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Our PGK writes

Greetings Brothers,

How time flies and it's already time for the new Roundabout. For those of you going on holiday in the near future I wish you all a happy holiday and time to recharge your batteries. By now all councils should have had their council officers installed at a Mass in church. If you haven't done so please make this your priority as soon as possible.

Let me start with the Provincial Sponsored Walk on the 3rd June 2018. On behalf of Province, I thank Hanwell Council 163 for hosting the event and providing the refreshments.

Why is it that only three councils out of the fourteen councils in Province 30 took part in the Walk? It was a very poor turnout. One council had eleven walkers and two other councils had a walker each. I'm hoping that the other eleven councils will support the project and send some funds to boost what has already been collected.

On the 29th July this year a race night is being held at "The Prince of Wales" Boston Road, Hanwell W7, starting at 8.00pm. It would be nice to see all the councils represented but will it happen! I dare you to prove me wrong.

It was put to the brothers who attended the Provincial Council meeting on the 5th June to go back to their councils and suggest other means of raising the funds for the project or do we need to continue with any projects at all? On the 16th July we have the Provincial Committees in Hayes when councils are asked to bring in project proposals for the coming year. Only bring one if the brother presenting can support it in full force.

Our annual pilgrimage to Aylesford took place on the 10th June and once again a very poor turn out from Province 30. Council 163 Hanwell is the only council

making a real effort to support all events, thank you to the Brothers of Hanwell council. Of the people who travelled on the coach there came one positive membership enquiry, who then attended the council meeting two days later with another possibility for next month.

St Edmund Campion's Relic begins its journey through the Province on 2nd July. Some councils are not taking it but as good catholic brothers why not attend the neighbouring councils when they have their mass?

The journey started with a Mass at Lyford Grange, Oxford, on Sunday the 24th June at a 4.00pm Mass. The day was very sunny and just the perfect day for the procession, about a twenty minutes walk. The whole event was well attended.

Of all the Knights in our province only seven attended, outnumbered by about thirty plus Catenians. Their president came with his wife all the way from Manchester, not a single red collar was present. This really puts us to shame. Do I really want to be a Knight or should I join the other side? How can we recruit new brothers if we don't make ourselves visible? Are we ashamed of being Knights? A BIG thank you to Brother John Lynn for his hard work in arranging this event. It takes a lot of travelling to and fro to make sure that all goes smooth with no hitches. Thank you also to Brother John for providing the lunch and beer - all paid for.

Hope to see you all at the Provincial Committees on the 16th July.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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	2nd	No 106	P Quinton Cl 948

Thank you all for your support for the 100 Club throughout the year.

Whilst being a member is optional your continued support helps us to finance Provincial costs and to keep the Provincial dues as low as they are.

The 100 Club is open to all, including family, friends and neighbours, not forgetting your Council Chaplain.

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

The Editor welcomes contributions to the next issue which should reach him by 18th August 2018.
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Provincial Project 2017/18

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Aylesford Pilgrimage 2018

The 52nd annual pilgrimage of the Southern Provinces of the Knights of St Columba to The Friars at Aylesford took place on Sunday 10th 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 His Grace, the Most Reverend Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark with Fr Innocent Abonyi MSP, Chaplain to Southwark Province 12, concelebrating.

The Full Knighthood ceremony in which 30 brothers were elevated took place following the gospel and was conducted by the Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan assisted by the Deputy Supreme Knight Brother Joe Rodriguez and Brother Director John Campolini.

At the conclusion of the Mass an appeal with a second collection was made by Brother Rosario Fichardo PGK Westminster Western Province 30 for the Southern Provinces Youth Fund.

The picture below shows Brothers from Province 30 preparing to lead the rosary procession which started from the courtyard at 3.15pm and concluded with Benediction conducted by Fr Innocent Abonyi MSP.



In 2000, a tree was planted in the grounds of the priory in memory of the deceased members of the Knights of St Columba. Following Benediction and in the presence of the Supreme Knight and brothers the memorial plaque (pictured) was blessed by Fr Francis Kemsley O.Carm, the Prior of Aylesford.






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Brother George Marriott

from Tony Berkeley GK Thames Valley Council 984

The last Southern Area Provincial Grand Knights (SAPGK) quarterly meeting, discussed a request from Bro John Walters, Camberley Council on behalf of St John's Seminary

...Quote



St John's Seminary –

Can You Help?

“The Seminary, near Guildford, (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years) is looking for some help with the cost of re-decoration and refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ years. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, and curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary at Mark Cross, Sussex, which closed in 1970. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget, and there are no funds available for this much-needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. If you can help in anyway, please send a cheque made payable to ‘St John's Seminary’ to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0QR.”

The SAPGK Provincial GKs discussed this request, and it seems that many Provinces had some sort of fund aimed specifically to help student priests and it would not be difficult for each Province to donate around £400 to meet the above request. The action point was that each Province would discuss this suggestion and come back with an answer at the next meeting.

