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Dear Brothers,

I have just returned from attending the annual meeting of Supreme Council in Glasgow accompanied by Bro Bertie Grogan as a fellow councillor and Bros Michael O'Hanlon and John O'Brien as Observers. I thank them for their support and commitment to the Order and for giving their time to attend this important meeting. (see report on pp 6)

We have been very active in the Province since the last edition of Roundabout and I thank you all for your commitment to the many events that have taken place starting with a Race Night for the National Action Project "Vision Aid Overseas" being held in Ruislip on 8th October.

The Provincial mass for Deceased Brothers was celebrated at Hanwell on Tuesday 25th October accompanied by the distribution of the Fraternal Flame to all Councils.

The highlight of the past two months has been the erection of the new Council in Whitton. This would not have been at all possible without the work of the Provincial Recruitment Team of Bros Reg Abrahams, Bertie Grogan and Peter Oliver and I thank them for their enthusiasm and dedication to this particular task. (See article on pp3)

I mention all these events to thank all those brothers who participated or helped in any way to make them the success they were. We must continue to work together to help one another, to stay focused on the fundamental virtues of the Order and to respond willingly when asked to participate in the activities of the Order. I am coming to the end of my term of office and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Provincial Officers for the support, help and advice they have given me during this time.

In December we will be electing the Provincial Grand Knight and taking first nominations for Provincial Officers for 2012/2013. I ask you to consider wisely when making nominations to fill any vacancies so that our Province can continue to grow and flourish.

Looking ahead, we will again be participating on Saturday 12th November, we are holding our annual Presentation evening in Hayes when we will be presenting a cheque to the Friends of Michael Sobell House also the Provincial awards for Action, Efficiency, Membership and Quiz

The 'Towards Advent' exhibition in the Cathedral Hall, Westminster takes place on Saturday 19th November, which gives many Catholic organisations an opportunity to show what they have to offer and encourage membership and participation in their various groups. The three London Provinces 11, 29 & 30 will have a display – please come along and give them your support.

On Tuesday 22nd November we are having our annual Chaplains dinner in St Joseph's Social Hall, Hanwell. Please encourage your Chaplain / Parish priest to attend. This is a special occasion this year as Fr Bernard Scholes is retiring at Christmas and this may be the last opportunity to meet him socially.

Congratulations to those brothers who were recently received into the Order or received their Full Knighthood accolade. (see report on pp 5)

As a reminder, the London Provinces mass for our deceased Brothers will take place on Sunday 20th November in Westminster Cathedral commencing at 12 noon. Brothers, please try and attend that we may join together in prayer for our deceased brothers.

Finally, I would like to wish all brothers and their families a Happy and Holy Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2012 to further improve our Councils, Province and Order.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Michael Bagness

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

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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 Order, in fact anyone who is willing to support our Order.

Thank you.

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Saturday 19th November 2011

A day of Catholic culture, now in its eleventh year. Over 30 Catholic groups and institutions will be with their displays and advertising their apostolic work. Province 30 along with the other London Provinces will have a table and a display of the work undertaken by the Knights.

The venue is Westminster Cathedral Hall from 10.00 am to 4.00 p.m. Admission is free.

Please put this date in your diaries and give it your support, you are guaranteed to learn something new about the richness and diversity of our church in England and Wales. Light refreshments are available.

Sponsored by the Knights of St Columba / Catenian Association / Association of Catholic Women etc. ☺

National Quiz Final

Taking part in the Knights of St Columba National Quiz Final on Sunday 2nd October the team from Council 514 Feltham & Cranford, came a very respectable third in a competition which supported teams from nine Provinces.

The teams were from: -	Final Score
CI 9 Liverpool West - Province 2	91
CI 270 Colchester – Province 10	86
CI 514 Feltham & Cranford – Province 30	83
CI 560 Barnet – Province 29	81
CI 396 Glasgow – Province 1	80
CI 110 Burnley – Province 21	78
CI 244 Kettering – Province 38	77
North Wales – Province 37	68
Birmingham – Province 18	67

The quiz consisted of twelve rounds with eight questions per round.

Congratulations to the Feltham & Cranford team of Bros. Peter McTaggart, Kevin Downing, John Simons & Cathy Simons for supporting this annual event.

Our thanks go to Bro Hugh Carroll – Question Master ably assisted by Bro Bill Flynn - Scorekeeper who kept the proceedings moving along.

