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**April 1994 – April 2019**

**25 years of Roundabout**

**Our PGK writes . . . .**

Greeting Brothers,

Congratulation to the four Brothers who were elevated to Full Knighthood on the 29th of January 2019. The service took place at The Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip Manor.

This particular Mass was also the Mass for our deceased Brothers in Province 30. The attendance of Brothers from the Province was very poor, about fifteen (15) in all. As I am to believe there are in excess of one hundred and sixty Brothers in the province!

Do we not care for the deceased Brothers who gave so much to our Order that in this year when we are celebrating the centennial year which without them the Order would not have existed?

At this Mass we usually distribute a Candle to every council to light up at their council meetings. This year it was decided not to buy the candles as it was a waste of money buying the candles as most councils did not attend anyway.

I thank all the councils for filling the Head Office centenary census forms and returning them to me. I must say that all councils did respond. It was a good exercise. Unfortunately it was all in vain as Head Office did not have a box in there for the individual brother to sign under the GDPR regulation, so they cannot use the details that were filled in.

Head office has now reverted to the old way of sending out the list and for the Grand Knight to correct it and return as soon as possible.

I received a letter from Head Office informing that two Members of the Board of Directors have resigned. Brother Joe Rodriguez, who was the Supreme Director for Media and also Deputy Supreme Knight also Brother Brian Lafferty, reason not known at the present time.

When a Brother or Brother's wife dies you must fill in the SW3 form and send to Head Office with a copy to the Provincial Grand Knight within forty eight (48) hours. This is for Head Office to send letters or cards of condolence to the family. The Province can then circulate the information to all councils. I always get told that Brothers from Province are not represented at funerals. We cannot represent if we are not informed of the death or funeral details.

As we are celebrating our centenary year Head Office has a Mass on the Feast of St Columba on the 9th June 2019 in Walsingham. The Southern Provinces have decided not to 'clash' with Head Office and have therefore moved the mass at Aylesford to the 16th June. Please put this in your diary

The Southern Provinces Centenary invitation letters were sent to all council Grand Knights to distribute to all members for their response. The Centenary Mass will take place on Saturday 6th July at 2.00pm at Westminster Cathedral. To date I have not received a single reply. I should have replies by the 1st March. Please do let me know before the 10th March or you will not be able to take part in the celebration.

I hope all Councils will be represented at the Provincial Council meeting on the 5th March to discuss the many activities taking place in our Province and Order at this time.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

*Rosario Fichardo*

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

**We continue to Serve God by Serving Others in this year 2019**

## Happy Silver Jubilee.

from Bro Bertie Grogan – Supreme Knight

**D**elighted to read that you are still publishing 25 years after it all started.

I was only a few years into the Order at this point but remember its start having being a member of Hanwell Council 163 at that time. Bro. Jim Keating RIP then PGK, having been instrumental with Bro Mike Bagness in getting it 'up and running.' Bro Jim a past member of Hanwell Council was always held fraternally in our hearts.

Not realising that I would one day have to write on its front page as a Provincial Grand Knight. Bro Mike "interpreted" my hardcopy many times—he said that my writing was similar to his local GP! Indeed those were the days of writing in "hard copy" then suddenly in my last year as PGK I managed to write a letter from a computer!

Over the years we have seen so many changes, photos being added, adverts for Brothers in business all adding to its content. We have had "Letters to the Editor" giving a flavour of our brothers thoughts on editions. It has had controversy of course and why not, thoughts of brothers do not always agree and agree with the "editor" - All good.

Here we are now after all of 25 Years, all computerised, sent out as an email attachment, where just a few years ago they all had to be printed, folded into envelopes and mailed (At a cost) and labour intensive.

It is now readable on your computer at home, it still has the same brothers writing a comment, dare I ask if we could get each Council in the Province to at least write a few lines to let all the rest of us know that your Council is doing, something in Action, Membership, Welfare Spirituality and indeed Youth--or is that too much to ask.

Even in the Order's Centenary year we should be out there "Telling Our Story, Sharing Our Dream".

