



MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT *by Bro. President John Singleton*

Well here we are in March and, having just presided at my last Circle Meeting as President, it seems like only yesterday that I was installed at the May 2013 meeting. To summarise my year I should first go back to April when we celebrated our joint Centenary with Portsmouth. What a great occasion that was, followed by the Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral in June and other great occasions to commemorate a terrific landmark event. I must convey our special thanks to Mark Owen for organising the Southampton input to the celebrations.

I have had an enjoyable year as your President and I hope that you have been able to share that enjoyment. The highlight for both Felicity and me was to entertain a larger number of you at home in Fordingbridge for President's 'Saturday' on what must have been one of the hottest days of a sizzling summer. Thanks to everyone for the contributions which raised £633 on the day for my two charities. I would also like to thank those brothers, ladies and family members who struggled across the New Forest twice to attend the Masses for Vocations and Deceased Brothers. The collection at the Vocations Mass came to a total of £100 which was donated directly to the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund. Thanks for your generosity.

During the year, I had the privilege of witnessing three brothers celebrating special anniversaries. In October I presented Bro. Peter O'Connor with an engraved glass to mark his 55 years with the Association. At our Christmas Party in December, Bro. Bill Day received a 40 years scroll; a most joyous occasion which, through the raffle and donations, raised £598 for the CAFOD Haiyan Typhoon Appeal. The pleasure of the Christmas Party was unfortunately tempered by the sad loss some weeks later of Bill's wife, Jackie. Bill and his family continue to be in our prayers. The second 40 years scroll was presented to John Berridge on the occasion of our Clergy Night in February; another great celebration at which over 80 people sat down to dinner with a good turnout of clergy and religious.



Also included in my Presidential Year was the joint presentation of a keyboard to the University of Southampton's Catholic Society by the Knights of Columba and our Southampton Circle which was organised by our Secretary, Bro. Roger Lillie. What an uplifting experience to meet so many enthusiastic young members of our faith from many countries and which, I understand, may become an annual event.



I hope that those who came along to the various social events enjoyed them. These included the vineyard trip, Keats Italian Night, laser shooting and some of us actually went to the dogs! Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the fun. Also thanks to those brothers who have joined me on visits to other circles which culminated in ten of us going to Portsmouth in February: a great effort.

It remains for me to thank you all for your support during the year, your tolerance in laughing at my jokes and your generosity in contributing through the lottery and other means to my charities for the year. I wish Folkert well for what will be his second term as your President.

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING

The 1146th Southampton Circle meeting will take place at 1930 hrs on Monday 7 April. It will be Installation Night. Dress code: black tie. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.

CIRCLE DUTIES

March Welfare Officer: Simon Grummitt (report at April meeting). Whisky Donor for the April meeting: Bob Millar.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 25 March 2014.

February Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	44
Present	(50%) 22
Apologies	19
No apologies	3
Visitors	0
Visiting gentlemen	1

NEW KEYBOARD FORGES NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH CATHSOC

When Bro. Roger Lillie heard that the Catholic students at Southampton University had to borrow a keyboard for their Sunday evening Masses, he organised a joint donation from our Circle and the Knights of St. Columba, Eastleigh, for the purchase of a new instrument. The students decided to thank both societies by inviting them to a Sunday evening Mass during which the keyboard was blessed by Fr. Anthony Ikhenoba assisted by Southampton Bro. Andy Philpott as Deacon. Afterwards, the guests were invited to join the students at a buffet which they had prepared themselves with dishes from the seven different countries represented by the members of CathSoc. The event was such a success that there are plans to repeat it next year!

"I thought the evening was lovely - it was very nice to welcome the Catenians and the Knights to Mass and show them that there is a younger generation in the Church! We are so grateful for all the support the Catenians show to us - we had so many random offers of help and assistance from people we had never met. I will be handing over the torch in a few weeks but I know I will be passing on a fantastic relationship and I hope it will continue for many years to come!"

Donald Henderson, President, CathSoc



"I was thrilled to hear from Roger Lillie in November that the Catenians and the Knights would fund a new keyboard for the music group. Within a couple of weeks it was purchased and delivered ready to be played at Mass and I can assure you it has been put to good use ever since! It was a joy to welcome both societies to our student Mass on campus in February. Everyone was in fine singing voice and finishing off with the Lord of the Dance certainly left a smile on many faces! As I prepare to hand over to the new music secretary after Easter, I'm confident that the keyboard will remain an integral part of the music at our Sunday Mass!"

