

ACTION AND YOUTH –

Committee meeting

BLOG #1 OCTOBER 2021

Following Brothers present :

Co163 Hanwell -Finance Rep and Grand Knight

Co 399 Uxbridge - Finance Rep

Co 295 Harrow & District - Action/Youth & Grand Knight

Co 982 Wembley - Grand Knight

Co 267 Sudbury - Finance Rep

Co 984 Thames Valley - Finance Rep.

Co 948 North Harrow - Spirituality & Welfare

Regional Director for Province 30

Absent without an apology were Co 243 Hayes ; Co 422 High Wycombe ; Co 514 Cranford & Feltham ; Co 963 Yeading ; Co 970 Whitton

Im grateful for Brothers who do not hold ACTION & YOUTH portfolio, and yet attended to represent their council.

Statistically 50% of our councils DO NOT EVEN SHOW a name for Action and Youth, a situation that cannot really be supported going forward, and as we approach the end of 2021, the Grand Knights of each council should be working towards ensuring his council has a name in the frame for 2020 next term.

The Action and Youth officer is one of the top officers in the council and as the Grand Knight is the Driver in the council, the Finance Officer pays for the petrol in the tank, ACTION is the Engine of the Council, and without an Action convenor, the council is NOT GOING ANYWHERE. - THE BUCK STOPS WITH THE GRAND KNIGHT, but he needs as many workers in the vineyard of the Lord to get the work done.

The diagram shows what the Action & Youth should be aiming to do :



NEWSFLASH

The 2020/2021 Provincial Project which came to an end in October, has so far raised £9636 A touch below the £10K that was set as the target. I understand some councils still considering sending their contribution.... So we may yet reach the target.

The majority vote for the 2021/2022 Provincial Project was the Thames Hospice in Berkshire.

Thames Hospice (Previously Thames Valley Hospice) receives 50% of their multi million pound budget from the NHS and they raise the rest from donations and fundraising. I will endeavour to send each council the necessary hardcopy information about the hospice to help you put together your fundraising plans.

They provide medical services with consultants, nurses, and volunteers. They do not just provide for the end-of-life palliative care, where they have a small number of in-patients, but they also provide help for depression and mental issues for people who have been diagnosed with incurable deceases, providing support at the hospice and at the patients homes where necessary.

Most Councils in province 30 are well within reach of the hospice in Maidenhead and may find that some in your community is either already being cared for or has an opportunity of using the hospice in the future. This is a project that can be ‘sold’ to your parish priest and your community, and I am looking forward to your minutes where you will be discussing and planning ways of fundraising in the coming months.

The winning project will be presented to PROVINCIAL COUNCIL for adoption on the 7th of December, but good news – the money has already started rolling in, thanks to Council 422 High Wycombe who sent me a cheque for £700 already.

I declare an interest here, as my wife has recently been referred to the Hospice by the Macmillan Sister at Frimley Hospital, so come on brothers lets aim to raise another £10000, we got a whole year to make the target and its not an impossible objective.

CHRISTMAS is Coming..... and it does not take lorry drivers to order your Christmas window posters and Keep Christ in Christmas labels in the next few weeks.

ALSO – why don't each Council set together 3-brothers to action the Christmas scene competition 5-7 and 8-11 age groups. Remember your council must have more than one school in your catchment area, but the aim is that each council AIMS TO GET ONE SCHOOL TO TAKE PART.

More information to come

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