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Dear Brothers,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and may 2012 be a peaceful and prosperous year for us all. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Bro. Reg Abrahams who was elected by our Provincial Council in December to serve as PGK for 2012/13.

I will soon be completing my three years as your PGK, I can say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the friendship and support of my Provincial Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in our Province. I know that Bro. Reg will also enjoy the full support of you all in helping him to carry out the work of our great Order.

Let us make 2012 another successful year for our Province. May we pray for the growth and development of our Province, Councils, and brothers. Generate enthusiasm within ourselves for our great Order, by sharing the knowledge of our rituals and traditions and by encouraging our newly initiated brothers to take an active part in the work of their Councils. Please give your support to the brothers who are preparing to take up the responsibility of office this April, some maybe for the first time. I would like to thank all Grand Knights and Officers for their work and for those who are demitting Office, a special thanks for your hard work in guiding and leading your Council.

Congratulations to all the new Grand Knights and Officers who will be installed in April and thank you all for accepting office and maintaining an ethos where we may effectively support the Hierarchy and Clergy.

Over the Christmas period, we have been aware of unity and friendship among our friends and family as we gathered to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. Let us extend this experience into the new year and to the

care of our Brothers who do not attend meetings and make them welcome.

The Chaplain's dinner was again a success this year. I would like to thank the brothers of Hanwell Council 163 for hosting the event and for making the evening such a success. It was an opportunity we had to say farewell to our Provincial Chaplain Canon Bernard Scholes and to thank him for his support over the past three years.

The Provincial Fish & Chips Presentation evening was a great success also, a big thank you to Bro. Martin Cook for organising the event and to the brothers of Hayes Council for assisting with the preparation of the venue.

Finally Brothers I have appreciated all the support and friendship during my term as your Provincial Grand Knight. Province 30 is a very strong Province and thrives on the wonderful infrastructure developed by all past PGK's and I feel quite confident that Bro. Reg will enjoy his term of office enhanced by the support we can all offer. We need healthy debates and discussions on many important issues. Those brothers who do not attend meetings should seriously consider starting afresh in 2012, a New Year's Resolution comes to mind, and by doing so contribute to the strengthening of our councils and in so doing help the brothers in your council with the workload and the fulfilment of the Aims and Objectives of our Order.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Michael Bagness

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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Sept	1st	No 48	Bro K Dowling CI 514
	2nd	No 76	CI 243
Oct	1st	No 10	Bro J Collins CI 163
	2nd	No 96	Bro J Anderson CI 267
Nov	1st	No 6	CI 399
	2nd	No 117	CI 163
Christmas Draw			
1st	No 1	Bro S Boylan CI 243	
2nd	No 19	Bro R Fichardo CI 163	
3rd	No 154	Bro M D'Cunha 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 for another year.

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.

Thank you.

Towards Advent "A Day of Catholic Culture"

Thank you to all who supported our display and attended the exhibition on Saturday 19th November in Westminster Cathedral Hall. A special thanks to Bro Joe Rodrigues PGK – Province 27 East Anglia, who travelled down from Peterborough to be with us on the day.

Now in its eleventh year, 35 Catholic groups and societies had displays advertising their apostolic work. Province 30 along with the other London Provinces had a table and a display of the work being undertaken by the Knights. ☺ PGK.

Annual Memorial Mass Westminster Provinces 11, 29 & 30.

The annual memorial mass for the deceased brothers of the London Provinces took place in Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 20th November at 12 noon.

The arranging of the Mass this year was carried out by Province 30 and we were pleased to welcome Bishop Alan Hopes as the celebrant and also the Supreme Knight, Bro Ron Lynch together with other members of the Board of Directors including Bro Will Gallagher, Director for Spirituality & Welfare.

'Of your Charity, pray for the Brothers of Province 30, Westminster Western and all Brothers who have died since the last annual Mass.'

CI 295	Bro David Jones
CI 330	Bro Clem Serkis Bro Clarence 'Dick' McCluskie
CI 385	Bro Kevin Reidy
CI 399	Bro Ron Clavey
CI 514	Bro Bernard Doyle Bro Michael Reynolds

May their Souls and the Souls of all
Deceased Brothers of the
Knights of St Columba
through the Mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen.

[NB - In 2012 the Mass will be on
Sunday 18th November at 10.30am]

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Provincial Presentation Evening.

On Saturday 12th November 2011, 120 members of the Province and their guests gathered for the annual presentation evening at the Botwell Social Centre, Botwell Lane, Hayes.

The evening started and continued with dancing, music supplied by "Nice and Easy" and after a break for the fish & chips supper, the evening then moved on to the presentations. The Friends of Michael Sobell House had been chosen as the Provincial project for the year.