Mark Graham, Music Secretary, CathSoc

Thanks to Jim Shine for the photographs. A gallery of the event can be found on the Southampton Circle website.

TIES THAT BIND US TOGETHER!

As reported in the February newsletter, Bro. Simon Grummitt took Southampton Circle ties, presented to him by Bro. President John Singleton during Clergy Night, to give to the Presidents of the two new Circles recently inaugurated in India. Bro. Simon handed over the ties with just one request: that the Presidents agreed to be photographed wearing their ties to prove to the Southampton brothers that they had been duly delivered! So here they are: left is Bro. Simon D'Souza, President of Goa Vasco-Da-Gama Circle (363) and right is Bro. Joseph Rozario, President of Mumbai Malad (364), with our Southampton emissary, wearing those very ties that have travelled so far. The centre photo depicts Bro. Simon handing Bro. President a memento from the Mumbai Malad Circle, the Catenian emblem with the Circle's inauguration date engraved.



PRAYERS Your prayers are requested for those who are unwell: Myra Andrade, Rita Forster, Bro. Joe Gleeson and Monique Lyons's daughter, Jane Willcox. Also Bro. Owen Hill (Fleet) and Bro. Ray Rocks (Bournemouth).



IN MEMORIAM Please pray for the March anniversaries: Bro. George Campbell, Bro. Frank Ellen, Margaret Gleeson, Bro. Peter Hatcher, Moira O'Connor, Bro. Freddie Tindall and Bro. Andrew Wilson. Also for Bro. Ferdi Alves (Poole) and Bro. Anthony Martin (Jersey) who recently passed away after a short illness.

CIRCLE EVENTS 2014

MARCH

Tuesday 18 March	LUNCHEON CLUB 	12.00 noon: The Plough, Woodman Lane, Sparsholt, SO21 2NW <i>Contact Bro. David Palmer at drtpalmer@hotmail.com</i>
Thursday 20 March	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Axminster Circle
Sunday 23 March	CURRY EVENING	P.O.S.H. Indian Restaurant, Queensway, Southampton.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2014

Monday 7 April	INSTALLATION NIGHT	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel
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CATENIHENS 2014

Monday 12 May	CATENIHENS DINING CLUB	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton <i>Contact: dawn.harrison13@btinternet.com or on 01794 388 418.</i>
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AROUND THE PROVINCE AND BEYOND 2014

17-27 March	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	Includes additional days in Jordan. Details to follow
9 - 11 May	Annual Conference	Liverpool
20 May	CAFOD Golf Day	Royal Winchester Golf Club
6 June	D-Day 70th Anniversary	11.30 am: Days Hotel, Bournemouth. <i>Please confirm your attendance to Bro. President by the end of March</i>
26 June	Bristol Centenary	Marriott Hotel Royal, Bristol (see <i>Catena</i> for more details)
17 July	Axminster Circle 500th Meeting	Hasebury Mill, Crewkerne, in the presence of the Grand President
26 August	New Forest Golf Day	Details to be confirmed

CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those whose birthdays are in April.

Daverio Matteucci (3), Jane Ingram (5), Bosco Andrade (8), Ron Smith (11), Ana Carter (13) and Mike Ingram (14).

LOTTERY WINNERS

**NOT KNOWN AT TIME
OF PUBLICATION**

EXTRACTS FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Bro. Roger Lillie

Council meeting, 9 October 1973 at the Berkeley Hotel

"B. Stowe had seen Bro. Francis, Headmaster of St Mary's College, whose school was continuing with Prize Giving Day, and consequently he would be very glad to accept the £4.00 Catenian donation for his school. Neither St Anne's nor St George's were having Prize Days and consequently some discussion took place as to whether the Circle should continue to donate an annual sum, to be used for some other purpose. Peter O'Connor felt that as the original attached to these prizes was no longer valid, the idea of making the annual donation should be dropped. On the other hand C. Davidovitz felt just as strongly that they should be continued, even if used for some other school purpose, such as a reward for diligence in carrying out an assigned project. Eventually it was decided by 5 to 4 to refer this whole matter back to Circle for discussion. Council itself was 5 to 4 in favour of discontinuing the annual donation." (Ed.note: £4 in 1973 is around £45 now)

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