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Our PGK writes

Greeting Brothers,

It feels like it was only two weeks ago that the last edition of the Roundabout was circulated - how time flies!

I take this opportunity to thank you all for electing me as your Provincial Grand Knight for the second year running. Having putting your faith and trust in me, I will do all that I can to run the Province as well as I can.

The PGK's job is not as simple as you think. Without the other officers in Province as well as the help of the Grand Knights I would not be able to cope.

By now you should have elected your Grand Knight and the officers in your councils for 2018/19. It is a **must** that you have an Installation of Officers in church as early as possible and you must notify me with a date to enable me to appoint a Provincial Officer to carry out the installation.

The Provincial Officers themselves will be installed on the 18th March at the 12 noon mass in Our Lady & St Joseph's, Hanwell along with Installation of the Council Officers of Hanwell CI 163.

All Grand National tickets sold or unsold with the money should have been returned to the Provincial Finance & Administration Officer Brother Julien Melville by now.

I would like to congratulate the five Brothers who were elevated to Full Knighthood on the 8th January; details of this whole ceremony appear on page three of Roundabout.

I also congratulate Brothers Gerard Kieran and Paul Turnbull both from Sudbury Council who have served in the Order for fifty years and were presented their certificates, travelling cards and medals also on the 8th January. We were fortunate enough to have our Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan presenting the awards and also raising the Brothers to Full Knighthood.

Thank you to the five councils that took part in the nativity scene painting competition. We selected two entries as Provincial winners, both sponsored by CI 422 High Wycombe..

A reminder that the Knights of St Columba have an arrangement, signed by the Past Supreme Knight with the Guardians of "Our Lady of Guadeloupe", that the Knights will assist in any way possible with the forthcoming exposition.

She will be at the Polish Church in Slough from the 20th April to the 23rd April 2018. As this now comes under Province 30 I am expecting a lot of brothers to help out. Please contact me for more details.

Finally I ask that all Councils make sure that their Council dues are paid by the end of April 2018. I am very proud of our Province as we are the only Province in the country that has no debt outstanding at Head Office.

Thanking you for your support

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Rosario Fichardo

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

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2nd Prize - £25.00

(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

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
January 2018	1st	No 141	CI 514
	2nd	No 70	F Pierre 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.



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

'Our mission is to work with users, partners and society to eliminate barriers and encourage inclusion, independence and informed choice for people of all disabilities who live and work in Ealing.'

As disabled people ourselves, we aim to be a welcoming, accessible and inclusive organisation in everything we do.

Our work directly benefits some 48,000 people who belong to the pan disability community in the London borough of Ealing

We believe there should be 'nothing about us, without us' - disabled people should be in control of their own lives, organisations and choices..

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."

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

Double celebration in Ruislip

On Friday 5th January 2018, at the Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip, five brothers were raised to Full Knighthood during the 8.00pm Mass.

Our thanks to Fr Duncan Adamson, Parish Priest and Provincial Chaplain for celebrating the Mass and to Brother Julien Melville and his team for conducting the ceremony. We were very pleased to welcome our Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan who clothed the newly elevated brothers with their Full Knighthood collars.

The brothers raised to Full Knighthood were:-

Tega Oghre and George Adams – Yeadng CI 963
Anthony Gabriel – Cranford & Feltham CI 514
Francis Waddington – Sudbury CI 267
Desmond Hubert – North Harrow CI 948

The second part of our double celebration took place when Brothers Gerard Kieran and Paul Turnbull, both from Sudbury Council 267, were presented with their Golden Jubilarian awards by the Supreme Knight.

Congratulations to all the Brothers who received recognition for their service, whether it is one year or fifty years of membership, may they continue to serve the Order and 'Serve God by Serving Others'. ®



Fr Duncan Adamson with the Supreme Knight and Brothers following the Mass and ceremony.



Brother Gerard Kieran and Brother Paul Turnbull receiving their Golden Jubilee award from Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan.



Roundabout – the future!

from Bro Michael Bagness - Editor

This issue of Roundabout marks the start of the 24th year 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 this 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 ask all Grand Knights to advise me 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.

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Thames Valley Council for 2018

from Bro Tony Berkeley

PPGK Prov 23, Fin & Admin Cl 590

As we approach the end of this financial year, putting in year-end reports and forms is going to be breaking new ground for Council 590 Ascot and Council 301 Windsor and Maidenhead, two councils from the now wound-up Thames Valley Province 23.

Starting from 1st April, both Councils will be closed down and a new combined Council will be born. The new Council will be known as the 'Thames Valley Council', but alas we still have not yet been advised of the Council number.

Thames Valley Council will cover a large area as **ASCOT** Council included Bracknell, Wokingham and Crowthorne. Areas covered by **READING** Council, which closed and its brothers moved over to Ascot, widening Ascot's area westwards to Caversham and Pangbourne. **WINDSOR** Council covered Maidenhead and Dedworth.

Other areas which were Council 568 and previously amalgamated with Council 301 in 2013, included Stanwell, Sunbury-on-Thames, Ashford, Hampton-on-Thames, Hampton Hill, Shepperton, Teddington and Twickenham.

SLOUGH Council 226 and **SUNBURY** Council 554 with their boundaries and now dormant were also Councils of Province 23 which one can consider to be areas within the new Thames Valley Council's boundaries.

The scope of recruiting new brothers from such a wide area is huge and once we settle down, an effort will be made to advertise the Order westwards and if we get positive responses, we will be organizing some recruitment drives to boost our numbers with some new brothers. The task is not easy, but one can only hope and try.

After a time when Province 23 did not even have enough brothers to assemble a full Provincial team, it is encouraging to see that Province 30 are more active and can fill the room at a Provincial meeting.

