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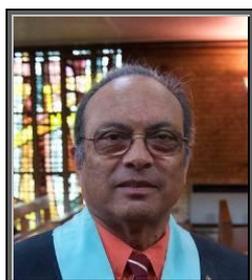
JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2019

<b>Councils in Westminster Western Province 30</b>	<b>Hanwell – Hayes – Sudbury – Harrow &amp; District – Ruislip South Harrow - Uxbridge – High Wycombe - Feltham &amp; Cranford North Harrow - Yeading – Whitton – Wembley – Thames Valley</b>
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## Our PGK writes . . . . .

Greetings Brothers,



**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019** to you brothers and all your families. I hope you all had a happy and relaxing Christmas.

In the last issue of Roundabout I said that there will be no national fund raising project for this year. Instead brothers, can we concentrate on raising the number

of brothers in the Order and it's a beautiful opportunity to do so as we celebrate one hundred years of the Order. Advertise in your church by having a mass followed by some refreshments with the opportunity to meet any prospective members and discuss with them the value of belonging to the Order.

If any Councils are having a Recruitment Drive and celebration please let the editor of Roundabout know so he can advertise in the newsletter and circulate the information to all Grand Knights so more brothers can attend and support the event. Also, if you need assistance with a Drive please contact myself or Bro John Hibberd who will be happy to arrange help. Let's be more positive this year and leave all the negativity behind in the past year.

A Full Knighthood ceremony will take place on Saturday 26th January 2019 at The Most Sacred Heart Church, 73 Pembroke Road, Ruislip HA4 8NN. This mass will also be for the deceased brothers of the Province. Let's have a good attendance of brother knights.

At the December Provincial Council meeting you elected me as your Provincial Grand Knight for the year 2019/2020. I thank you all for putting your trust in me and I will do my best to support you for the Good of the Order, in return I expect you to do the same.

At the Presentation evening held on the 17th November we had eighteen brothers and some wives attending. It was a sit down three course meal, however only three Councils out of fourteen from the Province were represented. I thank those brothers that did attend as these are the ones that attend nearly all functions.

No representatives of The Ealing Centre for Independent Living (ECIL), the project for 2018, were able to attend so a cheque for **£2,974.25** was presented to the Grand Knight of Hanwell Council 163 which proposed the project.

As is custom, during the evening various trophies were presented to winning Councils for their achievements during the year:

The successful Councils for 2018 were:-

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

Congratulations to the winning Councils and thank you for making that extra effort to achieve success in the various categories.

I hope to see all Councils represented at the Provincial committee meeting on the 21st January 2019.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

*Rosario Fichardo*

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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## PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

### CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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

<b>October</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>No 49</b>	<b>M Omoruyi CI 399</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No 81</b>	<b>V Onwuezobe CI 385</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>No 106</b>	<b>P Quinton CI 948</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No 57</b>	<b>G Kieran CI 267</b>
<b>Christmas Draw</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>No 38</b>	<b>J Anderson CI 267</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No 71</b>	<b>A McGhee CI 970</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>No 29</b>	<b>B Almeida CI 163</b>

**T**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.

The Editor welcomes all contributions to the next issue which should reach him by 16th February 2019.

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

## 12 Days of Christmas

from Bro John Lynn

**T**here is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas.

... From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.-
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lord's a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas hit.



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## Brother Jim Keating RIP

### 1933 – 2018

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*The following is a copy of the eulogy prepared and read at Brother Jim's funeral by his daughter Bernadette.*

**J**ames Anthony Keating was born in Cromwell Road, Hayes, on 19th April 1933, and was one of four children. One older brother Paul who sadly died when he was fourteen and two younger sisters. His mum and dad lived in Tudor Road, Hayes next door to his Aunt and Uncle. His father was a strict Navy man, but he was brought up with good values to be strong and he loved his family very much. At Christmas time dad loved to perform his party piece and one of the songs he would sing would be "Out on the plains the weary soldiers now are sleeping – see them pass by those hussars, those dragoons and guardsmen. Happy times, happy memories.

Dad loved music, believe it or not when he was younger he contemplated becoming an opera singer, he loved poetry, spaghetti westerns, nature and most importantly history. Anything to do with military history, especially the Second World War was a passion of his. He loved reading history books, in fact he could probably have opened a library the number of books and DVD's he had on the subject. He was a unique character, comedian, friend, actor – on holiday in Austria he threw his cap down outside a building believing it was a hotel and started singing, unfortunately what he didn't realise was that it was a police station. He was obsessed with clocks and watches, fanatical about winding his pendulum clock up every day in the right direction, Locks and security was another one of his quirks, anyone would think you were going into Fort Knox.

Dad met my mum through my grandmother who worked at Hillingdon Hospital. Mum had come over from Ireland and after training as a nurse she got a job at Hillingdon Hospital in 1955. My Nan became friends with my mum and invited her round for tea and introduced her to Dad, who at the time was in the army but home on leave. Mum and Dad were married in this church on 29th June 1957.