The presentation of the cheque by Provincial Grand Knight, Bro Michael Bagness for £7,250.00 was made to Ophelia Chambers-Henry and Trish Mule, both representing The Friends of Michael Sobell House. Both representatives thanked the Knights for having fundraised so much. Speaking to Ophelia after the presentation she told us "It was a privilege to be here amongst a great body of men, such as the Knights of Saint Columba."

Various trophies were then presented to the individual councils for their achievements during the year:

CI 295 Harrow & Kenton received The Frank Prenderghast Action Trophy.

CI 514 Cranford & Feltham winners of The Bernard Seabourne Cup for the annual Quiz competition, they went on to the national finals, achieving third place overall.

CI 385 South Harrow and CI 514 Cranford & Feltham were joint winners of The O'Brien Cup for Membership and will hold the cup for six months each.

CI 163 Hanwell were the winners of The Jim Keating (Snr) Trophy for Efficiency.

In 2005, the Provincial Project was for 'Ali's Dream', a charity established to fight against Childhood Tumour, which raised £14,250.00. Colin Hinton, Ali's grandfather and instrumental in establishing the charity, presented the Province with a glass plaque in recognition of the support given by the Province in the fundraising of such an amount. ☺



Presentation of Provincial Project cheque.



Bro Martin Clancy GK CI 295 - receives The Action Trophy from Bro Michael O'Hanlon – GK Ruislip CI 330, last year's winners.



CI 514 Quiz team receives The Quiz Trophy



CI 385 and CI 514 share The Membership Trophy



Bro Clive Rodrigo CI 163 receives The Efficiency Trophy.

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Provincial Fraternity Trophy

From Wednesday 14th December, the Provincial Fraternity Trophy is now held by North Harrow Council 948. It was established to encourage visiting of brothers between Councils in the spirit of Unity & Fraternity and is passed from Council to Council as a result of this visiting.

An extract from the rules is as follows:-

“The Trophy passes to any Council within Province 30, which mounts a visit with more than one Brother to the holding Councils’ formal monthly meeting. A Provincial Officer on an official visit would not count as a visitor for the purposes of the competition. Should there be more than one visiting council at the holders’ meeting, a simple majority of visitors will decide which Council becomes the new holder. If this results in a tie, the existing holder Council shall retain the trophy until its’ next Council meeting when visited again for the purposes of the trophy.”

Council meeting dates for January & February 2012

Council	January	February
163	10	14
243	9	13
267	11	8
295	10	14
330	11	8
385	12	9
399	11	15
514	2	6
948	5	2
963	17	21
970	24	28

Details of venues and times of meetings are shown in the Provincial Directory a copy of which is held by each Council Officer.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King & Youth Sunday 20th November 2011

from Bro Joseph Anderson
Membership & Action Council 267 Sudbury.

The Youth of Hounslow, parish of SS Michael & Martin facilitated an all night Vigil for this year’s Youth Sunday. The event comprised all the Youth across Westminster Diocese. I estimated 200 in number and about 50 that made it through the 11-hour vigil.

It was an evening of reflection and prayer. The tight Schedule was strictly adhered to and it was programmed and wholly organised by the Youth of Hounslow Parish.

Fr. Tony Convery, Parish Priest and Fr. Derek McGuire assistant Priest of the Parish co-celebrated Mass along with three other visiting Priests the main celebrant being Fr. David Reilly, Westminster Youth Chaplin for the Diocese, the Director of Vocations Fr. Richard Nesbitt and Fr. John McKenna member of the Youth Chaplaincy Team.

The evening commenced in the Parish Centre, with welcome and registration by the young youth of Hounslow Parish on Saturday 19th November at 19.15pm followed by HYT style! Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Live Praise and Worship.

A talk followed about the sacrament of Confession entitled “Why should I go?” and “What should I say?” Adoration – some quiet time with Jesus followed by Praise & Worship.

In the Parish Centre, Fr. Chris Vipers taught us how to rock the dance floor and a short break for half an hour followed.

23.30 - A talk, “Being a Young Catholic Today” and discussion on Catholic Morality.

00.30 - Praise and Worship at and at 01.00 The Rosary & What is it & Why do we pray it?

01.15 – Recitation of the Rosary - Glorious Mystery followed by a half an hour break.

Back at the Parish Centre we were broken up into small groups and each group was given a different Gospel Reading to read out and then mime the interpretation.

03.00 Divine Mercy Chaplet back at the Church followed by one hour Social time out.

04.15 Fr. Derek allowed himself to be grilled in the hot seat to answer such questions as sex before marriage, should we put Priest’s on pedestals, inter -faith, Pope fallibility and many other burning questions that are relevant in to day’s ever more secular world.

05.15 - Praise and Worship and the night vigil concluded with Morning Prayer and Final Blessing at

06.00. Hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, sausage etc. were kindly provided for us by a team of volunteers from the Parish who nourished us continually throughout the night.

