a procession of two hours to the Sacred Heart Church, Camberwell and finally at Ashurst, Southampton where I met eight members of our Order.

During the month of June we travelled to the English Martyrs Church in Streatham and our Lady of Canvey & the English Martyrs, Canvey Island, Essex. I am looking forward to seeing my brothers of Province 30 for the June Rosary Procession of two statues simultaneously from Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock to Our Lady of Victorious both in High Street Kensington.

I will be having a recruitment drive on 14th July 2019 at The English Martyrs, Chalkhill Road, Wembley, HA9 9EW at 9 & 11.00am Masses, please be there to give me the support to increase the membership of our Order. ®

Aylesford Pilgrimage 2019

he 53rd annual pilgrimage of the Southern
Provinces of the Knights of St Columba to The
Friars at Aylesford took place on Sunday 16th June.

The celebration commenced with the procession of banners at 11.45am with mass at 12 noon which included a ceremony for brothers who have reached Full Knighthood in the Order.

The celebrant for the Mass was Monsignor Matthew Dickens, Vicar General of Southwark assisted by Fr Innocent, Provincial Chaplain to Province 12, Southwark.

The Full Knighthood ceremony in which 39 brothers were elevated took place following the gospel and was conducted by the Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan assisted by the Director for Youth Brother Michael Akinrele and Brother Director John Campolini.

At the conclusion of the Mass an appeal with a second collection was made by Brother Michael Gallagher for the Southern Provinces Youth Fund.

The picture below shows Brothers presenting themselves in readiness to receive the honour of Full Knighthood. ®



Commitment of Council Brothers

embership of the Order of the Knights of St. Columba means more than just wearing a badge and being able to say "I am in the Knights of St. Columba". It must be remembered that we are members of the *Order* of the Knights of St Columba, and as members it is important to understand the commitment that is expected and what we should be trying to achieve.

After allowing for our work and family commitments, which must always come first, we have a duty to the Order to give as much of our time as is possible in the furtherance of the Orders Aims and Objectives.

Many members of the Order are active in other parish groups and organisations, and this in itself is part of the commitment we make as a Knight and as a Christian.

Every brother cannot be expected to attend every meeting and support every event organised by their Council, however, some brothers, because of their lack of commitment are just simply wearing the badge and "belonging" to the Order.

Answering the following questions truthfully may make us more aware of the commitment we should be making as "...true and faithful Knights of St Columba."

- Do I attend the monthly Council meeting as often as I should to support my fellow brothers and Officers in what they are trying to achieve?
- As an officer, do I attend and support the Provincial Committee and/or Provincial Council meetings?
- Do I support my Council and Order on their annual pilgrimages, half-day retreats and any other spiritual activities?
- Do I help my Council and Order by paying my annual dues on time, and support and help in any fund-raising projects that the Council or Order may organise from time to time?
- Do I pray regularly for the repose if the soul of deceased members of the Order?
- Do I support any requests made by my Parish Priest for assistance at special Masses and parish activities?
- In what other ways can I become a more committed member of the Order?

If we can consider some of the requirements mentioned above and line them to the Aims and Objectives of the Order, in carrying them out we will make our Councils and Order stronger by our own efforts and help us to work more actively as a group of committed Brothers and Christians. ®

Worrying too much!

omebody once said that most of the things we worry about never happen. But we go on worrying anyway.

- We worry about our children and how they'll get on in exams and find their place in a challenging world.
- We worry about our health and what the doctor might tell us, we postpone hearing it for a long as possible.
- We worry about dying and what awaits us on the other side.
- We worry about small things or things that we can do nothing about – the weather, the state of the economy.

Worrying keeps us from being free, from noticing and enjoying life's goodness. Worrying fragments our life. Worrying causes us to be 'all over the place and seldom at home'. Worrying can paralyse us into inaction or inertia. We are no longer internally free. Worrying springs from inner fears.

The scriptures introduce us to many people overcome with fear when they meet God or his messenger but end up overcoming their fears. Mary was afraid when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her; Joseph was afraid of what God said to him in his dreams. The disciples in the boat were afraid when the storm blew up and the Lord was asleep in the boat. Time and again the Lord admonished his followers "Do not be afraid".

If we had greater faith then we would not be afraid for faith cancels out fear. 'Lord, increase our faith' should be part of our daily prayer. *Author unknown* ®

Just a Thought!

When we examine our conscience we so often think only of the things we have done, but what of the things we didn't do!

The times we didn't reach out the helping hand ...

The times we didn't write that letter

The visits we didn't make

The comforting word we were too shy to give

The struggling person we failed to help....

The good cause we were too mean to support....

The extra time we failed to spend in prayer....

At the end of each day let us ask ourselves, "Was there something that God desired me to do today but I closed my heart?"

St. Columba – Our Patron!

This article was first printed in Issue Number 3 of Roundabout in 1994; I think it is worthy of repeating.

Editor.

aint Columba is the patron of the Knights of St Columba, and a patron Saint is not only to be seen as a protector and an intercessor for the members of the Order, he must also be regarded as an example and a pattern – a model we must keep before our eyes when we are fashioning our souls.



How can St Columba be our model? He lived many centuries ago in a period we regard as less civilised and was a Missionary to the pagans amongst whom he lived. He brought Christianity to them. He taught them by his life and his words.

Is our period of time so different? Have we no pagans around us? A pagan is an unbaptised person. There are unfortunately far too many of them nowadays in this island. There are far too many who are near pagans, whose notions of Christianity are extremely vague, if not altogether mistaken and wrong.

St Columba had no help for the sanctification of his life, which we may now have – the Mass, the Sacraments, the teaching of Our Lord, the whole scheme of divine Grace.

The conclusion hits us with the force of a blow in the face. We can, and therefore must, model our lives upon his if we still wish and boast that he is our patron. "Be ye followers of me, as I am of Christ".

John, Bishop of Menevia (1959) cited in The Life of St. Columba by Rev. Wm. Jas. Anderson.



"Hearing Better Now"

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

"The Old Days"

Grandpa was telling his young grandson what life was like when he was a boy.

"In the winter we'd ice skate on our pond. In the summer we could swim in the pond, and pick berries in the woods. We'd swing on an old tyre my dad hung from a tree on a rope. And we had a pony we rode all over the farm."

The little boy was amazed, and sat silently for a minute. Finally he said, "Granddad, I wish I'd gotten to know you a lot sooner!"

Dates for your Diary - 2019

JULY	6th – Centenary Celebration Mass in Westminster Cathedral commencing at 2.00pm followed by a reception. 15th – Provincial Committee meeting
AUG	7th – Provincial Officers meeting. 24th - Copy for Roundabout
SEPT	3rd – Provincial Council meeting.
ОСТ	4th / 6th – Supreme Council meeting in Glasgow with Centennial celebrations. 21st - Provincial Committee meeting. (NB: This may have a possible change of venue.)
NOV	6th – Provincial Officers meeting.
DEC	3rd – Provincial Council meeting.