Wishing the Editor another 25 years of Roundabout.

Best Wishes,

Fraternal regards,

*Bertie*

**The Editor welcomes all contributions to the next issue which should reach him by 20th April 2019.**

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## Roundabout – in the beginning!

*This article appeared on the front page of the first issue of Roundabout in 1994*

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to "**ROUNDABOUT**" the first issue of our new Provincial Newsletter. It is my aim to improve communications throughout the Province, and to help achieve this I am introducing this new publication.

I believe that better sharing of information between Councils will assist in giving more advance notice of Council, Provincial and National events, and in so doing encourage a greater inter-council participation, so enhancing the fraternal aspects of our Order.

I am launching this newsletter with a "trial" run of three issues, these being on a bi-monthly basis, but a great deal depends on how much news and how many views are submitted by you - the Councils.

I ask all Councils to use "**ROUNDABOUT**" as a means for the sharing of information about the events that are taking place in **your** Council area, and for any views/opinions you may have on current matters. I will endeavour to print all the items submitted, but reserve the right to edit according to the space available.

Distribution for the first three issues will be one copy to all Provincial Officers, one to each Grand Knight for reading and/or circulating at Council meetings and one copy to the BAR. This will be reviewed when the need arises, and if the news/views are plentiful.

*Bro. J. Keating PGK    Bro. M. Bagness-Editor*

## The Fraternal Cross of the Knights of St Columba

*from Bro Sean P. Mulligan  
Director for Spirituality and Welfare.*

**T**he idea of the Fraternal Cross was promoted and developed by Council 184 Wolverhampton as a means of Brothers across the country being able to assemble to pray and socialise together.

To this aim it was very successful, so much so it was agreed to a more formalised pilgrimage, involving all Provinces and as many Councils as possible.

Encouraging prayer and fraternalism, the handover between Provinces and between Councils should, as far as possible, take place during Mass with as many brothers as possible participating. Certainly in the case of the numerically larger provinces Provincial and Council Officers should support the hand over Mass. At the minimum, Provinces and Councils will meet at least two other Councils at the handover ceremonies.

A hard copy of the simple prayer to be used at the handover ceremony accompanies the Cross. Councils are encouraged to arrange as many Masses or prayer sessions as possible while the Fraternal Cross is in the council's area.

The Fraternal Cross now in use was instigated some years ago and is now [2018/19] on its seventh pilgrimage around the country. On the early pilgrimages it was closely linked to the National Project of the day. It is now a Spiritual exercise. Of course our programme of work, especially the National Project will be prayed for at the many Masses celebrated during the course of the pilgrimage.



The Cross (pictured above) is mounted on a timber plaque and is surrounded by the names of the countries where the Orders in the International Alliance of Catholic Knights operate. Many of the IACK Orders now have their own Fraternal Crosses.

The Brothers of Wolverhampton Council treasure and preserve the original Cross. ®

## Full Knighthood for Province30.

**A** Full Knighthood ceremony formed part of the 6.00 pm Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip on Saturday 26th January 2019.

A special thank you to Fr Duncan Adamson,  
Parish Priest and Provincial Chaplain for allowing us to  
have the ceremony during the Mass.

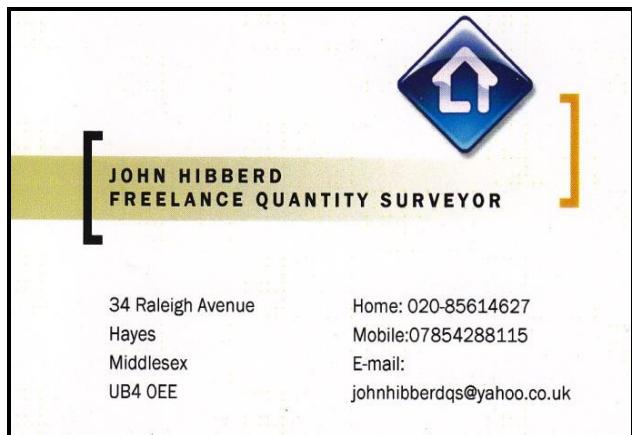
The ceremonial team comprised Bros Julien Melville, John Hibberd and Rosario Fichardo and the Mass was attended by Ruislip parishioners and Brothers from Councils in Province 30. The intention of the Mass was for the Deceased Brothers of Province 30 with the Provincial Memorial book on display before the altar.