It was a wonderful social occasion where the teams and their supporters were well fuelled by the bar and buffet. ☺

Provincial Presentation Evening – Saturday 12th November

New Council for Province 30

from PGK Bro Michael Bagness

Almost a year ago I was asked if a Council could be considered in the parish of Whitton as part of Province 30. With the approval of the parish priest, Fr Willie Skehan, a recruitment drive was arranged to test the interest for a Council. Meetings and discussions were arranged and one year on we have a new Council, which was erected on Saturday 24th September at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Whitton.

The ceremonial Mass was attended by the Supreme Knight, Brother JonJo McDonagh, Brother Will Gallagher, Director for Spirituality & Welfare, Canon Bernard Scholes – Provincial Chaplain to Province 30 together with representatives from other Provinces, Golden Jubilarians, Provincial Officers and Brothers from Province 30.

Following the Mass, which included the admission of ten new members who made up the new Council, also Brother Moses Omuvwie who is joining Yeading Council 963, the reading of the 'Certificate of Authority' by the Supreme Knight to erect the new council and the Installation of the Council officers, the official first meeting of the new Council took place in the sacristy.



NEW BROTHERS AND GUESTS OF WHITTON COUNCIL 970



The Supreme Knight, Provincial Grand Knight and all the brothers who had been present at the Mass attended this first meeting, which was followed by a reception in the Parish Club, catered for by members of the new Council and giving everybody the chance to socialize, meet the Supreme Knight and each other.

Bro Clive Rodrigo, Grand Knight of Hanwell Council 163, presented Bro Ted Walsh, Grand Knight of Whitton Council 970, with a cheque for £100.00 being a donation from Hanwell Council towards establishing funds for their new Council.

Brother Ted thanked Bro Clive and the brothers of Hanwell for their donation assuring them that it would be put to good use. I would like to thank all other Councils and individuals who have since given a donation to assist in the establishment of the new Council

I would like to thank the Provincial Recruitment Team for their hard work in bringing this Council to fruition and to Bro Julien Melville for his co-ordination of the ceremonial aspect of the Mass. ☺

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A Tale of Two Cities

*from Canon Bernard Scholes
Provincial Chaplain – Province 30*

I had the great fortune last August to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, with nearly two million young people from across the world. Though not exactly qualifying as a youth myself, (I had just turned 75 and was glad the Pope came, so I wasn't the oldest person there!) the presence of priests as chaplains is very important.

Two young ladies represented Hanwell parish, among the 120 young adults from Westminster Diocese. Jo has written about this elsewhere, and I am glad to join with her in thanking the Knights for raising the money to help pay for both Jo and Emma.. That fund-raising was critical for them, and I am sure elsewhere throughout the country the Knights were enabling other young people to go.

The pilgrimage was a wonderful experience for all, young and old alike. It was inspiring to see the devotion and strong faith of so many young people. Also to hear so many talking about their faith. Not all were the most ardent Catholics when they set out. Some had come even a little reluctantly, sent by their parishes, but with no clear idea of what they were in for. Yet the testimonies they gave to their growing in faith and commitment to Christ and His Church was heartening indeed. St. Paul's words to the Ephesians were the theme of the pilgrimage: "Planted in Christ, built up in Christ, and firm in faith".

The irony of course is that we left for Spain in the same week as the riots in London and elsewhere.. So many of our Westminster pilgrims had witnessed in their own localities wanton destruction and wholesale looting by young people of their own age.

Talk about a Tale of Two Cities! Hordes of young people, noisy, singing, blocking the streets by sheer force of numbers, taking over the Underground, swamping the city. That was Madrid. But all good-natured, joyous and with no hostility between national groups. Its amazing how easily people of different nations so eagerly managed to communicate with each other and enjoy each others presence. All were united in a common purpose, a sense of direction, a common faith. All were there to hear the words of Pope Benedict, if possible to see him, and to pray with him before the Blessed Sacrament. Two million young people adoring Christ in total silence was awesome.

Contrast London a few days before. Hordes of young people, noisy, blocking the streets, but running wild, smashing windows, setting cars and buildings on fire and stealing whatever they could carry. Even committing murder in our own Ealing Borough. Lost. Adrift. No moral compass, no direction in life, finding support not in a shared faith but in the fellowship of criminal gangs. We might feel angry, but above all we should feel sad. If only the faith of the hordes in Madrid could rub off on the hordes terrorising parts of London a few days earlier - an impossible dream!

