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Greeting Brothers,

Most of you have had a break in August and some have been away on holiday, for those of you who did, I don't envy you as we had lovely weather here with temperatures rising to as high as 30 degrees. The future is bright and let's make the best of it as there is work to be done.

On the 6th July the Southern Provinces celebrated the Order's Centenary Mass at Westminster Cathedral many of you attended both the Mass and reception afterwards. I thank the Southern Province PGK'S for the hard work they did for this important event. A special of thank you must go to Brother John Boniface Past PGK of Province 11 for the running about and arranging the mass, magazines etc.

Please can we have your comments of how we did?

There are a few councils who have arranged Recruitment Drives and the dates are in this edition of Roundabout. Will brothers from other councils please come and support these councils. The more brothers we have attending the better the chance of having any success.

In October we have the Supreme Council meeting. I have been asked by a few Grand Knights to bring up as to why we cannot have women in the Order. As the meeting is only for a day and a half it would not be possible this year as it could take a lot of time to debate this topic.

Will all Grand Knights please read out the minutes of the Provincial Council meeting as part of the correspondence at their next meeting. This is part of your correspondence to tell the brothers of what they need to know and what the Province decides. Also when you receive the officers reports (Blue book with officer's reports) please give the council officers the relevant page

after the Provincial Council meeting so they are aware of what's happening in their absence.

At the Provincial committees meeting held in July, two projects were put forward for the forthcoming year. Officers that attended the meeting were given a copy of the proposed projects and asked to bring it up at their next meeting and decide which one to vote for. This will be voted for at the October committee meeting. Please make sure that your council is represented at this meeting as your vote does matter and every council is expected to raise funds for the successful project. If you have not received copies of the projects then please contact Brother Eric Joseph the Provincial Action Officer.

The annual Chaplain's dinner is arranged for the 15th October in Hanwell. I have sent out the invitations to the clergy and am hoping to have a better turn out than in the last few years. Please encourage your clergy to attend; it is a way of saying thank you for their support they give us. Will all Grand Knights please encourage as many brothers to attend as it is a way of meeting and socialising with fellow Knights.

I once again thank Bro Mike Bagness for the work he does as the editor of Roundabout, trying to fill all the pages. He wouldn't have to do it, if you contributed something for each issue! Why not tell Bro Mike if your council is organising a social or having a dinner for the widows or a school fete/bazaar or even a local charity walk or fund-raising event.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

**BEFORE MASS WE TALK TO GOD,
AFTER MASS WE TALK TO OUR FRIENDS!**

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

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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

May	1st	No 38	J Anderson CI 267
	2nd	No 96	CI 243
June	1st	No 24	T O'Connor CI 123
	2nd	No 11	D Barry CI 163
July	1st	No 45	Mrs V Williams CI 963
	2nd	No 78	P Duffy CI 267

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.

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. Please assist by paying your membership promptly once the renewal notices have been issued.

Thank you,

Michael Bagness - 100 Club Organiser.

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Provincial Committee Meetings

Due to the refurbishment of the Social Hall in Hayes, the Provincial Committee meeting to be held on Monday 21st October has been moved to the Upper Room in Botwell House, the venue of the Provincial Council meetings.

The attendance at the last meeting was very poor and therefore this move is twofold, one because of the refurbishment and two, why do we need the facilities of such a big hall for only about a dozen people? If numbers attending improve, we can reconsider for the future.

Michael Bagness
Provincial Secretary.

Knights of St Columba Province 30 Chaplain's Dinner

The Chaplain's Dinner will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 in Our Lady & St Joseph's Social Club, 52 Uxbridge Road, Hanwell, W7 3SU, 7.30 for 8.00pm.

Your Chaplain has been invited by the Provincial Grand Knight and Brothers are invited to accompany their clergy to the dinner. We certainly believe that our Province and Order can grow in strength with their help within our parishes and communities.

The cost per head is £16.00 and it is the responsibility of each Council to pay for their clergy who are attending the dinner.

If paying in advance please make cheques payable to Knights of St Columba or you can pay in cash on the night. Please reply by the **8th October 2019**.

The menu will be:

Starter: Vegetable Soup.
Main course: Roast Chicken, Roast Beef,
Mashed potatoes and Vegetables.
Dessert: After Eight's Chocolates.

Licensed Bar.

The menu will also cater for Vegetarians.

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Centenary Celebrations

The following is the address given by the Supreme Knight, Brother Bertie Grogan at the conclusion of the Celebration Mass held in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 6th July, 2019.

