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Dear Brothers,

The Churches have reopened their doors; a sign that we are moving forward. We have taken the first step. We are not out of the woods yet, therefore we must continue to change to the new Normal.

Under no circumstances must Councils meet face to face for Council meetings at this time. When that time comes, we will have to be prepared to carry out the rigorous task of sanitising and cleaning that will be required, before and after meetings and social distancing will have to be strictly adhered to. Even then Councils will need to get MY permission and Head Office approval before any such meetings can take place.

Zoom is now the new normal; many more Brothers should be able to attend these meetings as no one has the need to travel. Please remember to invite at least one Provincial Officer to your meetings and do not forget that some Brothers may not be able to attend for whatever reason, so make arrangements to allow them to participate either by a telephone link or send them a copy of the minutes to keep them involved.

Brothers as part of our ongoing Training we must stay in touch with Head Office & Province. There is an abundance of information at Head Office if you would care to look.

Go to www.ksc.org.uk and also locally on the www.province30.co.uk website this is a specific challenge for each and every one you to attempt, click on the Red window **Knights and the Parish**.

Over the last three months, we have shared Zoom lectures with Head Office on Catholic Social Teachings; Rosary Recitals and Council meetings at various venues. We have had a phenomenally successful Seminar for our Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights, which was well received, and I hope will trigger some enthusiasm in the Councils. There are follow-up hard copies available on request. There will be other Training Seminars about Finance and Administration, Membership and

Development and most importantly on Action and Youth. and Spirituality and Welfare, I will be looking forward to seeing you there.

I would like to hear that every Council is making the effort to hold a Council meeting each month. If not on Zoom, then on any other social media system that is convenient to you. Keep Province in the loop, so we know what kind of communications mode you are using. Above all, you must send regular Council minutes to the Provincial Secretary Bro. Michael Bagness.

Never forget to keep in touch with your Elderly Brothers. On the 24th September Brother Matthew (Matt) Martin will be celebrating his 92nd birthday and Brother Kenneth (Ken) Lobo his 95th on the 26th September, both from Uxbridge Council 399; please remember them in your prayers. Do not forget your Widows and Chaplains, I might even stretch a point to say, we have an obligation to assist where possible our elderly neighbours in these torrid times.

Coronavirus Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, during the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fears, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Lord Jesus give us your peace. Amen

Above all, remember we are still on restrictions. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight – Province

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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June	1st	No 140	Council 514
	2nd	No 42	P Costley Council 243
July	1st	No 23	M Martins Council 948
	2nd	No 59	M Bromley Council 970
August	1st	No 29	B Almeida Council 163
	2nd	No 38	J Anderson Council 267

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 1st 2019 to September 30th 2020, there are 111 members spread over thirteen 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 hyperlink on page one of Roundabout.

Membership Statistics

from Brother Michael Bagness – Provincial Secretary.

In July we were asked to survey all the Councils in our Province to ascertain correct figures of membership. The purpose of this survey was to have the correct figures in Head Office in order that invoices, when sent out to Councils were correct and to have an understanding of the actual membership and structure of the Order.

Thank you to all GK's for submitting the figures on time which allowed us to make the final return to Head Office by the date requested.

The survey showed the current membership of Province 30 is:-

Golden Jubilarians	16
Brothers over 75	46
Other Brothers	<u>92</u>
Total	<u>154</u>

This compares to a membership of 168 at 1st April 2019. The difference is made up from deaths and lapsations, the survey did not show details of new brothers joining in this period.

Brothers, death come to all of us and is largely beyond our control, lapsations/resignations, however, are controllable if we are looking after our Brothers and querying their reasons for lapsing/resigning. Membership Officers, Welfare Officers, stay alert and be mindful of Brothers who may be thinking of leaving the Order, sometimes a quiet word at the right time can turnaround a decision of this kind. ®

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Brother Paul Turnbull RIP

(May 11th 1937 – 29th June 2020)

A member of Sudbury Council 267

Paul passed away peacefully at St. Luke's Hospice, Kenton on 29th June 2020. His wife, Rosemary, and two sons, Paul and Laurence, were able to be with him during his last 36 hours, which was a great comfort to them. His sister Mary was also able to see him during this period.



