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Our PGK writes

A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018 TO YOU MY BROTHERS!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends with a few days of rest. Now that your batteries are charged let's look ahead and make 2018 a year to remember.

Let's start by recruiting new brothers to the Order and visiting those that are not attending meetings. Ask why they are missing at council meetings or social events. One of our councils changed their meetings to a Sunday after the noon mass and had a full turn out. Something councils with poor attendance can try.

Next year 2019 we will be celebrating our centenary year of the Order. There is a lot of planning for the celebrations throughout the country. Please give your support to these plans and make it a memorable year – 'A Year to Remember'.

From the 20th to the 23rd of April this year we as Province 30 have been asked to help with the arrival of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" in Slough, Berkshire. It will be great to have as many brothers helping out on the three days of stewarding. Please let me know if you can help. I will have more news after I have attended a meeting in Slough on 10th January.

A letter from Head Office has asked all councils this year to pay their dues by the 31st May 2018. SNA forms to arrive by the 31st March 2018. A reminder that Head Office dues are £52.00 for the year. Please set your council dues accordingly.

A further reminder that your Grand National Draw tickets are to be sold with the counterfoils and money being sent to Bro Julien in plenty of time for the draw

which takes place on 30th March. This is a good source of income for the Order; please do your best to sell all your allocation!

On Monday 15th January we have the meeting of the Provincial committees, the first Provincial meeting for 2018. This is the occasion when Council officers (Membership, Action & Youth, Finance and Administration, Spirituality & Welfare and Social) all come together to meet with their Provincial counterparts to report on their own recent council activities and plans they may have for the coming months. (Please remember that entries for the 2017 Nativity scene painting competition must be brought to this Provincial Committee meeting).

Attendance at the Provincial committee meeting does not have to be just the relevant officer, any brother who is interested in the working of the council and Province can attend. What is important is that the Council is represented by brothers at this meeting otherwise how can we find out what is happening in the Province and Order generally. Attendance has been very poor of late so let us all make a New Year's resolution and make a real effort to attend this and other Provincial meetings and activities throughout the year.

With every success for 2018,

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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

October	1st	No 77	Mrs S Chidwick CI 243
	2nd	No 5	Mrs C Bagness CI 243
November	1st	No 117	CI 163
	2nd	No 44	R Hard CI 267
Christmas Draw	1st	No 88	M Bagness CI 243
	2nd	No 96	P Quinton CI 948
	3rd	No 4	M Hourihan CI 243
December	1st	No 62	G Adams CI 963
	2nd	No 26	E Rodrigues CI 163

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.

Thank you. Michael Bagness - 100 Club Organiser.



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Provincial Project 2017/18



Proposed by Hanwell Council 163, the Ealing Centre for Independent Living's vision is an inclusive society where people of all disabilities have equality of opportunity and access and are empowered to lead full and independent lives, working in partnership to remove any barriers to achieving these outcomes.

The following information is taken from their website at www.ecil.org

"ECIL is a membership organisation representing and supporting disabled people and carers, of all types and of any age, who live and work in the borough of Ealing and surrounding boroughs.

We are proud to be part of the Independent Living movement and are one of a growing number of Centres for Independent Living (CILs) around the country. The government strategy paper improving the Life Chances of Disabled People published in 2005 recommends that there should be a CIL in every local authority area.

ECIL was formed as an independent organisation in 2002. We gained our charitable status in that year.

Our main activities are;

- Providing advice and information
- Providing advocacy (this means supporting people to access their rights and entitlements)
- Organising social events, courses and activities.
- Campaigning
- Working with other disability organisations through Disability Connect (the disability network in Ealing) and national organisations including the National Centre for Independent Living.
- Joint working with Ealing Council and Clinical Commissioning Group for example, the Long Term and Older Peoples Partnership Board, the Carers Partnership Board, the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board and the Mental Health Partnership Board."

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

SK goes back to his roots!

from Bro John Collins – Hanwell Council 163

There is an old saying that says “You must be careful what you wish for - just in case you get it!”

This happened at our October Council meeting when I remarked that we had never seen anybody from the Supreme Council at Hanwell probably not since 1927 when the Council was first formed and would not see one again during our lifetime (only represented by the bills from Head Office).

Roll on to our Council meeting on 14th November when who came to visit us only our new Supreme Knight our own Brother Bertie Grogan – what a surprise! A very happy one at that as Brother Bertie was a former member of Hanwell Council.

He spoke to us about Head Office and about the future of the Order – very well done! We also welcomed our Parish Priest Fr Charles Cahill and our Provincial Grand Knight Bro Rosario Fichardo – all in all a very happy meeting. ®



The Supreme Knight Bro Bertie Grogan with Fr Charles Cahill and brothers of Hanwell Council 163 where he first joined the Order in 1986.

Provincial Awards

Due to unforeseen circumstances the annual Presentation evening scheduled for 11th November had to be cancelled. This raised the question of the presentation of the cheque for the Provincial project and the annual achievement awards to councils.

