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Our PGK writes

Greetings Brothers

It's the summer holidays and some of you will have been away. A lot has happened since the last issue of the Roundabout.

I must start by congratulating our Brother Knight, Reg Abrahams on his ordination as a Deacon, which took place on the 8th July at Westminster Cathedral. He assisted his parish priest with his first mass the next day. Brother Reg was a Provincial Action & Youth Officer for one year and a Provincial Grand Knight the next year. He is now known as "Reverend Deacon Reg"

I did make a request to all councils for a donation towards the "Grenfell Tower Fire" only six councils have responded so far!

On the Sunday 2nd July a free 57 seater coach was arranged for brothers of Province 30 to attend the mass at Lyford Grange for the start of the pilgrimage of the Relic of St Edmund Campion passing through the Province. What a very poor turnout. There were five Brothers and 18 parishioners from Hanwell council and parish and one from Yeading, in total only 24 travelled to Lyford Grange. It was a very spiritual occasion with the mass in the barn being celebrated by three priests. There must have been in excess of one hundred and twenty people present.

I must thank all the councils who accepted the Relic in their churches and homes. We had Brother Jack Lam (Hanwell CI 163) who has a weekly prayer group, have it in his home during the prayer meeting which he has done for the last three years and is very proud to have it. I must say a very big "THANK YOU" to Brother John Lynn, and Brother David Sole, for all the hard work in arranging all this. I did not realise the amount of work that is involved.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Chaplains' Dinner, which was originally booked for the 20th September has now been put back to a week later to Wednesday 27th September, I do apologise for this!

Please let your parish priest know as soon as possible. I will want to know the number attending including the priest and any guests by the 15th September at the latest.

The Provincial Project Race Night is on the 15th September at the "Prince of Wales" Boston Road, Hanwell, W7 3TR, first race starts at about 8.00 pm. Can I ask that all Grand Knights ask their brothers to buy a horse at £5.00 and Councils to sponsor a race at £10.00 Individual brothers can also sponsor a race - more the better. Sixty four horses to sell in eight races, please attend and support this race night and bring along something for the raffle. We must support this event especially as it is being sponsored the bar owner.

There was a very poor turn out on the 17th July at the Provincial Committee meeting. At this meeting councils had been reminded to bring in a proposal for the Provincial Project for next year – 2017-2018. Only one council (Hanwell 163) brought in a project and that is the project that is adopted for the coming year. I will forward by post details of the project to councils that did not attend the meeting.

Province 30 is arranging the deceased brother's mass at Westminster Cathedral on the 5th November at 10.30am. I need to see full support at this mass.

Finally - Can I remind Brothers that the Provincial Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th September - a full attendance would be great. At the end of October we have the annual Supreme Council meeting in Glasgow.

God Bless.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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| July | 1st | No 112 | E Joseph CI 399 |
| | 2nd | 102 | N Verissimo CI 399 |

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

Renewal notices have been issued for the period 1st October 2017 to 31st September 2018. This change in the payment dates was to help defray the burden of Head Office and Provincial dues (now £3 per brother) and the 100 Club membership all occurring at the same time.

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 Order.

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Provincial Action Project 2016/17

“DAYLIGHT CHRISTIAN PRISON TRUST” ... FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

The project was proposed by South Harrow Council 385 and is the Provincial Action Project for 2016/17.

Daylight Christian Prison Trust exists to share the Christian faith with prisoners, support prisoners during their sentence and provide practical post-release support to ex-offenders to reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

They believe that every prisoner should hear the good news of Jesus Christ and that every ex-offender should be able to access the help they need to rebuild their lives after release.

They support the work of prison chaplains and have three objectives:

1. To proclaim the word of Christ to prisoners.
2. To disciple those who have come to Christ in prison or were Christians when they came in, seeking their restoration.
3. To help prisoners we have come to know whilst inside, when they are released, to re-establish their lives and to settle them into a local church.

An extract from their July newsletter:

In a prison where we regularly run services, we have recently been encouraged by a Christian prisoner who is witnessing to others on his wing.

After a service a few weeks ago, he asked if he could take the text cards that were left on the table. He said he had taken a few at a previous service and where people on his wing didn't normally want to talk to him, they were happy to take the cards so we gave him quite a large stack to take with him.

When we were back in the prison last week, he was taking more as he had given them all away. In doing this, he is able to reach prisoners on the wings that do not come to the services.