Paul was born in Bishop Auckland Hospital, County Durham, on May 11th 1937. He was born the day before the Coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth so he, like the other babies born that day, was given a commemorative silver spoon to mark the occasion. He lived in Middlesbrough until the family home was bombed in 1940 and he moved to his grandparents' home in Formby, Liverpool along with his mother and two siblings. His father was in the RAF and after various moves of location was stationed in Wrexham where the family eventually settled. After attending the Catholic School in Wrexham and working for 3 years at Border Breweries he began his National Service in the Royal Army Service Corps. He completed an extra year on top of the mandatory 2 and remained a member of the army reserve whilst working.

Paul met his wife, Rosemary, at St. Mary's Youth Club in Wrexham. Rosemary was staying in Wrexham at the time with her cousin. They married on June 6th 1960 and this year, although Paul was seriously ill, they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary together. After a brief period living in Wrexham they moved to London, living firstly in Fulham and then in the Greenford and Sudbury areas. Eventually they moved to a house next door to St. George's Church in Sudbury. They had two sons, Paul and Laurence, and five grandchildren. Paul lived for his family and both he and Rosemary had a great relationship with the whole family.

He worked for various companies until taking retirement at the age of 62. He was always a very active person. He was the Treasurer of Sudbury Court Youth FC and then Kilburn Hawks Youth FC. He was involved with St. George's School and became a Governor there. He was a keen golfer and a member of Sudbury Golf Club and Harrow School Golf Club. He was a sports fan and staunch supporter of Newcastle FC. He also loved to

travel and enjoyed many overseas trips as well as time in Great Yarmouth.

Paul was a very committed Catholic. In his youth he was an altar server. At St. George's Church he was very active. He joined the Knights of St. Columba in 1967 and was the Grand Knight from 1993 to 1995. He was always fully involved and was the Membership Officer up to the time when he went into hospital in November 2019. He was a Eucharistic Minister and went to Lourdes on many occasions, helping others. Paul and Rosemary hosted many fund raising coffee mornings in their house. He joined the Catenians Association in 1991 and was a loyal member through to his final illness.

Following an operation in November 2019 Paul was in Northwick Park Hospital until late May, when he was transferred to St. Luke's Hospice. During his time in hospital he contracted Covid-19, but was later given an all clear test. For some two months he was in isolation and could only communicate with his family by mobile phone. The family were grateful for the opportunity to visit him in St. Luke's.

In a tribute to him from his sons, Paul and Laurence, they said that he will be remembered as a humble, kind, caring and gentle man. ®




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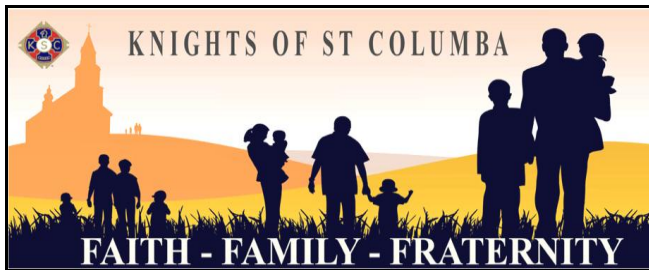


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During this COVID-19 pandemic I have both seen and heard of all the great work in local communities that is happening. In built up areas, where people tend not to call on their neighbours or indeed know them, we now see whole streets coming together to help each other.

Is this not Fraternity?

Faith

So let us again look to the future with a positive thought in the words used in the Easter message of Pope Francis:

“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith”? Faith begins when we realise we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the Disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies”.

Family

Of course these times are hard on families, with some unable to meet due to distance. Here again technology has taken over, but we still yearn for that closeness. We will find a way forward as soon as lockdown releases us, but certainly we will not be going back to the way we were in early March 2020. Any changes must be embraced by the Order but we will still continue with that motto:

Faith – Family - Fraternity.

Fraternal regards,

Bertie M Grogan

Supreme Knight

**The Editor welcomes contributions
for the next issue
which should reach him by
Saturday 24th October 2020.
Opinions expressed in articles and
letters are those of the authors only.**

All our Yesterdays!

from Brother Michael Bagness

Looking back over my years in Province 30, 1994 stands out as a year when many new ideas were introduced into the Province.

In April of that year Bro Jim Keating was elected as PGK, a Provincial Directory was first produced and Roundabout was first published as a means of improving communications around the Province. (I have copies of these publications going back to their inception, a valuable source of Provincial history.)

