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Dear Brothers,

I do hope that you and your families are keeping well and safe.

Another quarter has gone by and the Virus is still with us and growing. However, we have managed to stay together via Zoom; at least, some of us have. We are looking forward to getting a Zoom Licence from Head Office in November, which we can all share for our Council meetings; and maybe this will encourage more Councils to use the system.

Brothers, over the past three months we have been giving you advice in various ways, but mainly via Zoom Conferencing, but it would appear that it has fallen on deaf ears. Now here's a thing, by a small co-incidence we happen to have two ears and two eyes and one mouth, just so we can listen twice as hard.

God speaks to us in mysterious ways, what is he saying to you? What is your calling? Why did you join the Knights? Was it to wear a collar and look smart or did you join because you wanted to make a difference, have a voice and help your Priest and Community?

We have offered to initiate, elevate, and install new members and Officers but to no avail. The Virus still prevails, preventing us from getting together. We are looking forward to holding a Seminar for Action and Membership in Mid-November.

The Churches have reopened again but only partially; since they have to control social distancing and cleaning this has created a way for those Brothers who are able, to help marshal and clean. The churches can only stay open if they obey the cleaning and marshalling rules.

This year, Province 30 is host to the three Westminster Provinces for our Deceased Brothers Mass, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday 15th November at 10:30 am in Westminster Cathedral but because of the Virus, we are not allowed to attend in person; but you are

invited to 'live stream' the Mass via www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

On Friday 20th November we are having our own local Province 30 Mass for our deceased Brothers at The Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip at 8:00 pm.

Unfortunately we have to book ourselves a seat online via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/most-sacred-heart-parish-mass-tickets-111947782832> make sure you use the whole link; this link also allows the Church to Track and Trace.

You are advised to book your seat one week before the Mass. If you cannot go to Mass in person, you can 'live stream' on <https://www.churchservices.tv/ruislipsacredheart>

Eternal Father, You made the whole World stop spinning for a while. You silenced the noise that we all have created. You made us bend our knees again and ask for a Miracle. You closed Your Churches so we will realize how dark our World is without You in it. You humbled the proud and powerful. We were very proud; we thought that everything we have, everything we possess, was the result of our hard work. We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, and cleansing our souls, bringing us back to YOU. Lord, please keep us safe, we ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight – Province 30

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

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1st Prize - £50.00 2nd Prize - £25.00
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	2nd	No 38	J Anderson Council 267
September	1st	No 44	R Hard Council 267
	2nd	No 27	Mrs P Grogan Council 970

Renewal notices have been sent to all Councils. The draw for October cannot continue until all membership has been paid, which this year should go to Brother Julien Melville, this is to allow for any changes in the membership numbers that may occur.

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/Council, in fact anyone who is willing to support our Province. ®

Steve Bagness

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Minutes of the last Provincial Council meeting and other Council & Provincial information can be viewed on the Provincial website by using the hyperlink on page one of Roundabout.

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS for the London Provinces

Dear Brothers,

After some discussions with Fr. Andrew Gallagher, the Cathedral Precentor, we decided to cancel our attendance at the Mass on the 15th November, for our Deceased Brothers and suggest that we Live Stream the Mass on the day via the Cathedral website. (www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

The Mass will be celebrated on behalf of the Brothers on that day, but because of Social Distancing, space in the Cathedral is strictly limited.

Eric Joseph
PGK Province 30

NB: The Mass has been pre-booked for 7th November 2021 at 10.30am.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS for Province 30

SACRED HEART, RUISLIP

Friday 20th November 2020
at 8.00pm.

**We remember those brothers of Province 30
who have died since our last Annual Mass.**

Bro John Ryan – Hanwell CI 163

Bro Tim McCarthy – Hayes CI 243

Bro Michael Griffin – Sudbury CI 267

Bro Paul Turnbull – Sudbury CI 267

Bro Dennis Duncan – Hayes CI 243

**May their souls and the souls of
all our deceased Brothers of the
Knights of St Columba
through the mercy of God –
Rest in Peace. Amen.**

The Mass will be live-streamed on

www.churchservices.tv/ruislipsacredheart

To attend this Mass **you will have to book** an individual space on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/most-sacred-heart-parish-mass-tickets-111947782832>

You will be allowed to register a seat, one week in advance to guarantee your place which will be randomly designated.

The wearing of a Face Mask will be compulsory.

Action and the Bible

From Tony Berkeley, DPGK & Officer for Action & Youth

One of the advantages of being retired and in self imposed lockdown is that you got loads of free time. My wife and I have adopted **www.Church Services TV** to attend online mass after breakfast. We visit different churches every day, often a good subject of conversation comparing one church over another. But more to the point we get to listening to regular Gospel readings, and some priests' reflections afterwards.

