

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA
WESTMINSTER WESTERN - PROVINCE 30
Minutes of 318th Provincial Council meeting held in
The Upper Room, Botwell House, Hayes on Tuesday 4th June 2019

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

Meeting opened according to ritual at 8.00pm.

Chaplains address. Fr Duncan spoke about Pope Francis's exhortation regarding Young People. Their freedom should be respected and their importance of their life and place in the community should not be underestimated. Our support of the youth competitions and seminars are ways we can support the 'Young People.' The next generation of KSC members will come from the current 'Young People'.

Bro Eric Joseph stated that the current First Holy Communion and Confirmation groups are an ideal time to capture young people for the future.

Attendance. There were 21 Brothers in attendance representing 11 councils.

Apologies. Bros Bertie Grogan; Mario Barreto, Emmanuel Diaz, Melvyn Coelho and Stefan Zachary.

Councils not represented: CI 385 – South Harrow; CI 399 – Uxbridge; CI 422 – High Wycombe.

Minutes of the 317th meeting were proposed and accepted with no matters arising.

Correspondence:

- The June bulletin from Head Office had been circulated. Do GK's pass this on to all Brothers? This is an important newsletter as it contains so much of the activities of the Order. Copies were available at the meeting.
- Bro John Lynn commented on the current Head Office recruitment literature which is predominantly printed in black with white lettering, not easy to read and not good for photocopying.

Finance & Administration

Bro Julien Melville proposed his Administration report for adoption which was adopted with no further comments.

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- Bro Julien raised the question of the George Marriott Fund and the lack of subscriptions. Each council was asked to consider a donation of £50.00 towards the fund, to date only four councils have complied with this request. The PGK asked for councils to reconsider this request and make a donation according to their funds. The question of the George Marriott Fund and its administration to be discussed at the next Provincial Committee meeting for Finance and Administration. As the fund originated in Province 23, Bro Tony Berkeley to produce a new set of guidelines for the administration of the fund.
- Fr Duncan stated that the fund should be used to support struggling seminarians who could apply for assistance through their local KSC Council.

Membership & Development

Bro John Hibberd proposed his report for adoption which was accepted.

- Bro John was disappointed that only two councils were represented at the last Provincial Committee meeting – **WHY?**
- Bro John stated that Recruitment Drives are a matter of **extreme** urgency. It is imperative; that we boost our membership back up to 200 by the end of the year.
- Bro Nestor Baniqued requested assistance at a Recruitment Drive on Sunday 14th July at The English Martyrs, Chalkhill Road, Wembley, HA9 9EW at 9 & 11.00am Masses.
- Fr Duncan requested support at a Recruitment Drive on 23rd June at 10 & 11.00am Masses at Sacred Heart, Ruislip.
- Uxbridge CI 399 has one gentleman waiting for admission.

Spirituality & Welfare.

Bro Denis Barry proposed his report for adoption which was accepted with no further comments.

Action & Youth

Brother Eric Joseph proposed his report for adoption which was accepted.

- Bro Tony Berkeley presented the relic of St Edmund Campion and asked why Councils are not accepting the relic into their parishes? The relic will be in our Province from 1st – 11th July with the final Mass at Tyburn Convent. (See details in the May-June issue of Roundabout). A reminder that the PGK/GK is responsible for the relic whilst in their possession.
- June Rosary procession of Our Lady of Fatima takes place on Saturday 29th June at 12 noon at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington W8.
- Bro Alex McGhee mentioned the 'Celebrate' Catholic conference weekend taking place at St Mary's, Twickenham, an ideal opportunity for recruitment.

Social

Bro Denis Barry proposed his report for adoption which was accepted.

- A Race Night to be arranged.

Attendance at Supreme Council

The return for this had to be in to Head Office by 28th May.

Bros Rosario Fichardo and John Hibberd will be attending as councillors. As Bros David Sole and Michael Bagness are attending as Observers, either one will act as a first alternate if necessary.

Any Other Business

- Bro Julien asked that all GK's collect an envelope from him which contains the current invoice for Dues. Any errors or omissions to be reported immediately.
- The PGK asked for Provincial Officers to regularly contact GK's and officers for updates on activities that are happening in Councils particularly in the areas of Membership and Welfare.
- The Order's Centenary Mass will take place in Westminster Cathedral at 2.00pm on Saturday 6th July 2019. Tickets for the reception after the Mass are available at the meeting which will need to be presented to gain admission into the Cathedral Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed according to ritual at 9.15pm.

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Rosario Fichardo
PGK Province 30