“Our centenary year has been a very special one for both Pauline and myself. We have been honoured to attend so many wonderful events, and been able to see and hear first-hand the work being carried out by Knights across England, Wales & Scotland. Whilst there have been many highlights this year I believe leading 100 pilgrims to Iona in fantastic weather, to the home of St Columba’s Monastery. Founded in 563 by St Columba and twelve companions who travelled from Ireland, St Columba converted the Picts of Scotland to the Catholic Faith.



Today I am delighted to be here in Westminster Cathedral, and I thank His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols for celebrating our Centenary Holy Mass, along with co-celebrant Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP – Archbishop of Liverpool, Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Order and many local Chaplains, a most poignant day for me.

We remember our founder P. J. O’Callaghan and the 23 other Inceptors who on 5th October 1919 founded the Knights of St Columba. Since then, many thousands of men have followed in their footsteps. We are all workers in the vineyard and a successful harvest depends on each of us pulling our weight.

In our next century, Faith in Action in our Communities will be even more important. We are lay Apostles and must become more visible in the battles that beset our Country and our Catholic faith. We claim to be a Christian country but we are now being engulfed by the rising tide of secularism which clearly has the support of both parliamentarians and civic leaders.

Our values are being undermined under the banners of equality and political correctness. Same sex marriage, Abortion, gender choices, stricter rules on free speech, and of course the creeping in of euthanasia. Prayer is a powerful weapon. We must storm Heaven with our prayers to ask for help with the battles that we now face.

As Brothers of the Knights of St Columba we trumpet our faith to the world. Faith is our rock and underpins all that we do. The precepts of our Order are to work for the Spiritual, Intellectual and Material gifts of all brothers and their families. This must always be in the forethought of our actions.

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We are a Family Order and as such we must keep in mind the social aspect of our activities. As members of the Order we have a common bond that is important. Social events where our families can mingle are essential to strengthen that bond. It is often said that the Order could not function without the help and support and sometimes the forbearance of our wives and families. Indeed - please ask my wife Pauline about this!

These social events need not always be fundraisers but simply to foster inclusiveness and to bring new families and brothers into our fold.

I have a hard-working Board of Directors and a new breed of Brothers joining the Order, made up of many nationalities and backgrounds, which will enrich us and give us new ideas and renewed enthusiasm. They, in turn, will take our place and lead this great Order forward into our second century.

One of our main duties as Knights is to support the Hierarchy & Clergy. As I look back on our hundred-year history it occurs to me that it has been the Hierarchy and Clergy that have supported us!

We have been privileged to have had four Supreme Chaplains:-

Very Reverend Canon Michael McNairney
Most Reverend Andrew John McDonald
Reverend Father Thomas Blessing
Right Reverend Mgr. Canon John Forsyth

Since the war we have had six Ecclesiastical Advisers:-

Right Reverend Thomas Edward Flynn – Bishop of
Lancaster
Right Reverend John Petit – Bishop of Menevia
Right Reverend Charles Grant – Bishop of Northampton
Right Reverend Howard Tripp – Auxiliary Bishop of
Southwark
Right Reverend Philip Pargeter – Auxiliary Bishop of
Birmingham

and of course, a man I have worked closely with over many years but in particular over these last two years
The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP – Archbishop of Liverpool

To all of these mentioned I give thanks on behalf of the Order for their dedicated service and wise council. It was and is greatly appreciated.

Finally, Brothers with God’s Grace and our Blessed Mother and the ever seeing Holy Spirit this great Order will survive another one hundred years. It is up to each and every one of you to take us forward. . . .

To Tell our Story and Share our Dream into another Century of Service.”

Bertie Grogan

Supreme Knight—July 2019

Fraternal Love and Reunion - a Reflection on a great event!

The 6th July 2019 was a special day, the weather was warm and inviting, and so too was the great gathering at Westminster Cathedral for the 100th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass for the foundation of the Knights of St Columba.

It was a wonderful sight to see so many Brothers and their families from so many different communities, backgrounds, cultures, careers and age groups. All united in wanting to be with fellow Brothers to celebrate the occasion, and all that is good about being a member of a prestigious Order that has served the Catholic Church in Scotland, England and Wales for the last century.

One was struck by the warm greetings, the reminiscences and the chatter, so much of the spirit of family and togetherness, to express the fraternity and unity that has stood the test of time. These opportunities seem rarer than they were 20 years ago and therefore all the more special.