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These Samaritans, who were going to be on duty in their own Parish that very same morning and how appropriate it complemented the Gospel reading of the day.

The Provincial District Deputy Bro Bertie Grogan, Membership and Development Officer Bro Reg Abrahams, Press & Publicity Officer & District Deputy Bro Peter Oliver and two further Membership officers from 267 Sudbury and 970 Whitton Councils represented the Knights of St. Columba.

All in all it was a personal gratification for me personally to witness such commitment by Catholic Youth and such strong support from the Hounslow Parish Team not forgetting the support of our Westminster Diocese. There is little doubt left in my mind and my strong conviction is that a personal touch with our Youth and indeed with family members of our respective Parishes are a far more convincing way of recruitment than any Bill Board that has ever been produced or ever been invented. I sincerely desire that our Youth Officers within our Councils would make this an annual Pilgrimage for I have been humbled and learned by our Young Youth of today. ☺

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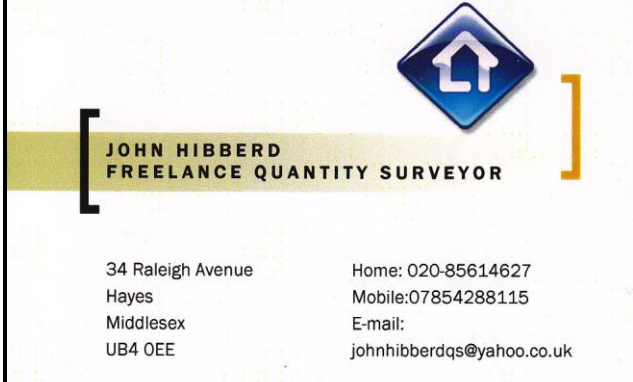
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St Lawrence's, Feltham Celebrating 100 years

A reflection from Bro Tim O'Connor – GK Cl 514

On the 18th February 2012 St Lawrence's Parish (Feltham) which is one of the Parishes in Cl 514's area is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Mass being said in Feltham. The Mass was said in the Parish Centre, which is still standing.

On December 8th 2012, St. Lawrence's will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the Parish. When Fr Chris Vipers gave us this information at our last Council meeting, my brain started to "Get into Gear." I began to wonder as to what it was like to be a Catholic in Feltham in 1911/1912. Very difficult I would have thought because the Church of England was the Church to which everyone of importance belonged.

Westminster Cathedral had been consecrated in 1910, which must have boosted the morale of the Catholic community as they now had a Cathedral of their own in London. It is difficult to know what effect a new Cathedral in London had in Feltham, in Middlesex because at that time transport was not as good as it is now, Feltham had its own Local Authority, which came under Middlesex County Council. Feltham was probably a Rural Area and was probably regarded by Londoners as being "In the Country"

As the Parish came into existence in 1932 the local Catholic Community must have "Fund Raised" and worked hard to raise the money to build a new Church. It is easy to say "Things were cheap in those days" but it is often forgotten that wages were low, in some cases very low. Also during that time you had the 1st World War, which must have had an adverse affect on the efforts to build a new Church. Trade Unions and the Labour Party were only in their infancy; there was no Health Service, as we know it and ordinary working people had very few, if any, rights.

It was against this background that the Catholic Community in Feltham was trying to do whatever was necessary to build a Church. Money must have been scarce but clearly people must have contributed their farthings, half pennies, pennies and sixpences to raise the Funds necessary to build a new Church. The aim was probably to build a Church as imposing as a Church of England Church and in this they succeeded. It is unlikely that Catholics at that time were amongst the highest earners in the community but they must have made sacrifices and worked. Hard to do what they did.

I hope someone has kept good records and before the end of 2012 we will know how St Lawrence's was built! Was it all paid work or was there a lot of "Voluntary Labour"? However it was done all of us now, whatever parish we are in, owe a debt of gratitude to the Catholic community of that era who kept the Faith alive in difficult times. ☺

Bro Albert Taylor RIP

from Bro Tony Rammelt – Sudbury Council 267

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the death today (29th December) of Brother Bert Taylor in hospital in Newcastle. He had been failing in health for some time and was admitted to hospital shortly before Christmas.

He was initiated into the Order on January 2nd 1955 and served as Grand Knight of Wembley Council 382 a number of times, transferring to Sudbury Council 267 when Council 382 closed. He retained a lively interest in the Knights and until his move to Newcastle was a regular attendee at Council meetings and a participant in Council activities. We shall miss him - May he Rest in Peace. ☺

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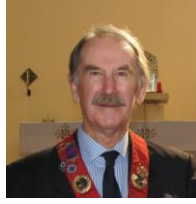
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Brother Tony Brennan RIP

7th September 1936 – 8th December 2011

Brother Tony Brennan died peacefully on Thursday 8th

December at his home in Norwood Green surrounded by his family. His reception into his church, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Heston, took place on Wednesday 14th December with the funeral on Thursday 15th December followed by cremation at Hanworth crematorium.