At this time many brothers were enthusiastic about the Order and when Brother Jim wanted to re-introduce District Deputies, suitable brothers were not hard to find with Bros John Butcher, Eric Doherty and Hugh Carville eager to take up this particular office.

Brothers in Provincial office at this time were:-

- Jim Keating – Provincial Grand Knight
- Chris Allman – Deputy PGK
- Eric Joseph – Chancellor
- Tony Brennan – Secretary
- Lars Fletcher – Treasurer
- Stephen Jordan – Action Convenor
- Ian O’Leary – Warden
- Martin Cregg – Youth Officer
- Michael Bagness – Training Officer
- Social Secretary & Quiz Master – Jim Reilly
- Liaison Officer to CI 048 (later 948) – Eric Doherty
- BAR – Finbar Lehane
- Provincial Chaplain - Fr Tony Brunning



Installation of Provincial Officers Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayes 1994

Back row l-r: Bros. Tony Brennan, Lars Fletcher, Steve Jordan, Martin Cregg, Jim Reilly, Chris Allman, Julien Melville & Michael Bagness.

Front row l-r: Bros. Charles Ferro, Tom Hayes, Finbar Lehane, Fr Jim Kennedy cmf, Ian O’Leary, Jim Keating, Eric Joseph, Hugh Carville & Eric Doherty.



Getting to know our Councils better.

from Bro Tony Berkeley DPGK Province 30

Since the last issue, Brothers and Province have been very busy trying to get to know Councils and their membership better. We started doing this by an **Action & Youth Survey**.

The Questions may have been a little out of the norm, but they are questions we all keep asking at most of our meetings. Launching the survey, we aimed to get an answer from across all the Councils, so to help us see the bigger picture of where we need to focus our improvement effort.

As with any communications exercise, one needed to update the Province's records of what contact details we hold. The Address book was very useful in doing this, but there is a need to hold more details than what it currently shows. For example, who has a **Smart phone**, so we can have text messages and **FACETIME** contact, and which brothers have **ZOOM** access?

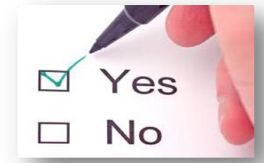
I also realised that I may well be able to contact the Officers of each Council, but we do have brothers whose details are not shown on the address book as they don't hold office. Something I need to discuss with Bro Michael Bagness to explore future recording.

After having updated my contact lists, I then sent out the first Survey – headed as **ACTION & YOUTH REVIEW**. It was not easy to get the replies flowing in, and it required two or three repeated emails, and eventually a number of phone calls, but as a first try, I managed to get 10/12 points. Council 295 Harrow & District and Council 963 Yeading did not make the finishing line this time.

The biggest problem I encountered was that some do not read their emails at all, some not very regularly, and there were two brothers whose recorded telephone details do not work. The replies have been analysed and will be discussed at the next Provincial Officers meeting to help us put together a program of improvements where necessary. One other important lesson for me was that the way the questionnaire was designed did not always meet the facilities brothers had to be able to return a completed form, but **where there is a will there is a way**, and most of the difficulties were ironed out. I thank all the Grand Knights and brothers for oiling the wheels on occasion.

Learning from the above survey, the next questionnaire was designed to enable brothers to **just**

tick-the-box and submit the completed form without having to photo-copy, or scan or even take a photo of the completed form. This time the returns were through the Provincial Website. All that was needed was to click the link, the questions showed up, and all one had to do was to put a tick against the questions. The scope of this 'THE KNIGHTS & THEIR PARISH', was to find out how **EACH individual Brother** was involved with his parish, how much help we, the Knights were offering the Parish Priest and how visible we were in our parish and our community. Remember the motto '**ACTION IS THE ENGINE OF THE COUNCIL.**' In spite of the ease of returning this questionnaire, only 28 out of around 80 in Province have so far completed this 5-minute job. That means that I have more emails and phone calls to make **AGAIN**.



Also since the last issue of Roundabout, the first in a series of three **SEMINARS** was delivered using ZOOM. Apart from the work in putting together the PowerPoint presentation, the hardest aspect of the whole exercise, was trying to get Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights to commit to Zooming-in to attend the Seminar. In the end we did do quite well and 18 brothers participated, which is in my view a great success. Unfortunately on the night, the gremlins were out but with the help of Bro Ade and Bro Rosario, we managed to rescue the day. The Seminar was very well received and thanks to everyone who came on line, including the Supreme Knight.