At our Province 30 meeting this June, the matter was discussed, and a vote carried that Province 30 will donate £400 from the George Marriott fund which had £2417 inherited/ring fenced when Province 23 joined this Province last April. Another resolution at the same meeting was that each Council Grand Knight would go back to his council and endeavour to get an agreement to continue to support the George Marriott fund by raising £50 per year with the aim of building enough funds to be able to help other seminarians going forward.

Whenever anyone asks for money, donations or support, the first question would rightly be that of the aim of the donation. Most Grand Knights at the Provincial meeting had never heard of Bro George Marriott or his fund, and I volunteered to help by republishing an article from The Valley, (Sister newsletter to The Roundabout), published on 14th July 2009 when I wrote.....

As I moved from Province 30 to Province 23, meetings often discussed the George Marriott Fund, and as a newcomer, I never knew the background to the fund. I wondered if there were others who only had a vague idea of who Bro George was and how the fund came about. I did some research and since Bro. George was a Supreme Officer, I spoke to Bro Bertie Grogan, then Deputy Supreme GK who referred me to Bro. Will Gallagher, who had just the information I was looking for.....

A 1990 article in Columba by Bro FJ Redmond JP the then Supreme GK said

“With the death of Bro George Marriott on December 20th 1989, our Order has lost a man of great integrity, wise council, absolute honesty, good humour, eagerness always to assist and encourage, and the sheer personification of Knighthood and its ideals.”

Although having served as Grand Knight, Provincial Grand Knight and member of the Board of Directors during his 31 years of membership in the Order, he will be remembered for his 11 years as Supreme Treasurer, bringing his immense skills in all matters financial to the benefit of our Order; a talent that was recognised by the fact that he was the first Lay person to be appointed as Financial Secretary at Westminster, for which he was eventually honoured by the award of Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, subsequently becoming a Knight Commander.

He will be remembered by so very many people for his membership of the Catenians, the Knights of St. Columba and many other organisations and although we grieve the loss of such a perfect gentleman and Brother, once again we acknowledge the privilege in having known him.

The Provincial Committee meeting minutes that established the initial Bursary (Trust) on 4th December 1988 at 37 Imperial Road, Windsor lay down the basic outline for a fund that aimed to provide monies to help with the costs of training of seminarians, estimated (then) at around £5,000.00 p.a. Some of the items identified were, the assistance with laundry, basics, books, travelling etc, then estimated at around £395.00 per term. Other costs were those of developing natural gifts of students in attending specialised courses.

It was suggested that Councils would be invited to contribute by fundraising in their own areas, an annual amount equivalent to £8.00 per member. It was agreed that the Seminary would be Allen Hall of the Diocese of Westminster, and that the Rector would be invited each year to nominate a student for sponsorship, and Province would then establish a one-to-one relationship with that student in order to create a personal interest for our council members.

Sometime after Bro George Marriott's death Province reviewed and extended the scope of the fund which continues to operate to date. Councils annually donate money to the fund, and Province invites suggestions to identify a beneficiary of the fund and decide an amount to be donated.

Coming back to the present.....It was the custom in Province 23 that each Council donated £50.00pa to beef-up the fund and replace the capital lost through donations. The last donation Province 23 made out of the fund was £500.00 to Fr Paul Okello Wandera to enable him to buy a motor cycle so he can visit his parishes spread over many miles in Jinja, Uganda.

I am hoping that with all this background the councils will find no difficult in supporting this fund in the coming years. We pray for the priesthood at the closure of each council meeting, this is our chance to show that we can do our bit towards helping seminarians and our future priests. ®

We will continue to Serve God by Serving Others in this year 2018.

Times are Changing

from Bro Tony Berkeley GK Thames Valley - Council 984

There are some that don't know what's going on, some that cannot understand what needs to be done and some that do something. That's a saying that has some value, but for the best of the three, just doing something is not enough.

Back in my working days, we had a culture that went... 'do the work, stop and examine how well you'd done it and try to improve on it next time...' we called it a wash-up, a review. Unless we did this, the next time we did the same job, not having identified the earlier shortcomings, we'd keep repeating our mistakes or even worse add to our woes.

Two events that are very popular in the Knights are Walks and Retreats. Very often we come away after the event moaning that there were not enough walkers, or the expected turn-up did not happen. Yet we plan the same events again the following year. Nobody can fault the organisers for trying, but there is no point in repeating an event that is not popular.

I believe in organising action events that are going to attract attention, pull in people, and produce results. My motto is ...**Minimum effort for Maximum gain**...

Walks as an Action project are normally a good idea, but the objective is raising lots of money for the cause. One will only need a handful of walkers, but they need to be popular enough to attract sponsorship. Who is the most popular person in the parish? The Parish Priest!. So you get him to walk and the congregation will be falling over themselves to sign on for £5, £10 or even £20 each. I stood outside the church on Sunday morning asking the people if they wanted to sponsor their PARISH PRIEST. They do it because they may like the priest; because they don't want him to find out they had not supported his effort. If the priest has a parish-popular charity, e.g. an orphanage or an invalid young person who may wish support in going to Lourdes, or maybe the priest champions a local hospice, then the number of sponsor will grow exponentially.