The New Year will present us with some new challenges, and God willing we may be able to increase our numbers. ®

Let Vocations be our Mission in 2018

The Supreme Knight has asked us to put vocations at the heart of our mission this year especially vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

As the members of the laity we too have a calling and mission. Perhaps the Knights of St Columba could fulfil your vocation if that calling is in family life.

- A mission to put God back at the heart of our lives and country.
- A mission to help those who need our prayers and support. The poor, the weak, the homeless, the lonely and the oppressed.
- A mission to share the message of the risen Christ with joy and happiness.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you.

Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do Your will whatever it may be.

Help me to find my future vocation in life and grant that through it, I may bring happiness to others and find happiness myself.

Grant, Lord, that those whom You call to enter the priesthood or religious life, may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who need Your help may always find it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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(A member of Hanwell Council 16)

Nativity Painting Competition 2017

a report from Bryan Hill, Youth Officer
Council 422 (High Wycombe)

Sudden heavy snow in the middle of December meant that we in Council 422 had to postpone our meeting until a week before Christmas. This is traditionally the meeting at which we judge the best entries to our competition from the five Primary schools in our area, so we had a lot to do. We were very happy to welcome to our meeting Provincial Grand Knight Rosario Fichardo and Provincial Secretary Brother Michael Bagness – both barred from judging to ensure Provincial impartiality!

We had entries from all five schools, namely:

- CHALFONT ST. PETER
St. Joseph's School
- MARLOW
St. Peter's School
- HIGH WYCOMBE
St. Michael's (Primary Phase)
- AMERSHAM
Our Lady's School
- PRINCES RISBOROUGH
St. Teresa's School (Independent)

I know that four of these schools have our competition on their school curriculum, so that means that all pupils take part. I estimate that the total number of participants from these schools was just over 1100. Because of the large number of participants, we ask each school to select the best six entries in each Age Group and our Council then makes its selection from these.

Some years ago we designed a suitable Certificate of Achievement for the Winner and Runner-up in each Age Group in each school. Once our choices have been made, we frame the Certificates and present them in assemblies in each school.

In each of my visits, I gave a brief talk about the work of the KSC before moving on to the business of presenting certificates. As I usually do, I asked the children in Assemblies if they remembered the KSC from last year. Once again, very many hands went up, which is encouraging! This year, I talked a little more about our support of the work of Catholic agencies abroad. While not many had heard of ACN, I was pleasantly surprised to see from raised hands that a great many knew about CAFOD, particularly among Years 5 and 6 (ages 9 -11). This was the case in all of the schools I visited, which speaks highly of the work going on in those schools.

I must commend the welcome accorded to me by each of the Heads I met on my visits. They all expressed not only a willingness to take part again, but a genuine enthusiasm to do so.

As usual, photos were taken of the winners in each school, both for public display and for the School Newsletters. Below are some samples of the presentation photos. ®

We pray for all young people that they may grow in the likeness of Christ, in Wisdom and Grace.



Winners and Runners up at St. Joseph's School, Chalfont St. Peter.



Winners and Runners up at Our Lady's School, Amersham.



Winners and Runners up at St. Teresa's School, Princes Risborough.

News from the Councils . . .

Hanwell CI 163

from Bro John Collins

I would like to report the death of Bro Stephen Nemeth a long standing brother of Hanwell Council before his retirement to Cornwall some years ago. He was always a willing helper at any of our events and socials over the years and a very good church person. For many years he shared his home and time caring for a young handicapped person almost caring for him like a son, an example of faith with good works. May he rest in peace.

Feltham & Cranford CI 514

from Bro. Victor Olomukoro

Bro. Anthony Gabriel (pictured) was elevated to Full Knighthood on 5th January 2018 at the Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ruislip.

Council 514 is planning to organise a trip to this year's Aylesford pilgrimage for any interested Feltham parishioners.

Council 514 still try to recruit new members into the Order.



Windsor Council 301

from Bro John Lynn.

Picture shows children with their winning entries from St. Edmund Campion Catholic School, Maidenhead in the annual KSC Nativity Painting Competition representing Co 301.



Whitton Council 982

from Bro Bertie Grogan

Lenten Backpack Appeal

It's over 5 years since we started the annual Lenten Backpack appeal in St Edmunds Parish, Whitton. The Backpack appeal is our Action Project for Mary's Meals which we have continued with since the Councils erection.

We ask the parishioners of St Edmund's to offer us "last year's" backpack, asking also that they add the basics of a school pack, including pen, pencil and paper. There is a list published by Mary's Meals, which can be added to the Backpack.

These are stressed not to be expensive articles but items that can be had from a supermarket's basic range. All the Backpacks are collected on Palm Sunday and then sorted ready to go to the warehouse.



Last year we received 100 Backpacks, which have to be sorted, added to GPO Bags (10 per bag). These are then taken to a distribution warehouse and are collected and delivered to Mary's Meals in Glasgow--free transport provided.

Sometime ago we discussed with Marys Meals the "value" that they put on these Backpacks and were shocked that they attribute £25.00 per pack. Which means if we collect 100 packs we contribute £2,500 to Mary's Meals?

Every year we say a "Big Thank You" to the parishioners of St Edmunds from the Council for assisting us in carrying out this Action Project. ®

Dates for your Diary - 2018

MAR	6th – Provincial Council meeting. 18th – Installation of Provincial Officers, Hanwell during 12 noon. Mass. 30th – Good Friday.
APRIL	2nd – Easter Monday 9th – Provincial Committee meetings
MAY	2nd – Provincial Officers meeting
JUNE	5th - Provincial Council meeting. 10th – Aylesford Pilgrimage.
JULY	16th – Provincial Committee meetings.
AUG	8th – Provincial Officers meeting.

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