Please pray that he would be encouraged as he witnesses and that the Bible texts on the cards would be used to speak to the prisoners that are given them.

Monday 16th October is the deadline for money raised for the project to be passed to Bro Julien. The total amount collected for this project will then be presented at the Provincial Presentation evening to be held on Saturday 11th November. ®

“Ask not what the Knights can do for you – ask what you can do for the Knights?”

Ordination to the Diaconate

from Brother Noel Verissimo – Uxbridge CI 399

Glory to GOD for blessing us with a Deacon in our parish and deanery. It was a glorious occasion for those present on the 8th July 2017 when his Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols ordained six men at Westminster Cathedral of which our dear Past Provincial Grand Knight was one of the six. We now address him as **Deacon Reg Abrahams**.



In 1964 the church recognised a need in the modern world for the diaconal role. The role of a deacon is to assist the Bishop and work with his priest as part of the three fold ministry.

- I. The word - proclaiming, preaching and teaching.
- II. The Altar - In liturgy
- III. Charity - In care of the poor and needy, in activating the social teaching of the church and in administration.

A Deacon can do some of the work of an ordained priest apart from saying MASS and anointing of the sick.

During our confirmation the Bishop spoke to the young candidates and used an acronym **FOGI**. '**Fear Of Getting Involved**'. In today's world the story within the church is, people have a fear of getting involved, thinking they are not worthy to come forward or just fear or perhaps embarrassment. JESUS CHRIST said (Mark 8:38)

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

People are reluctant to come forward to assist in the running of the church they attend and call their home parish. The general claim is we don't have time. I have a party to attend or the football is on. If we don't

have time to look after GOD's house, why should we expect GOD to have time for us? Interestingly GOD always has time for us even in our most self centered attitude towards him and our neighbours.

Let's ask a few questions:

- I. Who cleans the church?
- II. Who welcomes people to the church?
- III. Who supports the church in her activities to bring the gospel to all?
- IV. Are we using our talent for GOD or hiding it in the sand

Deacon Reg has shown so much commitment of his time, talent and financial resources to the church, he listens to everyone even at the expense of getting home late for dinner, we are grateful to his dearest wife Bella and his children for supporting him and allowing him to be a support arm to the church.



We are grateful to our Provincial Grand Knight Brother Rosario for joining with us at Deacon Reg Abraham's first mass with our Parish Priest Fr Matthew Heslin. We have two past Grand Knights and the current Grand Knight in a lovely photo after the mass.



Remember our prayer at every meeting Lord help me to find my future and recognise my true vocation in life. Let's pray for our future vocation and remember to resist **FOGI**.

We wish Deacon Reg many fruitful years in the Lords' vineyards. ®

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Provincial Project Proposal 2017/18

At the Provincial committee meeting on Monday 17th July, only one proposal was made for the Provincial Project for 2017/2018.

Hanwell Council 163 proposed:-



The disability user led
Organisation in Ealing.

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Our work directly benefits some 48,000 people who belong to the pan disability community in the London Borough of Ealing.

Find out more about ECIL from www.ecil.org

Members of the committee were asked to take the proposal back to their Councils for discussion and come to the Provincial Committee meeting on 16th October to approve it as the Provincial Project for 2017/18. ®

**The Annual Mass for our
Deceased Brothers will take place
at 8.00pm
on Friday 17th November at
The Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip.
The Fraternal candles will also be
blessed and distributed
at this Mass.**

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The Human Touch - Our hands say a lot!

With body language and the healing qualities of touch being so important, where has the good old handshake gone?

Sick children thrive on being regularly held, and every boss knows, it seems, how to read the body language of a prospective employee. But have they forgotten the importance of a handshake? – and I do not mean those limp excuses for handshakes that we see on TV advertisements for bank loans, mortgage offers etc!



You can tell a lot from a person's handshake. For instance, if the handshake is too firm then the person using it is probably ambitious and headstrong. Whereas, if it is also hearty, as well as firm, the person is fun loving and friendly – an extrovert. If the handshake is weak, the person is usually shy – an introvert. If it is moist and cold, he/she is self-conscious and nervous, but if it is moist and hot, he/she could be about to make an amorous advance.

Handshakes are given to winners, hoping that some of their luck will rub off. An imaginary (sometimes real) spit before shaking the hand once (and still does) clinch a sale or business deal, a sign that a contract has been made - and was always honoured.

