

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE 12

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NEWSLETTER

President: Jim Shine

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The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

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CLERGY & LADIES NIGHT



From left: Fr. Michael Dennehy, Bro President Jim Shine, Siobhan Shine

On Monday 4 February, the brothers and ladies of Southampton Circle entertained their local clergy. Seven priests, including Monsignor Vincent Harvey, accepted the invitation from Brother President Jim Shine. The Circle was also graced with the presence of two deacons, two de la Mennais brothers from Saint Mary's College and Sister Catherine Cruz from Southampton University Chaplaincy. The occasion was further enhanced by a number of visiting brothers, including the Presidents of the Bournemouth and the City of Winchester Circles, both of whom were manfully supported by their own Circle brothers.

Yet more lustre was added to the evening by the presence of four students from Southampton University who were all members of the Catholic Society. Two of their number, Aurore Bunga and Arinzechukwu Ekwosimba, gave a short talk explaining how important the Society is to young people who are many thousands of miles from home.

The evening provided great fun, interest and surprises!! Ray Rocks, President of the Bournemouth Circle, had a unexpected reunion with our Brother Peter Summerton with whom he had worked many years ago. Myra Philpott was delighted to meet up again with Father Claro Conde for the first time in ten years. In passing conversation, it came to light that Cecil Halpin, a visiting brother from Winchester, had been taught by the uncle of Siobhan Shine, Brother President's wife.

It's a small world in Catenianism!

President Jim Shine

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING

The 1135th Southampton Circle meeting will take place at on Monday 4 March. It will be brothers only. Dress code: lounge suits. The meeting will begin at 1930 hrs. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN. Menu is at the bottom of page 3.

CIRCLE DUTIES

March Welfare Officer: Tony Wilson (report at April meeting). Whisky Donor for March meeting: Peter Clapham

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 26 February.

February Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	48
Present	30 (63%)
Apologies	18
No apologies	0
Visitors	8
Visiting gentlemen	0

New Age Kurling

Once again, Bro President and his wife hosted an excellent event. It was an evening with a difference and rivalry was intense between the two teams!



Ladies versus Brothers!

The gloves came off and the handbags came out when the Kurlers were divided into two teams - the ladies against the gentlemen. It has to be said that the ladies were not backward when it came to tactics and Siobhan Shine lead the way, mercilessly attacking Bro Vice President John Singleton whenever he attempted to 'kurl'. Other dirty tricks included calling out or sneezing whenever an opponent was about to take a shot. There were no depths to which the ladies would not stoop. But the saying that cheats never prosper was certainly true here. The brothers won by 375 to 255.



Ellen Gobbi stole the show as the oldest Kurler ever to play at Banister Park. Pitched against the top scorer of the night, Ellen was up against it but she did well!



Everyone admired Bro President's stylish strokes but he was no match for wife Siobhan's 'cat-enihen calling' every time he took a stroke.



Bro Derrick Austin adopted the teapot style of Kurling which saw him achieve a very good score.

Top Scorers

The winning team had to settle for simply the accolade of victory. But for the top scoring gentleman and lady, there was something more substantial. Bro President Shine presented John Johnson and Dawn Harrison with a bottle of wine each for their impressive scores of 65 and 45 respectively.



CIRCLE EVENTS 2013

FEBRUARY

Monday 25 February	PRESIDENT'S VISIT		Portsmouth Circle
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MARCH

Thursday 21 March	PRESIDENT'S VISIT		Axminster Circle
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Saturday 23 March	CURRY EVENING		Details to be confirmed
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APRIL

Saturday 13 April	CENTENARY DINNER	Novotel Hotel, Southampton. Details and booking form are on the centenary website - www.centenary2013.com
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MAY

Thursday 9 May	CATENIHENS OUTING		2.00 pm: High Society, Mayflower Theatre, £25.00 Contact: felicity@pc-q.net
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JUNE

Saturday 29 June	CENTENARY HOLY MASS	St. John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth
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2013 Ladies Evenings: Installation night in May will be a Ladies evening. Therefore, June, August, September and November meetings will be brothers only. July, October and December will be Ladies evenings.