The presentation of the cheque for the Provincial project to The Daylight Christian Prison Trust will be arranged by South Harrow Council 385, the proposers of the project, and will be made at their Council meeting as soon as it can be arranged.

The presentation to the Councils of their various awards was made at the Provincial Council meeting on 5th December 2017. We were very pleased to welcome our Supreme Knight, Bro Bertie Grogan to the meeting and he very kindly presented the awards to the various councils.

The pictures below show Brother Mario Barreto – GK CI 163 Hanwell receiving the Brother Martin D’Cunha Award for Efficiency. CI 163 were also awarded The Frank Prenderghast Trophy for Action.

Brother Victor Olomukoro – GK CI 514 Cranford & Feltham receives The O’Brien Cup for the best result in membership.

Brother Martin Clancy – GK CI 295 Harrow & District received The Les Ford Trophy for Youth. ®



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Membership and Communications

*from Bro Tony Berkeley
PPGK Prov. 23 – Treasurer CI 590 Ascot*

I have never been to a Council or Provincial meeting when Membership and Recruitment was not on the agenda, or was not discussed. It was no different at the last Provincial meeting, Bro Julien quite rightly was unhappy at the lack of brothers and Council representation at the last Committee meeting. I often go home saying to myself that we are always preaching to the converted. The Brothers in attendance are the 'good lot', they made the effort to come out.

The problem starts at Council level. At a show of hands at the Provincial meeting, only a couple of councils indicated that they themselves held Committee meetings. If this is the case how can one expect Provincial Committee meetings to have representations from the Council level?

Going down one level, what is the attendance at Council meetings? In my early years, there was an attendance register, missing brothers were contacted and checks were made to ensure they were OK or if they needed help. Putting our hands on our hearts, how regular is this practice being upheld? At the same Council meeting Bro Julien Melville and Bro Michael Bagness remarked at the lack of communication between Councils and Province.

Also in my early days, the Order operated a reports book, where each officer submitted a report of what was happening on Membership, Spirituality, Action and details of the Council accounts. The reports were in triplicate, one copy goes to the Council Grand Knight, one copy went to Province and one copy was held back as a record. Regrettably this function was dropped and replaced by a monthly report from each Council GK to the Province. I just wonder how many Councils were still reporting regularly to Province on the four headings above.

I propose that poor membership starts from lack of strict observance to the fundamentals of the Order. If attendance and reporting procedures are not observed, then what actually happens is that active brothers just finish up observing that membership is falling, brothers are not interested enough to attend meetings, GKs are not reporting up to Province, and Council officers are not formally reporting to their GKs.

Directors may well be worried about the falling membership, but if the issue is that the procedures are not being observed at the roots of the Order, then brothers will lose interest and stop attending. It's all

very well to just 'say' NO REPORT when it comes to officers' reports at Councils, but if one had to write down what he's done in the last four weeks in-between meetings, he would find it far harder to just write, 'no recruitment has been' done and 'no approaches have been made', and 'no Parish Newsletter membership invitations had been submitted' etc, etc.

If Provincial Officers do not receive written reports from Council Officers and the Provincial GK does not receive a monthly report from his Council GKs, how can he know how the Councils are doing? Being honest with ourselves one cannot call this lack of attendance at Committee meetings or lack of communications. Again being honest one would call this lack of interest and lack of effort in following the aims of the Order.

Reminiscing on my early days in the Order, the saying had always been ... "Poor membership was a result in lack of Action". But then if the GK does not get an ACTION report, and he does not submit details feedback of ACTION to the PGK, how can one feel worried about lack of membership.

If the Knights in each council do not dynamically interact with and involve the parish community, how can they expect anyone wanting to join the Knights?

Roundabout – the future!

from Bro Michael Bagness - Editor

This issue of Roundabout marks the end of 23 years of unbroken publication of this newsletter, probably one of the oldest Provincial newsletters in the Order!

Due to the rising costs of materials, paper, ink etc. not forgetting postage, I have thought about closing the newsletter. However I think a means of communication for the Province is essential, so from the next issue i.e March/April 2018 the newsletter will be sent by email to all Grand Knights and others asking them to forward it on to their brothers who are on email.

I understand that some brothers do not have access to email as a result I am prepared to print a limited number of copies for those brothers.

To achieve this I am asking Grand Knights to advise me by the **end of January** of the minimum number of printed copies they will need for this purpose.

I hope you all agree with me on this and you will send me the details as requested. Thank you.

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

News from the Councils . . .

South Harrow CI 385

Money raised from the Provincial Sponsored Walk for the Provincial Project - Daylight Christian Prison Trust has still to be presented to the nominated charity as the Provincial Presentation evening was unfortunately cancelled, the total amount raised being £3177.27. Grand Knight Brother Luigi Dati is to organise a local presentation and to invite Provincial Officers to attend where possible.

Brothers are continuing to support the Harrow Food Bank initiative in the Parish. Brother Luigi agreed to take the donation to the centre before Christmas and Bro Matthew to do so after that.