The Mass itself was led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, supported by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, OP, KCHS and Mgr Vincent Brady representing the Papal Nuncio. The Choir from Gunnersbury Catholic School, including the Organist, added to the sense of occasion that this Mass was representing.

Both the Archbishop and the Supreme Knight spoke very well of the achievements, commitment and ongoing work required of the Knights over the next 100 years.

The Supreme Knight, Bertie Grogan, thanked everyone, especially the Hierarchy and Clergy for their great support of the Knights over the decades. He reminded the congregation of all the good work of the members past and present. He also focused on the future and the challenges Catholics' face in the increasing secular world, challenging every brother present as to how they will respond to the enduring needs of the church as we go forward.

Thanks must go the Bro John Boniface, his wife and the committee he led in organising such an occasion, which went smoothly throughout, including an opportunity for further greetings and discussions in the Cathedral Hall afterwards over a cuppa and buffet.

The enduring memory is that of meeting old friends and new, some needing some assistance (the walking sticks were evident!), but the enthusiasm for this great Order was overflowing and the passion for the future evident in the volume of conversations going all around. It was a lovely day and a great thanksgiving celebration of who we are and what we can still achieve. ®

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to the next issue which should reach him
by Saturday 19th October 2019.**

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

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The National Rosary Campaign.

The Supreme Knight, Brother Bertie Grogan, launched the Rosary Campaign in December 2018 and it will continue with intentions each month until November 2019, the Month of the Holy Souls.

Please join in praying the Rosary together with your friends in your community.

The monthly intentions are:-

September: For political leaders, that they uphold the sanctity of life through just laws.

October: For the end to abortion in our country.

November: For all children whose lives were lost to abortion.

Bro Antony O'Neill R.I.P.

24th Nov 1927 - 26th July 2019

*Bro Tony O'Neill of CI 984 - formerly CI 416 Reading.
from Bro John Lynn CI 984*

Please pray for the soul of Bro Anthony O'Neill who was cremated on Wednesday 14th August in Easthampstead, Berkshire.

His family referred to him as the "Good Samaritan", always being the first to volunteer whenever there was a need. Even in the early days he carried a pot of smelling salts in his pocket which was put to use one day to bring the parish priest back to life after he collapsed on the altar.

Whilst he was a senior engineer working in the drawing office for LNER and then British Rail he fulfilled his real ambition when he retired. Acting as a porter in the local Reading hospital he was often heard whistling up the corridor and brought joy to the patients. A member of St John's Ambulance and later as a First Aid instructor for the Red Cross - covering the hospital and local events, he was at Newbury racecourse to administer his talents to Frankie Dettori after one of his tumbles. He was an organiser of parties at the Stroke Club and was always active in the local parish of Our Lady of Peace in Earley.

Whilst he was in the SVP, his true love was the KSC where he held most of the offices at Provincial level and for Reading CI 416. Tony was a Minister of the Eucharist bring communion to the hospital patients but poor health in recent months curtailed much of his activities.

He will be sadly missed, please remember his wife Angela, sons Paul and Martin along with daughter Judith who played the guitar at his cremation and of course all of the grandchildren. ®

Provincial Project 2019/20

At the Provincial Committee meeting held on Monday 15th July there were **only TWO projects** proposed for selection as the Provincial Action Project for 2019/20:-

- *The Comboni Mission – Uganda Street Children* was proposed by Council 984 Thames Valley. (Ref: www.comboni.org.uk)
- *The Welshore Hub* by Council 163 Hanwell. (Ref: www.welshore.org.uk)

Supporting documentation was distributed to those Councils present, further copies available from Bro Eric Joseph.

As no other Projects were proposed, these two will go forward to Councils for discussion and all Councils in Province 30 are required to review and discuss these two projects at the first possible Council meeting and reach a decision as to how their Council wishes to vote when a ballot takes place at the next Provincial Committee Meeting on 21st October at Hayes.

Remember your Council's decision cannot be emailed but must be made in person at the meeting on 21st October which will take place in the Upper Room of Botwell House. (NB: This is a change of venue). ®

Council Meeting Minutes

It has long been the practice that following a Council meeting the Minutes Secretary should forward a copy of the meeting minutes to the Provincial Secretary, who would then forward them on to the Provincial Officers.

Following a recent meeting of the Provincial Officers it was decided that Council minutes would be forwarded by the Provincial Secretary to all Grand Knights in addition to the Provincial Officers commencing with the minutes of the September meetings.

It was felt that this will improve the sharing of ideas between Councils and lead to a better understanding of the various activities and events taking place in our Councils and Province.