But then, how typical are the rioters? Not at all. They are a small minority of today's young people. But then again, how typical are the young pilgrims at World Youth Day? Again, one must say, not at all. A small minority of youth.

Two small minorities, and in between a great majority of young people non-riotous and non-religious! However, if the riots were depressing, the experience of Madrid was full of hope. The Spirit is at work, and works in the most mysterious ways. We must never forget that, and never cease to pray that His power may work through the committed young Catholics of our parishes witnessing to their peers, to that great majority who would neither dream of rioting nor getting on their knees to pray. ☺

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Fr Bernard leaves us at the end of the year to enjoy a well-earned retirement. On behalf of all the Brothers of Province 30, I would like to thank him for his support during his time as our Provincial Chaplain and wish him health and happiness for his future.

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New Members for CI 514

Following successful recruitment drives, three new brothers were admitted into the Order at a Mass at St Christopher's, Cranford on Monday 26th September. Thank you to Brother Julien and his team for carrying out the Admissions ceremony and to Fr Anthony O'Gorman, Parish Priest & Chaplain, for allowing us the time during the Mass.



The newly admitted brothers shown above with Brother Officers are Diogo De Souza, Krzysztof Sztorc and Michael Ososanwo. All brothers will be members of Feltham & Cranford Council 514.

Also during the mass Bro Victor Olomukoro was raised to Full Knighthood.

Congratulation to all the new Brothers and may their membership of the Order bring new energies and enthusiasm to their Council. ☺

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Province 30 celebrates its Unity, Charity and Fraternity

The mass for deceased Brothers and of the Fraternal Flame (Candle Mass) for Province 30 was held in St Joseph's, Church, Hanwell on Tuesday 23rd October. All eleven councils in the Province were represented at the Mass, which was celebrated by Canon Bernard Scholes our Provincial Chaplain.



At the close of the Mass, and after the candles had been blessed, each council representative was invited to receive a lighted candle to be displayed at each council meeting. When all the candles had been presented the Provincial Grand Knight led the congregation in reciting the Alliance Prayer. Our thanks to Fr Bernard for celebrating the mass for us and to the brothers who were able to attend. ☺

Provincial Presentation Evening – Saturday 12th November

Supreme Council 2011
21st – 23rd October

The 88th meeting of Supreme Council started with a Mass celebrated by Fr Leslie Knight – Provincial Chaplain to Province 10 and a regular attendee at Supreme Council. The celebration of mass not only inspired us for the weekend ahead but also launched the initiative 'Opportunity to Serve', which was the theme for this particular meeting of the Council.

Prior to the weekend, Provinces had been asked to submit posters displaying the various ways they had shown the 'Opportunity to Serve' and over 100 were on display in the hotel. A booklet was later distributed which shows all the posters submitted.

The meeting proper commenced with nominations being taken for Supreme Knight, the successful nominee being Bro Ron Lynch, former Director for Membership & Development.

Brother Eddie Alcock then presented his finance report stating that the current world economy is affecting the Central Benevolent fund and a lot of the investments of the Order. Some Provinces still had outstanding balances but these had been greatly reduced and would be addressed at the next Finance committee meeting. Dues would remain unchanged for next year.

Brother Will Gallagher gave his report on Spirituality & Welfare by asking for support for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Dublin 10th / 17th June 2012. Bro Will went on to ask, "What is happening to Brothers who do not attend meetings? Are they being visited? Are they taken a Columba magazine? Following Bro Will's report he was re-elected as Director for Spirituality & Welfare, his 10th year in the office the longest of any brother at Supreme level.

The Membership & Development report then followed with Brother Ron Lynch announcing that recruitment for the year had totaled 264 with eight Provinces recruiting more than ten members. We were congratulated on our erection of Whitton Council 970 and there were currently 4,529 members in the Order (197 in Province 30).

Elections then took place for the Office of Director for Membership and Development. A total of six brothers were nominated with the successful nomination going to Bro Michael Gallagher, a former PGK of Province 14 – Portsmouth.

Brother Harry Welsh then presented his Apostolate Report.

The final cheque for the National Action project – Vision Aid Overseas would be presented at the evening's banquet making the total collected for the project £30,000.00. The new project is 'Aid to the Church in Need – Save the Saveable', publicity material for this project is to follow.