In the same week, we got the parable of the **Workers in the vineyard of the Lord**, and a few days later the parable of the **Good Samaritan**, both followed by reflections. I could not resist drawing some parallels. We the Knights often talk about the Workers in the vineyard when we talk **Membership**. We also talk a lot about helping those less fortunate than us, which is what inspired me when I bid to make the UGANDA STREET CHILDREN the Provincial Project.



We 'are' the workers in the vineyard, and we all know the parable of the Good Samaritan. The man begging for help, as seen by three passers by. They all were sorry for his state, but the first crossed over to the other side and passed him by, the same the second one, but the third actually did something about it, he stopped to help. The reflection afterwards stated that it was not enough to feel sorry about anyone in need, or to have empathy about their state in life, we can all feel sorry for those less fortunate than us, but its what **we DO** and not what **we FEEL** that matters.

What **we DO** equates to what **ACTION** we take in helping those less fortunate than us. In my fundraising work in the Knights, I have noticed that many are quite prepared to dig into their pockets and make a donation, to the fundraiser, the "middle man". It's their way of helping those less fortunate.

The Provincial project to help the Uganda Street Children raised £4733.00. Covid-19 did impact how councils could fund raise, and some councils actually finished up making a donation out of their council funds, some doing this in spite of their low budgets.

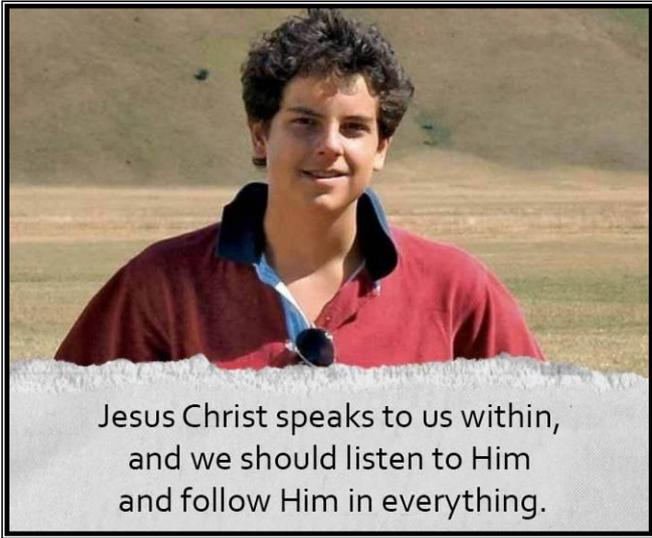
Admirable as that is, the lesson we need to learn is that fundraising is not easy. This is not because people will not donate money towards a good cause, but because **it needs fundraisers**, people of Action who are not just sorry for those they want to help, but willing **TO DO** something about it. There are loads of ways to attract donations, lots of innovative ways and some old run-of-the mill methods, like a 'Walk', but at the end of the day, it needs someone in council to adopt a CAN DO attitude, in spite of all the difficulties he may see, and take the lead and motivate others to make an idea a success.

I thank all those who contributed and fundraised towards the Street Children project, and hope we will learn and aspire to improve our fundraising skills in the next project we plan to adopt. Let us all remember that **ACTION** is **THE ENGINE** of the **COUNCIL**. ®



Blessed Carlo Acutis

who was born in London and then moved to live in Italy, and who was pronounced Blessed in October by Pope Francis. This narrative was written by the Chaplin to KSC Council 970 Fr Nigel Griffin.



'*Passionate about the internet and in love with Jesus and the Church,*' that is the description given of Carlo Acutis by the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints ahead of his Beatification (a step towards Sainthood, in which the Pope declares that a person practised heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, is with God in heaven, and is to be venerated as Blessed throughout the whole Church) which took place in Assisi on Saturday 10th October. Of Italian descent, Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 and was baptised at the Servite Church in Chelsea. However, in 2006 Carlo was called home to Our Lord at the age of fifteen having battled against leukaemia, during which illness he offered his sufferings to the Lord Jesus, for the Pope and the Church.

He was a teenage computer whiz, an ordinary boy who loved football, video games, school and his friends. He was known for defending kids at school who were picked on, especially disabled kids. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis family life. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout, and Carlo fell in love with Jesus in the Eucharist. He called the Eucharist "my highway to Heaven."

He said, "my life plan is always to be connected to Jesus," which he did by attending daily Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He even created an internet site devoted to, and offering detailed information on, 107 Eucharist miracles worldwide. <http://www.miracolieuaristici.org>. On the site, he told

people that "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

His Mother said that "Carlo knew that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, but he realised that people need help to get closer to the Lord and specially to understand the importance of the sacraments."

Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us that, '*in a unique way the face of the Son belongs to Mary; for Christ was formed in her womb, and he received from her a human resemblance which points to an even greater spiritual closeness.*' Blessed Carlo loved the Virgin Mary as he did Jesus, and he found a deeper spiritual closeness to the Lord by daily praying the Rosary, which he said was "the most romantic date of my whole day." His great Eucharistic devotion helped him to understand that when we pray the Rosary, we pray to Christ with Mary; we proclaim Christ with Mary; and we are made more like Christ with Mary; for Mary is the doorway to enter into a deeper communion with Jesus.

Inspired by the life and love of Blessed Carlo, let us be encouraged to rediscover the Rosary in light of the Scriptures, which Blessed Carlo believed "was the compass by which we must constantly orientate ourselves," so as to be always connected to Jesus, and find in the Eucharist our 'highway to Heaven'. He is a vivid reminder to all of us, but especially the young, that it is possible to live a life wholly under the influence of Jesus even in our present day and age.

Our Lady of the Rosary & Blessed Carlo Acutis - Pray for us.

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Roundabout Distribution

**A reminder to Grand Knights.
Please forward Roundabout to all Brothers of your Council who are 'online' and any other persons who may be interested.**

During this period of isolation, when normal Council meetings are not being held, printed copies of Roundabout are not being produced. This will resume when Council meetings are reinstated.

Michael Bagness – Editor



Thames Valley Council 984 HOME ROSARY

.....which happens every day of the week at
1.30pm on Zoom.

If you are retired or working from home or locked in and you wish to heed OUR LADY'S request to pray The Rosary every day, drop in on Co 984 1.30pm Monday to Friday and join us when it's convenient.

Pass it round to Brothers, friends and family... anyone can join.

If anyone wishes to subscribe, send me an Email council984@hotmail.com and I will add you to the distribution list for next week and going forward.

Tony Berkeley
GK CI 984

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THAMES VALLEY - COUNCIL 984 in ACTION

By Bro Tony Berkeley
GK Thames Valley Council 984

On my visit to the Verona Fathers in Sunningdale, I picked up the Order's magazine produced for the Comboni Missions – the Missionary Order of Verona Fathers. An article there about the Street Children in Kampala, Uganda, really touched me, and I was determined that something must be done to support the Comboni Missions who try and support the children as best they can. As for any missionary work, their existence relies on the support of the Catholic faithful, so obviously I felt that there was something we could do to help.



I asked Fr Kevin Bidgood, my Parish Priest at St Francis, Ascot, if he'd let me take the coming Advent Parish Project to raise money for the Comboni Missions. The case was that empathy for their suffering was not enough and in line with the Knights of St Columba's Charity – Unity and Fraternity motto Council 984 believed that this was definitely a case for a **CHARITY PROJECT**.

As a small Council we always use "minimum effort for maximum gain" as the workers in our vineyard were few and not young. I went up to the lectern after Sunday Mass and asked the parishioners to bring me 200 empty jam jars, washed and without labels. I did not have long to wait the jars arrived the following week. Meanwhile we had some fancy labels printed and produced copies of the Comboni Mission magazine article.

At the start of Advent, I delivered my pitch, on how these unfortunate children needed help, I gave the parish their jars back, with labels suitably attached, and an envelope with a copy of the magazine article, and I suggested that by February, if all the jars came back filled with their offertory, we could raise £2000. After a few weeks, the jars started arriving, some took me to my word, and filled their jars with left over coppers, but many more had silver and pound coins, and notes of all denominations and cheques too. As Lent and Easter was early this year, I ask Fr Kevin if I may carry forward the appeal as an **EASTER** project as well, and he kindly agreed. I asked the parish to aim to raise £4000.



We kept the parish updated how the donations were doing. The hardest job was counting the money, and going to the bank, 20 times in all. In April our Province 30 also adopted the project as the Provincial Project, so I was aiming at £6000. Unfortunately Covid-19 put a stop to most fund raising by our Councils, and in the end we only raised £4733 which we presented to the Verona Fathers on Mission Sunday. This together with 700 backpacks that the Council was able to assemble for Mary's Meals is not a bad ACTION performance by any means. We thank all the parishioners, the local schools and Province 30 Councils, who sent in a donation from their funds, for their support



Fr Julio (in the photo) sent me a very nice letter thanking the Knights for their support.

The letter can be found on our website

www.council984.co.uk or www.province30.co.uk

All our Yesterdays!



Installation of Provincial Officers in Hayes 2012.
Back row l-r: Bros Michael O'Hanlon, John Hibberd, Martin Cook, Michael Bagness, Will Gallagher, John Collins & Denis Barry.
Front row l-r: Bro Bertie Grogan, Mrs Ann Collins, Mrs Carmel Bagness, Mrs Pauline Grogan, Mrs Ruth Melville & Bro Julien Melville.

