

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE 12

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NEWSLETTER

President: Pat Feighery

APRIL 2017



A MESSAGE FROM BRO. PRESIDENT PAT FEIGHERY

It took me a few years in membership to get under the skin of The Catenians. Is it just a Catholic Businessmen's Dining Club? It has been said that the Catenian Association is not a section of the people of God dressed for dinner but Catholic action at rest! I have sometimes heard us referred to as "the virtuous idle".

As is ever the case, life's experiences usually bring home to us the value and meaning of something we become familiar and complacent with. In my own case, this was when I required serious surgery for a tumour on my spine which was developing rapidly. Our family were overwhelmed with the thoughtfulness, concern and prayers of the brothers of my Southampton Circle. It was a humbling time in that respect; how can you possibly acknowledge and repay that love and kindness?

The strap line on our Catenian letterhead says; "Strengthening family life through friendship and faith". Membership of our Catenian Association and involvement at Circle level is a privilege. We are all bound together by fraternal love and friendship. The spirit is real, the energy of our Brothers, the kindred spirits, the enthusiasm, the camaraderie, our Catholic faith. All combine to make the soul of the Catenian Association that beckons us to its fold and binds us together.

In my case it is now time to give back and I was delighted to accept the nomination as President of Southampton Circle, the 12th Circle of the Catenian Association, for 2017/2018.

Over a hundred years ago, Bishop Casartelli, Bishop of Salford in Manchester, was the main influence in setting up the Catenian Association. He anticipated Vatican II by half a century. He saw the need for a layman's Catholic organisation without the parental hand of our clergy. The challenges we face today as Catholics is no less than it was in Bishop Casartelli's time. We live in a secular society where all our values and tenets as Christians are challenged constantly, be it in education or science.

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APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm, Tuesday 25 April 2017, Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton.

MAY MEETING DETAILS

- **Circle meeting:** Monday 8 May 2017. The Annual General Meeting of Southampton Catenian Association will be held at 7.00 pm prior to the May meeting which will start at 7.30 pm as normal. (Brothers night.)
- **Venue:** Mercure Dolphin Hotel, High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.
- **Dress code:** Jacket and tie.
- **May Welfare Officer:** Jim Shine
- **May Whisky donor:** Jim Moriarty

APRIL Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength:	47
Present:	25
Apologies:	22
Visitors:	1
Visiting Gentlemen:	1
Guests:	2

A Message from Bro. President cont.

As individuals it is difficult in the United Kingdom being a Christian, never mind a Catholic. Catenians are challenged to observe faithfully the obligations of our Catholic Christian life, to be forbearing in temper and slow to condemn. As a lay organisation that is how we go a long way towards "Strengthening family life through friendship and faith".

Catenians are drawn from all walks of life, our belief in family values and our Catholic faith being our bond. Today, the Catenian Association faces the same challenges as our Catholic Church, suffering as it does from complacency and indifference among the faithful.

For our Southampton Circle I have a very simple plan for my year as President. I want to bring in to the Circle more Brothers, younger and committed. I want to break out of the shackles of convention and in some cases xenophobia. I will be inviting the priests of our Circle area to come to our meetings as observers. I will be expecting them to identify and nominate parishioners who would consider becoming members. I want Southampton Circle to reflect the ethnic diversity of our parishes. I will be inviting the students of CathSoc, with whom we now have an affiliation agreement in place, to also attend our Circle meetings, regardless of gender.

The Catholic community is more racially diverse than the population as a whole, as a glance at the typical congregation at Sunday Mass will tell you. This is not reflected in Catenian membership at the moment. Why not? Are we too elitist, too insular, too secretive?

We need to be more open to attract new, younger members. The work done by Bro. Roger Lillie and Deacon Andy Philpott in establishing the link with our university students through the affiliation with CathSoc at Southampton University will be wasted if we are unable to present a Catholic Lay Organisation that they are not inclined to join.



We have, what I hope you will find, is an interesting programme for the year ahead and I encourage you all to make a diary note to attend at least one of our events and to invite friends, neighbours and workplace colleagues. We especially look forward to meeting you at our Mass for Vocations in June and our Mass for our deceased Brothers in November. We have a few ideas for the Christmas Party and of course we look forward to seeing you all at Keats in March.

Remember, there are no strangers in the Catenian Association, only friends you haven't met yet. We seek to be friendly and welcoming and always humble.

It is not true that as Catenians we carry a card which says; 'In case of accident, I am a Catenian, please call a Bishop'.

We are ordinary people and practicing Catholics.

Bro. President Pat Feighery

A very busy Installation Night!

Bro. Pat Feighery had a very busy start to his year as President at the Installation Dinner which featured a full programme of speeches and presentations. Bro. Peter Clapham kindly deputised for the outgoing



President during the Installation Ceremony which also saw Bro. President installing Bro. Harry Harrison as Vice-President. Visitor at the meeting was Donald Kumarajeewa's son, Lalin and there was just one visiting gentleman, Bro. Mike O'Brien from the Chichester Circle who is a friend of the Harrisons.