Dad took up an apprenticeship with W S Try Ltd as a plumber and H W Fitter just before his 16th birthday which he completed in 1953. He joined the Coldstream Guards on 20th October 1953 and left in 1956,

testimonial in his red Certificate of Service book reads "He has done a good job in the army. He is a good worker, a sound disciplinarian and a most reliable NCO. He is first class at his trade of plumbing. He is strongly recommended to any full-time employer."

After my father left the army, he worked in several different companies from Nestle, Callard and Bowser, London Borough of Hillingdon and finally in the maintenance department at Hillingdon Hospital from where he retired. No.1 Burnham Gardens was the family home for many years and friendships, laughter, fun and good times are remembered by us all

My father was in the Knights of St Columba as was my Grandfather and he was Grand Knight at Hayes Council 243 from 1990 to 1993 and Provincial Grand Knight Province 30 from 1994 to 1997, something which was very important to him and was very proud of. He enjoyed and loved going to the various events, dinners and dances and social occasions that centred round the church, the Knights and Botwell Club. Every month an article for Roundabout Magazine had to be prepared, I, as his secretary would have discussions with him as to what was needed i.e. a Welfare Report or article for the newsletter.

Here is an extract from 2011, a poem that was submitted by dad and published in Roundabout.

### **Don't Let Go Of Hope.**

**Hope gives you the strength to keep  
going when you feel like giving up.  
Don't do anything that takes away  
from your self-respect;  
feeling good about yourself  
is essential to feeling good  
about life.  
Don't ever forget how to laugh  
or be too proud to cry.  
It is by doing both that we live  
life to its fullest.**

Dad found it very hard after Mum died in 2016 but battled on as best, he could, with the help of his immediate family, neighbours and friends from the church who regularly visited him. Unfortunately, due to ill health last year he could no longer cope at home alone and the difficult decision had to be made to have 24-hour care.

Dad towards the end was battling so many illnesses but he still knew who we all were. He loved us all so very much and I know he was proud of all the family.

Dad you can now rest from your long journey and be with mum who loved you so much. Sleep well dad you will always be in our hearts.

*Bernadette, Sean and Anne-Marie*

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## Bro Jim Keating RIP

*from Bro Mike Bagness*

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**J**im first joined the Knights of St Columba (following in his father's footsteps) in 1980 in Hanwell CI 163 transferring to Hayes Council in March 1984.

Jim held the office of Council Grand Knight before becoming Provincial Grand Knight in 1994, an office he held for three years.

It was during his term of office as PGK, and wanting to improve communications within the Province that this newsletter, Roundabout was first launched. He was also instrumental in starting the 100 club, both of which continue to this day.

He also served as Provincial Training Officer drawing on his years of experience in advising others on the duties of the various offices in the Order.

However, Jim's first love was always Welfare & Spirituality, an office he held for many years both at Charter and Provincial Council level, visiting members in hospital or at home when required, always ready to listen and give help and advice when needed.

Due to his health, Jim was unable to be so active in recent years but he will always be remembered as a "True and Faithful Knight of St Columba" always prepared to take part, supported by his wife, Mary, in the many spiritual and social functions that the Knights were famous for.

***Bro Jim, may you Rest in Peace.***

## ***News from the Councils . . .***

### ***Hayes - Council 243***

As a result of our annual sponsored walk held in June we were able to donate £500.00 to Hillingdon McMillan Nurses and our own parish group Friends of the Homeless. The response to our sponsored walk is getting less and less each year – what will 2019 bring – watch this space!

We were again very pleased to be able to support our parish with our usual Bottle Stall at the recent Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all those who donated bottles and cans which helped us to raise £400.00 for parish funds. Thank you also to those who prepared the stall and managed it on the day.

We will be entering the Nativity scene painting competition with entries from Botwell School. The entries have been completed and waiting judging before sending them off to Head Office.

## ***High Wycombe - Council 422***

*A report from Bro Bryan Hill, Youth Officer CI 422*

### **National Youth Prayer Competition**

The theme for this year's prayer (decided by our local school) was:

***"A Prayer for the people who are forced to seek refuge in other countries".***

We had entries from St. Michael's Senior School once again this year, but only from Key Stage Three (ages 11 – 14). We voted on which one should receive First Prize and which one Second Prize. As the voting was tied, I cast my deciding vote to declare Gabriel the winner, with Louise in second place.



*Mr Jodie Keating, Head of RE with Bro Bryan Hill and the winning entries.*

Before the presentation of certificates on October 31st, I heard the excellent news that our two entries had won the Provincial prizes too (First Prize from Province was £20 with Second Prize at £10). Furthermore, our winner, Gabriel also won Third Prize in the NATIONAL Competition. This consists of a prize of £25.00 and a certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.

Therefore, on the morning of 31st October I went up to St. Michael's Catholic School in High Wycombe to present no fewer than FIVE prizes (two from our Council, two from Province and one National prize). The Principal of the school (actually he runs three schools) was delighted with the National Award and little Gabriel was over the moon with it.