50th Anniversary of St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage

From Brother John Lynn
Prov 30 St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage Coordinator

In the late 1960's Mgr Hume, Fr Tiger SJ and Fr Woodard of Our Lady of Peace, Burnham decided to organise a pilgrimage with St Edmund Campion's Relic supporting the Canonisation of a group of representative English and Welsh Roman Catholics who were martyred between 1535 and 1679; they were selected from 200 already beatified by earlier Popes. On 25th October 1970, Pope Paul VI Canonised St Edmund Campion as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

After the canonisation of the Martyrs it was decided to carry on this act of worship for Christian Unity and Peace. The Knights of St Columba were asked to organise the annual pilgrimage with the Relic resting at churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way from Lyford Grange in Oxfordshire to where he was captured to Tyburn in London and where he was put to death. The route includes Stonor where there is a priest's hole and Campion famously hid his printing press and Campion Hall in Oxford that is part of Oxford University.

In recent years the pilgrimage visited over 50 locations and 55 Masses are celebrated. In 2019 the pilgrimage commenced on 1st June and finished at Tyburn on 28th July. This year with Covid 19 restricting church attendance during this period the normal pilgrimage was curtailed but my own parish - St Edmund Campion parish in Maidenhead had already planned a series of events to celebrate their patronal saint's 50th Anniversary. The summer family fun day and Summer Ball were cancelled but the planned walk from Stonor to Tyburn which mirrors much of the annual KSC pilgrimage route was retained.

The parishioners walked in eight stages of approx 5/6 miles each Saturday and Sunday during October arriving at Tyburn Convent on 25th October for a celebration Mass. The walkers were welcomed by Fr Liam Cummins MHM, the Parish Priest of St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead and Fr Kevin Jones, the KSC chaplain to Co 984, Thames Valley Council. The photo shows Fr Liam blessing the Tyburn Tree which is located on the pavement adjoining the Bayswater Rd / Edgware Rd intersection at Marble Arch. This is a few hundred yards from the Tyburn Convent.

The number of attendees at the Mass was restricted due the Covid distancing requirements but Bros Roger Khan, PGK of Prov 11 and John Boniface – the normal organisers of the Tyburn KSC Mass were welcome along with Bro John Lynn of Co 984 who has been an KSC coordinator of the annual St Edmund Campion pilgrimage for the last twenty or so years.



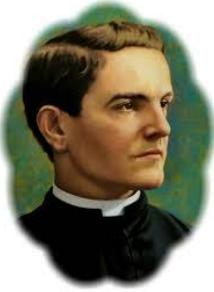
Bro John Boniface, Fr Kevin Jones & Bro Roger Khan



Bro John Lynn, Fr Kevin Jones & Bro Roger Khan.
(The two pictures above show Fr Kevin holding the Relic)

The Convent Chapel at Tyburn holds regular Masses and access to the chapel can be organised through the Mother Superior to see many relics of the Forty Martyrs that are displayed around the walls of the chapel. ®

Fr Michael McGivney



As you are aware our Order is a founder member of IACK – International Alliance of Catholic Knights and we are pleased to announce the Beatification of Fr Michael McGivney founder of the Knights of Columbus in the USA.

It was because of this Order that our own Order was modelled and founded in 1919. The Beatification ceremony took place on 31st October, 2020.

Please pray for Fr Michael McGivney.

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father,
protector of the poor and defender of the
widow and orphan,
you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney,
to be an apostle of Christian family life
and to lead the young to the generous service
of their neighbour.

Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow
your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his
commandment of charity and building up his Body
which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us
to greater confidence in your love so that we may
continue his work of caring for the needy
and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify
your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney
on earth according to the design of your Holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favour I now present
[here make your request].
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

Please report all favours received to:
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guild@kofc.org

St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, Feltham

The Membership & Development Officer - Bro. Ade Marques is assisting the Lead FHC catechist in providing online classes via Zoom to take the children through their FHC sessions which started this October 2020 during these difficult times and on Saturdays every week.

Wishing all Brothers of the KSC and their lovely families, a Holy and Merry Christmas.

Fraternally,
Bro. Victor Olomukoro, GK Council 514.

**The Editor welcomes contributions
for the next issue of Roundabout
which should reach him by
Saturday 19th December 2020.
Opinions expressed in articles and
letters are those of the authors only.**

Dates for your Diary

**ALL DATES AND EVENTS SHOWN BELOW ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION.**

**All meetings are likely
to be by Zoom Conferencing
until normal meetings can be resumed.**

NOV.	4 th - Provincial Officers meeting; 10 th – Initiation ceremony via Zoom 20 th – Provincial Mass for Deceased Brothers – Sacred Heart, Ruislip 8.00pm
DEC.	1 st - Provincial Council meeting
A Happy & a Holy Christmas to all our Brothers, their Families and their Friends.	
2021 JAN	18 th – Provincial Committee meetings
FEB	3 rd – Provincial Officers meeting
MAR	2 nd – Provincial Council meeting.