The four Brothers elevated to Full Knighthood (pictured above) are:-

- Bro Jason Kelly – Hayes Council 243,
  - Bro Enyoze Izevbokun and
  - Bro Joseph Okumah both from Harrow & District Council 295
  - Bro Thomas Cooney – Ruislip Council 330.

We congratulate these Brothers who have been deemed worthy of Full Knighthood and wish them every success as they return to their Councils to partake more fully in the work of the Order. ®



## Nativity scene painting competition 2018

*from Bro Eric Joseph – Provincial Officer for Action & Youth.*

The Competition for the 2018 Nativity Scene Paintings is now closed. We had 23 entries from 10 Schools, sponsored by Hayes CI 243; Harrow and District CI 295; High Wycombe CI 422 and Thames Valley CI 984.

The Winners and Runners-up for the National Nativity Scene Painting Competition 2018, from Westminster Western Province 30 are:

### **Winners:**

- Karolina Karnas from St. Michael School, High Wycombe, year 6, sponsored by Council 422 High Wycombe.
- Rose Lancaster from St. Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead, year 6, sponsored by Council 984 Thames Valley.
- Emil Szczechowicz from St. Mary's School, Ascot, year 4, sponsored by Council 984 Thames Valley.

### **Runners-up:**

- Shrikar Polamarasetty from Our Lady's School year 2, sponsored by Council 422 High Wycombe.
- Edward Cotter from St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead, year 6, sponsored by Council 984 Thames Valley.
- Edith Abell from St Francis School, Ascot sponsored by Council 984 Thames Valley.

Many schools are not following the Rules. Paper size should be A4, School address and child's personal details should be clearly written on the back of the drawing however, I was very pleased with the turnout. Congratulations to Councils 422 and 984, certificates will be awarded to the winners in due course.

## **From the Councils . . .**

### **Hayes - 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 WH Smith voucher presented at a morning assembly. We also return the paintings, or a

copy, to enable the children to show their parents what they have achieved. We thank the staff and pupils of the school for participating in this annual event.

Following on from the recent Full Knighthood ceremony on 26th January in Ruislip, Grand Knight of Hayes CI 243 Bro Peter Chidwick was pleased to present Bro Jason Kelly with his Full Knighthood certificate at the Hayes Council meeting on Monday 11th February— see picture below.



### **Thames Valley –CI 984**

The response to the Nativity Painting competition from most of the junior schools in the Thames Valley is very positive. The judging is split between the Knights and the UCM women's group and there is eagerness from teachers and pupils to attend the school assemblies in the New Year to find out which schools / pupils have been successful.

The competition is growing in Maidenhead since the deputy head from St Edmund Campion has recently moved to the other RC school - St Mary's and has now captured both of the CI 984 top awards."



CI 984 - Thames Valley Nativity Painting competition showing certificate winners with headmistress Mrs Opalko and PP - Fr Liam Cummins.

## Ruislip – Council 330

Bro Thomas Cooney writes following the recent Full Knighthood ceremony:-

*Dear Brother Rosario,*

*Last Saturday 26th January 2019, I was privileged to be made a Knight at the Sacred Heart, Ruislip. The ceremony was well organised by yourself and those in attendance.*

*Fr Duncan Adamson, Fr Sebastian and Deacon William Johnson in attendance it was a beautifully conducted Mass with many Altar Servers well turned out!*

*Thanks to my sponsor Terry O'Neil, it was a very special occasion for me and I was really impressed and looking forward to many fruitful years with the Knights.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Thomas Cooney.*

## Feltham & Cranford - Council 514

### Roundabout 25th Anniversary

From a Council perspective, the Roundabout is a source of vital information regarding the Order. In the years that I have been in the KSC, it keeps me updated with local, national and international activities, and in most cases, serves as my diary. Looking forward in reading the silver edition and more.