Details of the Grand Draw for the St Ninian's Day Scarf were distributed with the draw taking place on 2nd December at a Gala Dinner in the Beardmore Hotel.

The Youth Seminar for 2012 will be free – more details to follow although the number of councils in the Order working directly with young people appears to be low.

Brother Harry Welsh was re-elected as Director for Action, Youth & Social.

The Communication team, an important aspect of the Order was confirmed as follows:- Brother Frank Stanley – Director; Brother Tom Knight – Press & Publicity; Brother Mike Fitzgerald – Editor Columba and Brother Michael Bagness – Editor eColumba.

Brother Eddie Alcock reported that the Grand National Draw was a good source of income with a surplus of £13,519.00 being achieved this year. This amount to be allocated as follows:-

Central Benevolent Fund	£675
GREaT Foundation	£100
Special Apostolate Fund	£12,744

Provinces and Councils were urged to maintain and possibly increase the level of sales for the coming year.

Various other reports followed which will be detailed from Head office in due time.

At the closing Mass on Sunday, celebrated by Bp Malcolm McMahon, Bro JonJo McDonagh was awarded the Knighthood of St Gregory. (KSG)

To summarise the Board of Directors for 2011/12:-

Bro Ron Lynch – Supreme Knight.
Bro Michael Gallagher – Membership & Development
Bro Harry Welsh – Action & Youth and Deputy
Supreme Knight.

Bro Will Gallagher – Spirituality & Welfare
Bro Tony Doherty – Finance & Administration

Other directors are Charlie McCluskey, Terry Conneely, Frank Stanley, Richard Mitchell and alternate Joe Rodrigues. ☉

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News from the Councils

Hayes Council 243

The annual Charity Presentation Evening is held in St Clare's Social Club at which time we invite representatives from our chosen charities to join us for the evening for some music and dancing with the evening culminating in the presentation of the cheques.

This year the event was held on Friday 7th October when a total of £1,500.00 was donated to our chosen charities.

Our special thanks go to the Mayor of Hillingdon Cll Mary O'Connor MBE who kindly agreed to present the cheques on our behalf, the recipients being left to right-

- Friends of Michael Sobell House.
- Hillingdon Multiple Sclerosis Society
- McMillan Nurses

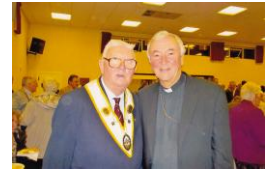


A big thank you to all brothers, friends and parishioners who have supported the Walk over the years. ☺

Ruislip Council 330

At the Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip on Saturday 24th September, Archbishop Vincent Nichols was the main celebrant at the 6.00pm Mass to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the parish. My thanks to brothers from Council 385 South Harrow, Council 948 North Harrow and from Council 133 Hampstead in Province 11 who supported us and the event enabling a guard of honour to be formed for the Archbishop and clergy.

Brother Michael O'Hanlon – GK Council 330.



My thanks to Bro Michael for representing the Province at the funeral of Bro Bill Moodie – Grand Knight of Council 565, Bishops Stortford and Past Provincial Grand Knight, Westminster Northern Province 29. PGK

Cranford & Feltham Council 514

Council 514 will be having a "Race Night " in St Lawrence's, Feltham on Saturday November 19th Under Starters' Orders at 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

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Provincial Fraternity Trophy

The Provincial Fraternity Trophy is still held by Ruislip Council 330. 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 November & December 2011

Council	November	December
163	8	13
243	14	12
267	9	14
295	8	13
330	9	14
385	10	8
399	14	12
514	7	5
948	3	1
963	15	20
970	22	27

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



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DIARY DATES

NOV	2 nd – Provincial Officers meeting 12 th – Presentation Evening – Hayes. 19 th – ‘Towards Advent’ – in Westminster Cathedral Hall, 10am – 4pm. 20 th – Westminster Mass – 12 noon. 22 nd – Chaplains Dinner – Hanwell.
DEC	6 th – Provincial Council meeting
A Happy & Holy Christmas to all Brothers and their families everywhere.	
JAN	16 th – Provincial Committees meeting.
FEB	1 st – Provincial Officers meeting 4 th – Development Seminar in Hayes.
MAR	6 th – Provincial Council meeting.

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