I presented our prizes first and then to much applause for the winners, I presented the provincial prizes and described how Provincial winners went on to the National competition. Even louder applause greeted the news that Gabriel had won a prize at National level (see certificate below). It was obvious that he was a popular winner, as was our second placed Louise.

### **Provincial Action Project**

The Provincial Action Project is basically the Backpack project run by Mary's Meals. The main idea is

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to collect items for a school backpack, assemble them, pack them and pass them on to Mary's Meals who in turn will transport them to schools in Malawi.

St. Peter's School in Marlow, is currently engaged with this project, liaising directly with Mary's Meals. The Head of Our Lady's School in Amersham has confirmed that his school will also be running the project later in the school year. Good news!

### Nativity Scene Painting Competition

Four schools participated in the competition once again this year. They are:

Amersham	Our Lady's School
Chalfont St Peter	St. Joseph's School
High Wycombe	St. Michael's School
Marlow	St. Peter's School

As usual, I collected six entries for each age group from each school. They were judged as is customary, just before our December Council meeting, in St Wulstan's Church. After the judging we moved to the Meeting Room for our Council Meeting as is usual.

I ordered 20 presentation frames for the winners and runners-up this year, which would also allow for some ready for any winning entries in next year's Prayer Competition (and also to allow for any faults or blemishes).

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all the children who took part again this year and to all members of staff who gave them such support.

### **Feltham & Cranford - Council 514**

Council 514 wishes all KSC Brothers, Knights globally, family and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2019.

We will be organising the Tea and Coffee morning at St Lawrence's Catholic Church Feltham on Sunday 3rd February 2019 after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses respectively. It is also an avenue to recruit new members into the Order. ®

### **"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."

## **Advance Notice of The Centenary Mass 2019.**

- Westminster Cathedral has been booked and the Celebration Mass will be at 2.00pm on Saturday 6th July 2019.
- Cardinal Vincent Nicholas has agreed to be the main celebrant at the Mass and be assisted by . . .
- The Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool (if he accepts the invitation and attends) and all members of Honor who may attend.
- The Cathedral Hall has also been provisionally booked from 12noon to 6.00pm on the day.

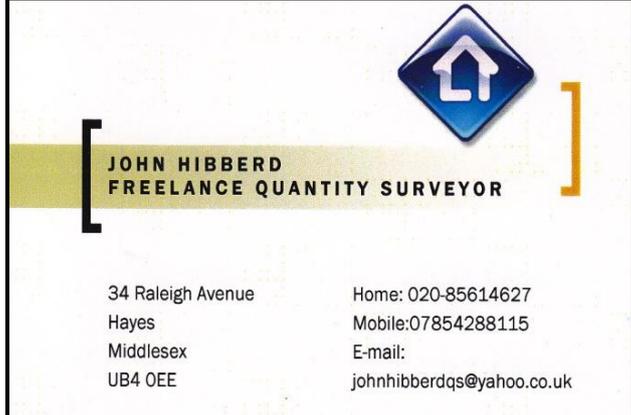


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## **GRAND NATIONAL DRAW 2019**

Grand National Draw tickets have now been issued to all Councils together with a Returns Form. Please ensure that all ticket counterfoils together with the money, any unsold tickets and the completed returns form are returned to Bro Julien no later than Saturday 16th March 2019.

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**THE FRATERNAL CROSS** is making its way to Province 30 from 9th to 29th March.

Will all councils that wish to have it please let Brother Eric Joseph Provincial Action Officer know as soon as possible. Let him know if a Mass is to be arranged for the Presentation of the Cross.

## Dates for your Diary – 2019

**A Happy New Year to all our readers,  
their friends and families everywhere.**

<b>JAN 2019</b>	9th – Return Centenary Census to PGK 21st – Provincial Committee meeting 26th – Full Knighthood & Deceased Brothers Mass at The Most Sacred Heart Ruislip. commencing at 6.00 pm.
<b>FEB</b>	6th – Provincial Officers meeting.
<b>MAR</b>	5th – Provincial Council meeting 16th – G N Draw tickets to Bro Julien Melville 9th – 29th – Fraternal Cross is in the Province.
<b>APR</b>	15th – Provincial Committee meeting 19th - Good Friday 22nd – Easter Monday
<b>MAY</b>	1st – Provincial Officers meeting 6th – May Day holiday
<b>JUNE</b>	4th – Provincial Council meeting
<b>JULY</b>	6th – Celebration Mass in Westminster Cathedral commencing at 2.00pm 15th – Provincial Committee meeting
<b>AUG</b>	7th – Provincial Officers meeting
<b>SEPT</b>	3rd – Provincial Council meeting
<b>OCT</b>	21st – Provincial Council meeting
<b>NOV</b>	3rd – Westminster Mass at 10.30am (TBC) 6th – Provincial Officers meeting
<b>DEC</b>	3rd – Provincial Council meeting

### Church Bulletins!

**T**hey're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences with all the BLOOPERS actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
4. Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
6. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
7. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
8. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.
9. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

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