Glorious cheers to Province 30 and Bro. Michael Bagness, our encouraging Editor in Chief.

### Lent & Easter

A Holy and Passionate season, and may all Brothers and their families have the divine strength to contemplate the passion of Christ.

Bro. Victor Olomukoro,  
Grand Knight - Council 514

## Wembley – Council 982

Dear Brothers of Province 30,

As of to date most council members are resigning due to non recruitment of future members of the Order. I am appealing to Brothers of other councils for help to save my Council 982 and not to close its doors to membership.

Perhaps if each council could send at least one of their members to launch a campaign just one Sunday after mass and to support me with their presence, the situation would improve.

Many thanks and God bless.

Bro. Nestor Baniquid  
Grand Knight - Council 982

## World of Apostolate of Fatima - I Was There!

*from Brother Nestor Baniquid  
Grand Knight Council 982 Wembley*

**F**rom the time I was the Grand Knight of Wembley Council 982, the World of Apostolate of Fatima made a request to our Province 30 to help in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of The Apparition Of Our Lady of Fatima to be held in Westminster Cathedral led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on 18th and 19th February 2017.

I was there to represent Wembley Council 982. It was a warm welcome to all who came to this lovely Cathedral in order to celebrate and honour Our Lady of Fatima, whose presence is signified by the venerable National Pilgrim Virgin Statue that was blessed at Fatima by Pope Paul VI on 13th May 1967 - the 50th anniversary of our Lady's apparitions - and given to the World Apostolate of Fatima of England and Wales by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968.

It was a great joy and privilege to attend as a member of the Knights of St Columba, to hold a visitation with the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the Relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta and with the appreciation of the Bishops and Archbishops for their approval and for their presiding over the ceremony. Not only in this place but throughout England and Wales, visiting 30 cathedrals and 6 shrines that lasted until 13th of October 2017.

My vast experience on such occasions gave me great moments of sharing prayers with Our Lady of Fatima for all members of the Order of the Knights of St Columba, their families, friends and for deceased members of the Order.

Places like Downside Abbey, Belmont Abbey, Cardiff, Shrewsbury, Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Menevia, Leicester, Nottingham, Plymouth, Birmingham and many more. Until the present time, I am still representing the order of the KSC. To my brothers of the Order that did not share this experience, I pray for all members of the Order of the Knights of St Columba. AVE MARIA.

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## Brother Vincent Masterson RIP Harrow & District Cl 295

Vincent Masterson was born in Belfast in 1935 but with their family home being burned down during an air-raid in the Second World War they returned when he was a boy to where the family originated – Enniskillen in County Fermanagh.

Obtaining work for Catholics was often hard when he was a young man and so he did what many others did at that time and headed to England to get a job and he landed at Heathrow on 3rd September 1960. He was in fact a big supporter of the country where he settled but he always considered himself a proud Irish man.

He met his future wife Anne who was from Scotland in the summer of 1965 and they eventually got married in Anne's home parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Glasgow in 1969 and then having their only child also named Vincent Masterson.

They eventually moved to Kenton where they were to stay for the rest of their lives with Vincent being an active member of the local Knights of St Columba and as the Provincial Chancellor of Province 30.

They were both involved in All Saints Parish in Kenton then St Erconwalds in Wembley working in different ways to support the church and throughout; they were active supporters of the Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child.

The funeral Mass for Vincent took place in St Erconwalds on 19th December 2018 after which he was flown home, accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, to Enniskillen to rest with his parents and older brother in the cemetery in the Sisters of Mercy Convent. He was driven through the town with a Knights of St Columba collar proudly laid upon his coffin with people stopping what they were doing to pay their respects.

