

Allen Hall receives £6543.50 from Knights of Saint Columba.

On Saturday 13th November 2010, 130 members of the Knights of Saint Columba and their guest from Province 30 (Westminster Western) gathered for the annual presentation evening at the Botwell Social Centre, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayes.

Allan Hall had been chosen as the Provincial charity for the year and the money raised by the Knights was going to help with the current refurbishment work and to aid the purchasing of new furniture for the seminarians living quarters.

After a music set by “Nice and Easy” and dinner the evening moved into the presentations. Cyril Chiaha, a current seminarian, was presented the cheque by Cannon Bernard Scholes (who is the Provincial Chaplain and parish priest at St Joseph’s, Hanwell)



^Cyril Chiaha - presently a Seminarian at Allan Hall receiving cheque from Cannon Bernard Scholes at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Hall in Hayes

Fr Bernard told Cyril and the gathered crowds that he himself had attended Allan Hall and fondly remembered that “the wind whistled threw the windows and if you put a candle anywhere near them, it would go out. Although it’s not the same building I was in, I know this cheque is going to be appreciated.”

Speaking to Cyril after the presentation he told me that he “felt so privileged to be here amongst a great body of men, such as the Knights of Saint Columba.” Five other presentations were made during the evening after which the dancing continued till midnight. ●

The knights of Saint Columba, is a male fraternity for any practising Catholic over the age of 16 years old.