



Southampton Circle Newsletter – April, 2016

It's good night from Me:

Brothers and their ladies were upset to learn that their president Peter Clapham was stepping down from the post after only one year. His leaving has left the Circle bereft as Peter has been one of the best Presidents the Circle have ever had and has

superbly represented our Circle at numerous events and Circle visits. Often as the President of the senior Circle present Peter has had to deliver a speech and it's always a pleasure to hear him talk with a low and

captivating voice delivering such interesting stories and very funny jokes. Talking of which did you ever hear the one about the purple golf balls? No, then ask Peter who will explain it to you. I was tickled purple ☺

And it's hello from Him



If there is anyone out there who still doubts that the Southampton Circle is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our Catenian founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our Catenian Brotherhood, then the night you elected me your President is your answer.

Was it really 16 years ago that I last took office as President Southampton Circle – where have all the years gone?

Our New Provincial Director Roger Lillie accompanied by his wife Margaret



Picture courtesy of Philip Crook

We are very proud of Roger as he takes on the prestigious role of Provincial Director. Our Circle historian Simon Grummitt believes Roger is the third brother of Southampton Circle to take on this role (there may have been others but our records are not complete). The previous brothers who took on this role were: TC Fraser (1919-1920) and WM Tickle (1928 – 1931).

Roger's writes:

"The Association must gradually change if it is to attract young members and survive. We cannot afford to be deemed an 'elderly gentlemen's dining club' with exclusive membership. We must seek out the views of our younger Catholic men and not assume what they want of the Association. It is uncomfortable to change but often necessary. Yet we must not forget our older brothers in this change, as well as their families and widows. Circle social programs encompassing all ages are important.

I believe that benevolence is key, using our Benevolent Fund, Bursary Fund and CEO initiative. Our core pledge is to support a brother (family) in times of need. Basic Catholic teaching"

Stop Press

We were very proud to welcome past Provincial Director David Cawdery to our April meeting in order that we could personally thank him for representing our province so well these past 6 years. He has been an outstanding director and he will be sorely missed. Good Luck David on all of your future endeavours. Southampton Circle.

Bro president Graham Palethorpe presents past Provincial Director David Cawdery with an engraved Whiskey (Ooops G&T) tumbler.



David wrote to thank the Circle:

"I just wanted to express a really genuine thank you for the surprise gift you gave me on Tuesday. It was so very kind of you. I have this glass now for my G&T (as I do not drink whisky).

Please do incorporate my thanks in your Newsletter so that all brothers and wives/widows are aware of how much I appreciate this really kind gesture.

Kind regards and best wishes

David"



Drinks are on John Berridge who won the April whisky raffle.

Winners of the Whiskey Draw were:

February Draw 1st John Singleton 2nd Graham Palethorpe.

March Draw 1st Graham Palethorpe 2nd Folkert van Galen

April Draw 1st Mark Owen 2nd Harry Harrison

Upcoming Events

23 rd April	Provincial Council meeting in Basingstoke and observers are most welcome.
29 th April	Visit to Exbury Gardens. Arrive for lunch, then a gentle walk around the gardens with a train ride for the more adventurous
25 th May	Vocations Mass at St Edmunds @ 7:00pm followed by small bites and drinks in the Church Hall.
27 th May	A private tour of Salisbury Cathedral with an optional afternoon tower tour. Lunch to be taken. Accompanied Tour starts at 10:30am. Price per person £6-50
10 th – 12 th June	President's Weekend at Swanage staying at the wonderful Purbeck House Hotel. The room rate (£88pp per night) includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. The weekend coincides with the Swanage Fish Festival. Please contact Bro. Graham Palethorpe for details. Other Circle Brothers are very welcome to apply – a brochure is available.

Southampton Circle Meetings: The next Circle Meeting will be held on the **9th May at the Dolphin Hotel**. This is a brothers only night.

Southampton Circle AGM: will precede the next Circle Meeting on the 9th and start at 7pm

Circle Duties: The Welfare Officer reporting at the May Meeting is Peter Clapham.

Whiskey Donor: The whiskey donor is **Bill Day**

The next council Meeting. Will take place on Tuesday 26th April at the Dolphin Hotel at 7:30pm

Circle Strength – 47. In addition, Bill Eales will be enrolled at the May Circle Meeting.

Menu for the May Circle Meeting includes a choice:

Caramelised Pear & Blue Cheese Tart, or Chargrilled Chicken with a pineapple & red onion Salsa.

Hake with a Choron Sauce, or Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini with a Tomato and Basil Sauce.

Dark Chocolate Mousse & Chantilly Cream, or Cheese

Planned President's Visits:

Visit to West Surrey Circle on 5th May, and to Weymouth on 12th May. Please contact Bro Graham if you are able to attend.



The next meeting of the Lunch Club will be on Tuesday 19th April at 12.00 mid-day at:

La Pergola Restaurant
Southampton Rd,
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Paul Andrews has a very severe attack of Shingles. Dick Barber is cheerful but frail. Pat Tomlins is having Chemo-therapy and has been advised to avoid meetings for the moment where he might catch an infection. Rita Forster is in hospital and was showing some improvement but has now caught an infection. Myra Andrade has been admitted to hospital. Valerie Summerton is doing well but will start Chemo-therapy later this month to ensure her care is complete. Joe Gleeson and Katie Smith are unchanged. Ann McNamara fell in her garden and has had a hip replacement but is making steady progress and currently in the Royal South Hants for rehab. Please pray to for the son of Michael and Jane Ingram who is ill and needs our prayers.



A letter of thanks was received on behalf of the 4 students who were running the half-marathon to raise funds in support of World Youth Day. Our donations amounted to £230 in total.

The Reorganisation of the Catenian Association

Voting on the Restructure proposal closed at midnight on 31st March 2016. The votes cast as recorded via the web portal were as follows:

Total votes cast: 6,259
'Yes' votes in favour of the proposal: 4,850 = 77.5% of total votes cast
'No' votes against the proposal: 1,409 = 22.5% of total votes cast

This means that the two thirds majority in favour, required by our rules for the proposal to be accepted, was achieved. Consequently the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations are now in force and Central Council came into being after the close of voting.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Harrison Harry (3), Tony Brady (5), Peter O'Connor (6), John Singleton (8), Maire Whelan (20), Anne Brady (21), Jim Shine (28), Kathleen Parker (28)

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