Handshakes are goldmines of information. We say "...cold hands – warm heart", but I wonder if it should be "...cold hands – poor circulation?"

Think of all the wonderful sayings that include the word "hands", like "...in good hands" – "...an old hand" – "...hand in hand" etc. Our hands say a lot about us and we should use them as often as we can to show friendship and generosity of spirit.

Of all handshakes, there is one that everyone will love to receive and will cherish the memory of – the handshake of a true friend. When someone takes your hand and then "cups" it with the other hand, you know this is someone who cares. It is sad to see people meeting these days, they say "hello" and that's that, as if they are afraid of catching a disease! If you want to make a friend then reach out and offer your hand. It will be remembered with warmth and the receiver will thank you for the human touch. ®

Author unknown

*The history of the handshake dates back to the 5th century B.C. in Greece. It was a symbol of peace, showing that neither person was carrying a weapon. Some say that the shaking gesture of the **handshake** started in Medieval Europe. Knights would shake the hand of others in an attempt to shake loose any hidden weapons.*

Brothers beware!

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Province 30 - Westminster Western

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News from the Councils

Hayes - Council 243

Chaplain on the move.

In September, the Claretian Missionaries who have Pastoral Care of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hayes are making some changes in their community. As a result we will be losing our Chaplain, Fr Bijoy who is moving to the Claretian parish in Leyton.

We would like to thank Fr Bijoy for his support over the past four years and wish him every success in his new ministry.

Feltham & Cranford – Council 514

Fire Evacuation Drill

The newly created Fire Marshall Team at St. Lawrence's Catholic Church in Feltham, carried out an evacuation drill on Saturday 8th July 2017 at the 6:00pm Mass and again on Sunday 9th July at the 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm Masses respectively. Kindly note that Council 514 played an active role as some of the Brothers are members of the Fire Marshall Team.

Yeading – Council 963

Barbecue at St Raphael's

Brothers of the Order of Knights of St Columba supported other volunteers from St Raphael's to organise a Church barbecue on the 16th July 2017.

Father John was helpful in providing information about the availability of tickets for sale at the end of the weekly Sunday masses a month in advance.

On the day, luckily for us the rain stayed away, which was a blessing. The organising committee did a very good job of making sure that all the food was prepped the night before.

It was a good opportunity to see the church community coming together, eating and drinking on the day. Children were well entertained with music and candy with enough space to run and play.

Shout out must go to Brother Moses, Michael, John, Tega and Melvin who ensured that everything went smoothly as planned.

Whitton – Council 970

A Sunday afternoon in the sunshine

Whitton Council 970 assisted with another successful Summer Fayre for St Edmund's Parish, Whitton which was organised with the assistance of the Knights.

This year saw even more stallholders, more variety and a turnout of visitors. The success of this, having taken months of work behind the scenes, is down to the organising team with assistance from other groups in the Parish.

Fr. Nigel was really excited having gone thru the "Tunnel", slightly damp on coming out. The parish were really excited with the Bouncy Castle and other novelties.

Another financial success for the Building Fund and parish.

A big "Thank You" to all who lent a hand and more so for the turnout from the parishioners.

On another occasion the Knights also seized the opportunity to serve God by serving some of the youngest members of St Edmund of Canterbury Parish on June 10th. Brothers in CI 970 had the honour to present Youth Bibles to 32 Confirmation candidates during a mass led by Bishop John Wilson who has responsibility for the pastoral care of the deaneries of the western area of London.

CI 970 had organised a Race Night in February 2017 to fundraise for the purchase of all the Catholic Bibles for the confirmands. It was a beautiful and well-orchestrated celebration under the aegis of Bishop Wilson and we are grateful to the catechists and Fr Nigel to have made us a part of it. ®

**The Editor would like to thank those brothers who contributed in any way to this issue of Roundabout.
Thank you.**

Dates for your Diary

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| SEPT | 5th – Provincial Council meeting 15th – Race Night, Prince of Wales, Hanwell 27th – Chaplains' Dinner – Hanwell |
| OCT | 16th – Provincial Committee meeting 21st – Copy for November/December Roundabout. 27th / 29th – Supreme Council, Glasgow. |
| NOV | 1st – Provincial Officers meeting 5th – Westminster Mass – 10.30am 11th – Provincial Presentation Evening. 17th – Deceased Bros & Candle Mass – 8.00pm, The Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip. |
| DEC | 5th – Provincial Council meeting. |

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