CathSoc's President, Humphrey Luyimbazi, and Outreach Officer, Amber Cook, attended as guests

The meeting also pointed out 30 years of the Southampton Circle lunch club which will be celebrated in April at one of its original venues, The Bear and Ragged Staff in Michelmersh as a tribute to Bro. Philip Crook who was one of its originators all those years ago.

Bro. Peter gave a warmhearted after-dinner speech in which he praised the efforts of many Southampton Brothers and wives who help to make it such a thriving Circle. In his very first speech as President, Bro. Pat spoke about his chosen charity for year, Apostleship of the Sea, a Catholic charity which has done much to support Southampton seafarers. He praised the work done by Bros. Roger Lillie and Andy Philpott in achieving the Affiliation Agreement with Southampton CathSoc and invited Humphrey and Amber to give a short speech about the society's activities.



The evening included two well-deserved service award presentations. Bro. David Palmer has been the Circle Secretary for 3 years and everyone clapped in agreement as Bro. President spoke of the sterling job that Bro. David does on the Circle's behalf. Bro. Peter Summerton is another



stalwart of the Circle and he and wife Valerie support many of the Circle events. His fellow Brothers were delighted to see Bro. Peter rewarded for his diligent service as Registrar for the more than 3 years.

The final presentation was a bouquet of flowers given by Bro. Peter Clapham to Sheila who, with Bro. President, has devised an excellent diary of events for the next year. The full calendar list will be published by Bro. Secretary shortly. Circle Brothers and wives are invited by Pat and Sheila to join them, with Harry and Dawn, at as many events as they are able.

Once again, many thanks goes to Bro. John Farran, our 'snap-taker in residence' who took these superb photos of Installation Night.

A MESSAGE FROM BRO. TREASURER

As mentioned at the last Circle meeting, the Co-op Bank closed our account in error and with no warning on 22 February and we have therefore moved our business to Barclays Bank. If you pay by standing order for your subscription or for the lottery, will you please set up a new standing order to our new Barclays account: The Catenians Southampton Circle 12, sort code 20-79-29, account number 20179981. Similarly, if you would normally have made an online payment to the Co-op account for the March dinner, will you please make the payment to the Barclays account or send me a cheque. I suggest you check your bank statements to ensure that any payment taken from your account after 21st February was subsequently returned. Once the new standing orders have taken effect we can agree the sums due for the missing months. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience caused by the Co-op Bank's incompetence.

Patrick Dobell, Circle Treasurer

BROTHER SECRETARY'S RAMBLINGS FOR APRIL

'Epigram on Singers'

Swans sing before they die — 'twere no bad thing
Should certain persons die before they sing.

Coleridge

• MARCH & APRIL'S PRESIDENT'S CHARITY LOTTERY WINNERS:

March 1st prize: Joe Gleeson (14) 2nd prize: Folkert Van Galen
April 1st prize: Pat O'Shea (38) 2nd prize: Mary Berridge (24)



• APRIL WHISKY DRAW WINNER:

Bro. President Pat Feighery made a first for Southampton Circle when he picked his own ticket at his Installation meeting!

• APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

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

CIRCLE WELFARE

Your prayers for these Brothers and wives who are currently unwell would be much appreciated.



Myra Andrade, Tony Brady, Roger Carter, Rita Forster, Joe Gleeson, Margaret Kemhadjian, Kathleen Parker, Alma Phillips, Katie Smith. Please also pray for the father of Bro. Folkert Van Galen who has been taken ill in the Netherlands and for Ken Eastham's continued progress.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for Circle Brothers whose anniversaries occur this month:

George Batty, Stanley Evans, Paddy Lewis, Robert Mulcahy, Hugh Neely and Harry Wetherall. Please also pray for the Repose of the Soul of Monica Williams (widow of Bro. Oliver Williams (Salisbury) who passed away last month.



CIRCLE EVENTS 2017

Tuesday <u>25</u> April	HOOBIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Bear & Ragged Staff, Michelmersh, SO51 0LB. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary if you wish to attend. Please note that this event is a week later than usual because of Easter.</i>
Tuesday 25 April	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.
Thursday 4 May	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Winchester Circle. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary if you will be accompanying Bro. President on this visit.</i>
Monday 8 May	AGM/CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER	AGM 7.00 pm. Circle meeting 7.30 pm. Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. Brothers night.
Tuesday 16 May	HOOBIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: La Pergola, Lyndhurst, SO43 4BQ. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary if you wish to attend.</i>
Saturday 20 May	SOUTHAMPTON CITY WALLS WALK	10.30 am: City Walls Walk which will finish at the Duke of Wellington in Bugle Street for drinks and lunch if desired.
Tuesday 30 May	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.

MAY CIRCLE DINNER MENU

Chicken liver pâté with
toasted baguette & red onion jam

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Hunter's chicken, steamed parsley rice & mixed salad

*or*

Paupiette of Hoki, steamed parsley rice & mixed salad

*or*

Mushroom, garlic & tarragon linguine  
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Toffee & pecan cheesecake
with butterscotch sauce

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Cheese platter
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*Please advise Bro. David Palmer  
of your choice of meal  
if you intend to dine.*

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