The following eulogy was given by Brother Bertie Grogan towards the end of the Mass

Anthony Brennan known to us all as Tony.

He joined the Order of the Knights of St Columba in 1959 joining Council 133 – London North West, which already had other famous Brothers, he slowly rose in the Order, Grand Knight then Provincial Grand Knight of Westminster Central Province 11.

During this time Mary & Tony raised a family of three daughters, Sue, Michelle & Allison, and a son Jerry. He was part of the Knights who led a convoy of caravans, sponsored by the Order, for the Italian Floods in 1966/7; he travelled there with some more interesting Brothers who are here today.

He joined the Board of Directors in 1987, and in that time he was the manager of "Columba" the Order's magazine, changing it from Black/White to Colour. From a small magazine, it was now redesigned to 16 pages and on occasions to 32 pages. He was also responsible for gaining the advertising.

On many of his journeys to Scotland for various meetings, I believe his regular 'travelling companions' were Directors – Finbar & Terry with whom he shared many a story!

When Tony & Mary moved to Norwood Green, Tony joined Council 113 West Middlesex and for his work there he received the Meritorious Medal Award. He acted as my Social Secretary when I was PGK in this Province 30 Westminster Western.

These are all dates, how can I talk about a man who was 52 years in the Order and a Golden Jubilarian, in these few moments?

To really know Tony you had to talk to him---OOPs – I am sure it was the other way around. Tony was a



Brother Tony receives his Golden Jubilarian Award from PGK Brother Michael Bagness on 21st March 2010

very knowledgeable man, he read incessantly, was a member of a book club, he often turned up at my door with a book he thought I would appreciate.

In Council 163 Hanwell, where he was last a member, one evening he chauffeured a Supreme Knight in his Black Taxi. Indeed I have travelled in that taxi with a meter running, hoping that Tony would not ask me for the fare at the end!!

In later years he and I met often in the local hostelry, to chat and talk - the Order - that Football match - the players - his horse that won or that is still running!!

Have a good look at Tony's photograph; that "Quaint" smile- the twinkle in his eye! We give thanks to God and to his family for the work Tony did for the Order.

He is in the Lord's House, regaling them with tales, paving the way for others to follow. May he Rest in Peace--- I miss him -- We all will miss him.

Farewell - Brother Tony.



Brother Tony with Canon Bernard Scholes and brothers of his Council 163 Hanwell.

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Provincial Membership

An Admission Ceremony will be held during the 11am Mass at St Bernard's, Northolt on Sunday 15th January and a Knighthood Ceremony at the 12 noon Mass at St Gabriel's, South Harrow on Sunday 22nd January.

If there are any applicants for either of these two ceremonies please contact the Provincial Warden – Bro Mario Barreto on 020 8930 9675 with details. ☺

Council News

Cl 963 Yeading

We were asked to help at the Parish Christmas Fayre by taking the entrance money as people came in. We were kept busy all morning as over 200 people came to the Fayre and assisted with the drawing of the raffle tickets.

We held our meeting early in the month and are pleased to announce our new Grand Knight will be Bro Michael Murnane and for the first time since we were formed will have a full contingent of officers.

We will be having a Mass in the New Year to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the forming of our Council and will notify everybody of the date when it has been agreed. ☺

Congratulations on a new arrival

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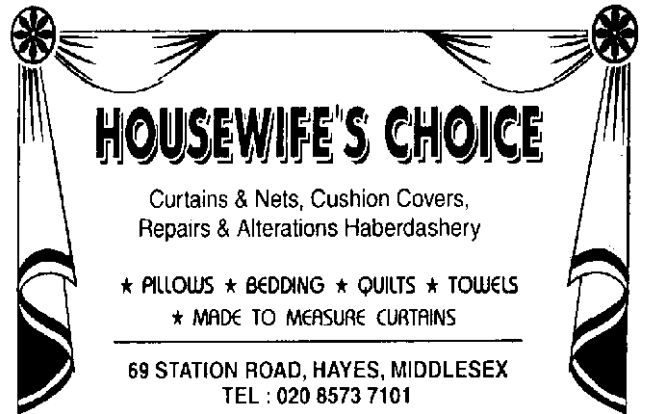
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DIARY DATES

JAN	15 th – Admissions ceremony, St Bernard's. 16 th – Provincial Committees meeting. 22 nd – Full Knighthood ceremony, St Gabriel's.
FEB	1 st – Provincial Officers meeting 4 th – Development Seminar in Hayes. 18 th – Centenary Mass, St Lawrence's, Feltham. 18 th – Copy for Roundabout
MAR	6 th – Provincial Council meeting.

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