Michael Bagness
Provincial Minutes Secretary.

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Around the Councils

Hayes Council 243

A Double Golden Jubilee

Where were you when man landed on the moon for the first time?

Yes, this summer saw tremendous celebrations to recall and remember that historic "One small step for man, one joint leap for mankind". On 20th July 1969, whilst the world waited until evening time, and well into the night, two men took another leap into the future, and this year they both celebrated 50 years of service to various communities as priests.

On that day in 1969, crowds gathered, including friends and family in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayes, Middlesex to witness two young men dedicate themselves to God and the community they served.

Fr John O'Byrne CMF and Fr. Michael Fewell CMF joined the Claretian Missionaries of UK and Ireland.

The Claretians have been looking after the Roman Catholic community in Hayes, since they arrived in 1912, initially from an ordinary house in the town, until they were bequeathed the land that the current Church, Hall and School stands on today.

During their service both Fr John and Fr Michael have rotated through the various parishes run by the Claretian across the UK, and have served the Hayes community many times. Fr. John now makes his home there, and celebrates Mass regularly, as well as tending to his flock, in his quiet unassuming and spiritual way. He has been a Member of Honour since 1996 and a supporter of Hayes Council for many years.



Fr Michael moved on to Wales after the turn of the millennium, leaving the Claretians to serve with the Diocese of Menevia. During his time in Hayes he was an ardent supporter of the work of the KSC, including taking on the role as Provincial Chaplain to the Knights (2001-2002). When he moved to Tenby, he also oversaw the raising of a new KSC Council there three years ago as well as assuming the role of Provincial Chaplain. He now enjoys retirement in Swansea, and a well deserved rest.



Both these great priests have fulfilled their vows to serve their community, with numerous achievements over the years, too many to mention here. My wife and I were delighted to be able to join each on their celebratory Masses. We travelled to see Fr Michael in Swansea, and

were warmly greeted by his new community there, and his family who were able to join him. A splendid homily by Fr Michael was followed by a lovely buffet, complete with a celebration cake and champagne.

Not a week later we were in Hayes, joined by a full church of family, friends, community and the Claretian missionaries to celebrate Fr John's Golden Jubilee. Again we enjoyed a lovely Mass, including an emotional homily and celebration in the hall afterwards, where we had further time to catch up with old friends and new.

Two truly lovely occasions and celebrations for two wonderful men, both of whom we have been lucky enough to call friends and we wish them both every blessing for the future. *From Bro. Mike Bagness*

Uxbridge Council 399

Uxbridge Council 399 comprise group of Catholic gentlemen who live and serve God by serving others in the Parish of St. Bernadette's, Hillingdon.

We go about doing multiple tasks, in, around and for the Church, individually and as a group; in Public and in Private. We are seen publicly at Mass as Ushers, Readers, and Ministers of the Eucharist, Marshals and Collectors, all eager volunteers; and privately, as Gardeners, Counters and Banking, minding the Repository. Church Cleaning, Members of Church Committees, Safeguarding Officers, Catechist's and Handymen. Coffee Mornings once a month, sometimes a Full English breakfast; Annual International Masses in traditional dress. You name it, we will do it.

Our numbers are down to 14 with about six regular members, including our Member of Honour, Rev Deacon Bro Reg Abrahams; we are expecting to increase our numbers by at least two in the next few weeks.

In spite of our name being Uxbridge, we have, for the last few years been, working mostly in Hillingdon and that's mainly because we all live and worship in Hillingdon at St Bernadette's Church, Long Lane.

We will be striving to recruit new members in Uxbridge Parish, as soon as the opportunity arises. We used to meet at Uxbridge on the 2nd Wednesday of each month but that became untenable, so we now meet at St Bernadette's, Hillingdon on 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass. *From Bro Eric Joseph.*

High Wycombe Council 422

Sponsored Walk

A Sponsored Walk (4 Miles) will take place on Sunday 15th September 2019 commencing at 14.00, starting from the Kings Arms car park in Stokenchurch.