In my view, organising a Provincial Walk for a cause that is little known in the councils is bound to fail from the word go. Trying to shame the councils for not supporting the event, doesn't make you any friends either. I propose that the Provincial Project next year should show some innovation. Start early, make a big thing of the 'NEW APPROACH', give councils time to raise proposals and discuss them locally before they bring them forward to Province. The fourteen Councils should all bring forward/nominate their LOCAL project, and hold the event on a Provincially agreed date. Give each

council a slot to stand up and boast about what they are planning at the following Provincial or Committee meeting. The money raised by each council can then be pooled and shared equally between the causes chosen by each council, on some formula that works on the principle that the more you bring into the centre, the more you get out when the proceeds are shared out. One needs to remember that the reason for the event is not elitist for one's own cause, or glory, but to help the needy all round.

The same principle can be applied to the Hinsley Hall seminar. If the Order is not able to attract enough interest, year after year, there should be questions asked and not moaning about the lack of support. If in spite of offering a Free – no cost weekend away to discuss religious topics does not make parish teenagers queue up to register, find out what the youth want. Is there any value in having more regional seminars, with fun and games possibly sandwiched between morning mass after breakfast and evening workshop rounded up with prayers? In today's market, pulling in the customers, like in the retail business, one needs to make the product attractive to create the demand. The stick should be thrown away and more emphasis be made on dishing out the honey. ®

(Proposals for the 2018/19 Provincial Project should be presented at the Provincial Action Committee meeting on Monday 16th July – Ed.)

News from the Councils

Hayes CI 243 - Parish Summer Fete

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

Bro Peter Chidwick – GK CI 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 all the bottles, a task important to the success of the stall on the day.

Thank you to Bros Jim McCormack, Mike Bagness, Felix Vedanayagam and Michael Hourihan who supported Bro Peter and helped on the day to make £428.67 for the parish funds.

Uxbridge CI 399 – New Chaplain appointed

Last year Uxbridge CI 399 moved its meeting venue to St Bernadette's, Long Lane, Hillingdon. As a result, Fr Matthew Heslin is now Chaplain to Uxbridge CI 399.

Congratulations to Fr Nicholas Schofield, Parish Priest of Uxbridge, who has been appointed Dean of Hillingdon. ®

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Pilgrimage in honour of St Edmund Campion SJ.

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.

His feast day is the 25th October.

Pilgrimage Itinerary

The Relic will be collected from The Holy Family Church, Langley after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 1st July and continue with the pilgrimage as follows:-

Monday 2nd July

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

Tuesday 3rd July

Our Lady & St Joseph. Hanwell - Council 163.
Mass at 10.00 am.

Wednesday 4th July

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

Thursday 5th July

St Edmunds, Whitton – Council 970
Mass at 9.15 am.

Friday 6th July

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

Saturday 7th July

St Raphael's, Yeading – Council 963
Mass at 7.00 pm.

Sunday 8th July

St William of York, Stanmore – Council 295
Mass at 8.00 am & 10.30 am.

Monday 9th July (Two venues)

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

Marian House Convent, Uxbridge – Council 399
Mass at 4.00 pm.

Tuesday 10th July

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

Wednesday 11th July (Three venues)

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

Marian House Convent, Uxbridge – Council 399 (TBC)
Mass at 10.00 am.

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

Thursday 12th July

Our Lady & St Joseph, Hanwell - Council 163.
Mass at 10.00 am. (TBC)

The Relic then leaves Province 30 and is passed on to Province 11.

NB Throughout the pilgrimage, the Grand Knight is responsible for the safety of the Relic and for its safe delivery to the Grand Knight of the next Council.

The final Mass of the pilgrimage takes place at Tyburn Convent, Marble Arch on Sunday 22nd July at 4.00pm.

Some signs to make you think!

Advertisement in a Music Shop:

Guitar for sale..... Cheap.....no strings attached.

Signs in a bar

When I read about the evils of drinking.....
I gave up reading

'Those of you who are drinking to forget, please do pay in advance.'

Sign In Driving School:

If your wife wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way.....

Dates for your Diary - 2018

JULY	1st – St Edmund Campion pilgrimage begins. 16th – Provincial Committee meeting. 22nd – Mass at Tyburn Convent at 4.00pm. 27th – Race Night at Prince of Wales, Hanwell
AUG	1st – Provincial Officers meeting.
SEPT	4th – Provincial Council meeting 28th - Race Night at Prince of Wales, Hanwell.
OCT	10th – Chaplain's Dinner - Hanwell 15th – Provincial Committee meeting 19th/21st – Supreme Council meeting, Glasgow.
NOV	7th – Provincial Officers meeting 11th – Westminster Mass (TBC)
DEC	4th – Provincial Council meeting preceded by Mass in the church at 7.30pm.

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