Bingo seems to be gaining a lot of ground and popularity in the parish. Amount raised in the last Bingo session was £25.00. It was agreed that the Council is not able to do it every month however it should strive to have regularity by announcing the next date for Bingo during each Bingo session.

Hayes Council 243

Botwell Primary School has again taken part in the Nativity scene painting competition. All the paintings will be judged in their various categories and the winners submitted to Province for final judging and entry into the national competition.

Whitton Council 970

Whitton CI 970 has had a very fruitful Autumn. The second KSC race night of 2017 took place on Saturday 11th November in the Social Club at St. Edmund's of Canterbury parish, Whitton. The KSC raised money to support Fr Joseph Donkor's fees at St Mary's University. Fr Joseph, our priest in residence from Ghana, is studying for a MA in Catholic Leadership. The evening was a success and was very well supported by parishioners.

Furthermore, the KSC supported a new prayer initiative at St. Edmund's of Canterbury parish - 24 hour adoration. It began on Friday 1st December and will happen thereafter every first Friday of the month. It started with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Friday 9.15am Mass and concluded with Benediction at 8.30am before the 9.00am Mass (First Reconciliation took place at 10.00am) on Saturday morning. Some parishioners, including KSC, spent one hour with Jesus.

Finally, Tea and Coffee continued to be served after family Mass on the first Sunday of the month. It is a very good opportunity to catch up with other parishioners, including representatives of other volunteer organisations and spread the word about the KSC's involvement in and around our church community. ®

Deceased Brothers 2017

Brothers, as we start this New Year, full of hope and anticipation, let us remember those of our brothers who have gone before us in the previous twelve months marked with the sign of the Cross, that having served the Lord with joy on this earth they may meet again in the eternal happiness of His Heavenly Kingdom.

Thomas Morris - Council 295

Ron Fox - Council 243

Desmond (Des) Riggs - Council 385

Philip McGrath - Council 399

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen

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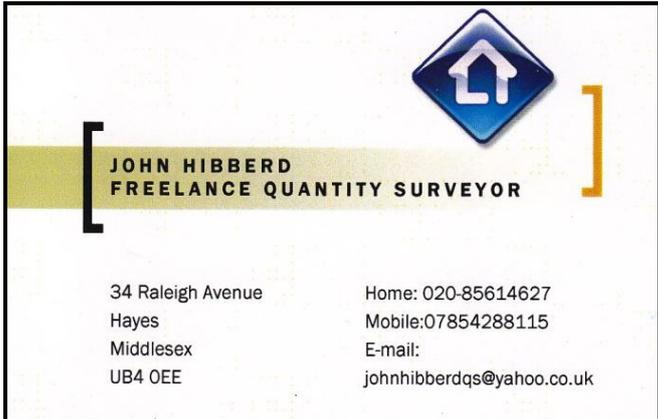


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Dates for your Diary - 2018

JAN	15th – Provincial Committee meeting
FEB	7th – Provincial Officers meeting
MAR	6th – Provincial Council meeting 30th – Good Friday
APRIL	2nd – Easter Monday 9th – Provincial Committee meetings
MAY	2nd – Provincial Officers meeting
JUNE	5th - Provincial Council 10th – Aylesford Pilgrimage
JULY	16th – Provincial Committee meetings
AUG	6th – Provincial Officers meeting
SEPT	4th – Provincial Council meeting.
OCT	15th – Provincial Committee meetings 19th / 21st – Supreme Council meeting
NOV	5th - Provincial Officers meeting
DEC	4th - Provincial Council meeting.

Martin D’Cunha Efficiency Trophy Final Analysis

from Bro Michael Bagness – Provincial Secretary

In the last issue of Roundabout I outlined the criteria for the Martin D’Cunha Efficiency Trophy. Since then, the winning Council for 2016/17 has been announced and the trophy presented.

A brief reminder of the criteria for the trophy is that

1. Various essential forms must be submitted by the required date,
2. Council minutes to be sent to the Provincial Minutes Secretary each month (12 months)
3. Attendance at Provincial Council meeting by two representatives from each Council (2 x 4 meetings =8)
4. Attendance at Provincial Committee meetings by 4 officers, one for each committee (4 x 4 meetings = 16) giving a total of 36 points. The final analysis of the Council returns was as follows:-

Council	Minutes received	P CI Attendance	P Comm Attendance	Total points
163	11	8	15	34
243	11	4	13	28
267	11	2	5	18
295	7	4	11	22
330	0	0	0	0
385	6	0	6	12
399	5	7	9	21
514	2	7	14	23
948	11	0	9	20
963	10	8	13	31
970	0	2	11	13
982	1	0	3	4

(Councils 301, 422 and 590 have been excluded for the year.)

The final result shows that Hanwell Council 163 were the winning Council for 2016/17.

All Councils in Province 30 are invited to participate in this annual trophy and by so doing making our Province more efficient in their communications both locally and nationally.

It is hoped, therefore, that this Trophy will prove an incentive to achieve 100% efficiency from all the Councils in the Province in the coming year 2018.

Thank you for your participation in this exercise.

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