AROUND THE PROVINCE AND BEYOND 2013

16 February	Provincial Day of Reflection	10.30 am: St. Dominic's Priory, Lymington
8-10 March	Province 11 Provincial Weekend	The Victoria Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth EX10 8RY Contact: Provincial President Bro David Palmer at drtpalmer@hotmail.com
10-12 May	Catenian Annual Conference	London. For information regarding the Saturday only Catenian coach, contact Terry Quinn at mail@terryquinn.plus.com
9 June	National Catenian Pilgrimage	National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham
7 December	Basingstoke 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance	7.30 pm: Basingstoke Country Hotel Contact: Joe Shevlin at joeshevlin@ntlworld.com

CIRCLE DINNER - MONDAY 4 MARCH 2013

Tomato soup with pesto croutons

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Loin of cod wrapped in smoked bacon with lemon & parsley sauce, Lyonnaise potatoes and seasonal vegetables

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Vegetarian: Creamy mushroom and spinach pie

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Lemon meringue pie

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£18.00 per person exclusive of wine

Please confirm your attendance if you are not on the dining list, or if you require a different menu for dietary or other reasons, to Bro Martin Counihan on 02380 637 323 or at martin@counihan.org by Thursday 28 February

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT & CHILDREN'S FUND

The fund exists for the help of brothers, the widows of deceased brothers and, in some cases, the children and other dependents of deceased brothers who for various reasons are in need of financial assistance. There should be no embarrassment in applying for aid as all applications are treated in the utmost confidence.

The most common of financial hardship is that of loss of income because of business failure, loss of employment and, among the retired, income not keeping up with the cost of living. Should you be in need of assistance or know of a brother or widow who may be in need of help please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman of the Circle Benevolent Board, Brother Philip Crook.

Bro Roger Lillie

CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

*Congratulations to our **March** celebrants!*

Ann McNamara (5), Stephanie Hurst (11), Paul Barber (19), John Berridge (23), Pat Tomlins (27) and Andrew Winn (28)

PRESIDENT'S CHARITY LOTTERY

The ladies were the winners in the February draw:

£70: Meg Clapham

£40: Dee Owen



FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Bro Roger Lillie

451st Circle Meeting

27 September 1954

"Worthy Bro. President said he had been aware for some time that Bro.

Secretary was overloaded with work and appealed for the members to consider among themselves the appointment of an Assistant Secretary. This led to a considerable discussion which was inconclusive.

Finally on a proposal put forward by Bro. Breen and seconded by Bro. Smith it was agreed that the Entertainments Committee should continue as present."

PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for those who are unwell: Myra Andrade, Terry and Ann Butler, Rita Forster, Ellen Gobbi, Dawn Harrison, Joe Gleeson, Kath Parker, Pat Tomlins and Canon Terry Walsh who recently had a pacemaker fitted and is recovering in a Romsey nursing home.



IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are in February: Josephine Barber, James Cosgrove, Sonny Lewis, Gertie McDonald, William O'Neill and Robert Tickle.



Provincial brothers and wives

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following brothers and wives who passed away this month and your thoughts for their families: Bro Maurice Etienne, Jersey Circle, Bro Ray Faulkner, Bournemouth Circle and Mrs Molly Molloy, West Surrey Circle.

And finally...

...what a great start to the year! Only February and we have already had three excellent events: the New Age Kurling, Clergy & Ladies Circle dinner and a visit to the Hampshire Records Office. Congratulations to Bro President Jim Shine and wife Siobhan for arranging such enjoyable entertainment. Those of you who could not attend the kurling will see on page two that you missed a good evening. Those of you who did attend the Circle dinner should look out for photos of the event in the March newsletter.

Bro Harry Harrison, Publicity Officer

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