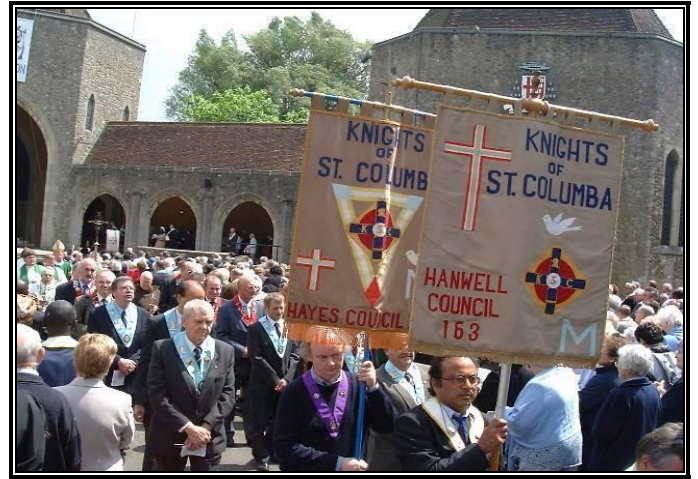
Covid-19 is not all bad news. Through Zoom we are able to get invites to Council meetings and we can have Seminars and communicate with all the councils without actually leaving home. The next Seminar will address two of the four main **KEY OFFICES** of each council. In the next month, I and Province will address the issues of **ACTION & YOUTH** together with **MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT**, and another Seminar will be prepared to meet with all the Council officers holding these positions, as well as their Grand Knight if he wishes and any other brother who may want to come forward, by means of learning what's required when nominations to fill these offices for 2021/2022 are made.

I thank all brothers who helped me in many ways to get these initiatives off the ground, and we hope that in the long run, we will be able to see improvements which will help us in our work as Knights of St Columba in the community. ®



Aylesford Pilgrimage

Due to the unprecedented times we are in, we were unable to have our usual Southern Provinces Pilgrimage to the Carmelite Priory at Aylesford this year. The following is a selection of pictures from previous years.....





How do Court reporters keep a straight Face?

from Brother John Lynn

These are from a book called Disorder in the Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

An extract from the September Bulletin from
Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan.

Council Opening,

I have in this Bulletin an article on the possible reopening of Councils, I say possible because that is what it is. Due to local outbreaks of COVID 19 reappearing we have to be extremely careful in granting permission to re-open Councils. Along with that we need to be guided by the Conference of Bishops in Scotland, England & Wales, also Government Health Departments issuing different details. Please read this carefully, sadly it is **not** permission to open.

Indeed, I do not see at the earliest that we will have Council meetings this year but lets us be positive.

Bertie

Dates for your Diary

**ALL DATES AND EVENTS SHOWN BELOW ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.**

**All meetings are likely
to be by Zoom Conferencing
until normal meetings can be resumed.**

SEPT.	1 st – Provincial Council meeting
OCT.	19 th - Provincial Committee meeting
NOV.	4 th - Provincial Officers meeting 15 th – Westminster Mass for Deceased Brothers – 10.30am.TBC.
DEC.	1 st - Provincial Council meeting

Supreme Council 2020

A letter received in July from the Supreme Knight stated that:-

"In view of the National Emergency caused by COVID-19, it will not be possible to safely convene a Supreme Council in 2020.

The next meeting of Supreme Council will be convened in Liverpool on 1st/2nd/3rd October 2021.

Between now and that date the Board of Directors will assume the functions of Supreme Council."

Council Activities

from Thames Valley Council 984.



FATIMA DEVOTIONS

*Our Lady asked
that we pray the Rosary every day.*

ZOOM in and join for half an hour

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Installation of Provincial Officers in Hayes 2012.

**Back row l-r: Bros Michael O'Hanlon, John Hibberd,
Martin Cook, Michael Bagness, Will Gallagher,
John Collins & Denis Barry.**

**Front row l-r: Bro Bertie Grogan, Mrs Ann Collins,
Mrs Carmel Bagness, Mrs Pauline Grogan,
Mrs Ruth Melville & Bro Julien Melville.**

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.**

**During this period of isolation, when normal
Council meetings are not being held,
printed copies of Roundabout are not
being produced. This will resume when
Council meetings are reinstated.**

Michael Bagness – Editor.