The proceeds will be given, 50% to Wycombe Homeless Connection and 50% to other KSC Charitable activities. *From Bro Stefan Zachary.*

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Yeading Council 963

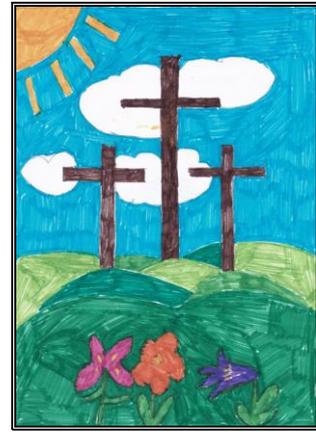
Confirmation Day

The sun shone on the fourteen Confirmation candidates at St. Raphael's, Yeading on 29th June. Brothers of Yeading Council 963 formed a guard of honour for Bishop Michael Campbell and to welcome these young people into the faith.

It is these young people, confirmed in the faith that is the future of our Parish and of Yeading Council 963. May God bless them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Bishop Michael with the brothers of Yeading CI 963.



Winner: Summer Wilkins –
'Calvary'



Runner Up: Harnick Singh –
'Palm Sunday to Resurrection'

Mass & Recruitment Drive

A mass to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Knights of St Columba has been arranged for Sunday 22nd September 2019 at 9.00am.

This Sunday has also been proposed as a Recruitment Drive occasion with an address to be given at each mass on this day. This will be culminated by our Provincial installation of officers at the 12noon Mass. Refreshments are to be arranged following the Mass.

You are all cordially invited to our parish in all the masses of the weekend but will particularly request the presence of Provincial officers for the installation mass at 12 noon

Thames Valley Council 984

Easter Painting Competition.

This is the Council 984's inaugural National Easter Painting Competition for juniors - 8 years to 11 years.

St Mary's RC School, Maidenhead was the only school to take part with 30 entries. The judging was conducted by the Parish Priest, Fr Liam and the local UCM group.

Province 30 awarded the two best entries with certificates and cash prizes and the entries go forward to be entered in the national competition.

The pictures following depict the two winning entries.

From Bro John Lynn

Moon Landing – 50 years on!

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, most remember astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words as he stepped onto the moon's surface: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," but few know about his first meal eaten and first words on the moon.

Buzz Aldrin, the NASA Astronaut had taken aboard the spacecraft a tiny pyx provided by his pastor. Aldrin sent a radio broadcast to Earth asking listeners to contemplate the events of the day and give thanks.

After blacking out the broadcast for privacy, Aldrin read, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit." Then, silently, he gave thanks for their successful journey and received the Communion. Next he descended from the capsule onto the moon's dusty surface.

In Psalm 139 we are told that wherever we go, God is intimately present with us. Buzz Aldrin celebrated that experience in a special way on the surface of the moon.

Incidentally, Aldrin's first words when he stepped onto the surface of the moon were, "Beautiful view. Magnificent desolation." ®

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?"

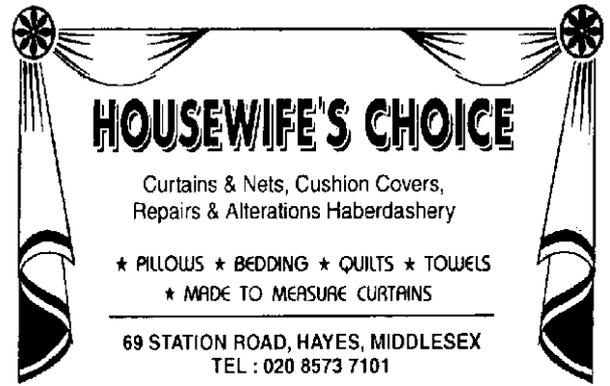
Think of all the wonderful sayings that include the word "hands", like "...in good hands" – "...an old hand" - "...hand in hand" etc. Our hands say a lot about us and we should use them as often as we can to show friendship and generosity of spirit.

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

Just a Thought!

When we examine our conscience we so often think only of the things we have done, but what of the things we didn't do.

The times we didn't reach out the helping hand ...

The times we didn't write that letter

The visits we didn't make

The comforting word we were too shy to give....

The struggling person we failed to help....

The good cause we were too mean to support....

The extra time we failed to spend in prayer....

At the end of each day let us ask ourselves,

"Was there something that God desired me to do today but I closed my heart?"

Dates for your Diary – 2019

SEPT	3rd – Provincial Council meeting. 15th – H Wycombe Cl 422 - Sponsored Walk. 22nd – Yeading Cl 963 – Recruitment Drive.
OCT	4th / 6th – Supreme Council meeting in Glasgow with Centennial celebrations. 15th – Chaplains Dinner – Hanwell. 21st - Provincial Committee meeting with a change of venue. (see note on page 2).
NOV	6th – Provincial Officers meeting.
DEC	3rd – Provincial Council meeting.

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