**BROTHER VINCENT – MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.**

### In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences go out to Bro Mario Barreto – GK Hanwell Council 163 – and his family on the death of his wife Juliet Lourdes Barreto. Juliet passed away on 29th January and was laid to rest on Tuesday 19th February following Requiem Mass in Our Lady & St Joseph's, Hanwell.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord  
and let perpetual peace shine upon her,  
May she Rest in Peace. Amen.*

## Advance Notice of The Centenary Mass 2019.

The Centenary Mass for the  
**SOUTHERN PROVINCES**

10, 11, 12, 14, 29, 30 and 31

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  
Order of the Knights of St Columba,  
followed by a reception in  
Westminster Cathedral Hall.

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*In February, Bro Rosario sent out a letter/  
invitation to all Grand Knights about the above  
celebration to be returned to him by 1st March*

**HAVE YOU REPLIED TO THIS LETTER?**

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<b>December</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>No 14</b>	<b>J McCormack CI 243</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No 140</b>	<b>CI 514</b>
<b>January 2019</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>No 20</b>	<b>M Murnane CI 963</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No 87</b>	<b>D Ogundero CI 399</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 FRATERNAL CROSS will be with us on 16th March for one week.**

**Will all councils that wish to have the Cross please let Brother Eric Joseph Provincial Action Officer know as soon as possible if you require a Mass to be arranged for the Presentation of the Cross during its stay in our Province.**

**Read before you head for the bar!!!**

**"Take lots of "beer" during lent"**

The parish priest of St. Patrick's Church in Bangalore in India gave a simple advice on what to do during 40 days of Lent. He said we should take lots of Beer. (I am sure this must have happened after India won the test).

Now do not let your minds go wandering -

**B** - Bible -Read your Bible. This is God's given time to be spiritually enriched with the word of God.

**E** - Empathy - Feel empathy for the poor and neglected and do something about it.

**E** - Eucharist - Go for mass frequently besides Sunday's. If possible every day.

**R** - Reconciliation - This is the best time to reconcile with those we have hurt, not talking, seek forgiveness.

Restore our relationship with God and one another.

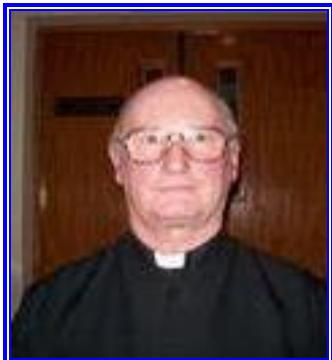
Have a wonderful and joyful Lent and do not forget your BEER.

*Author unknown.*

## **Dates for your Diary – 2019**

<b>MAR</b>	2nd - G N Draw tickets to Bro Julien Melville 5th – Provincial Council meeting 9th to 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 16th – Aylesford Pilgrimage
<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>	4th/5th – Supreme Council meeting 21st – Provincial Council meeting

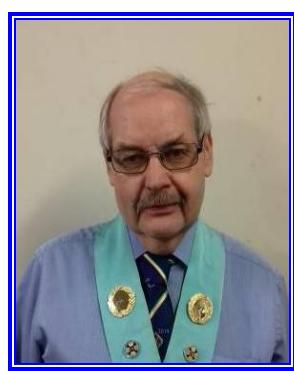
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Grand Knight



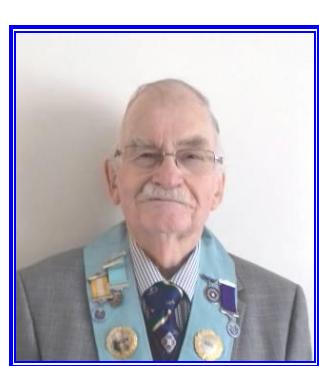
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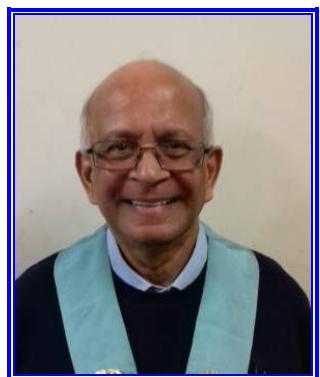
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**“Through working together we are able to commit to an open and collective debate, establishing new ideas, setting goals and achieving quality changes for the good of our Province”.**