

Southampton Circle newsletter

CIRCLE NO. 12 IN PROVINCE 11

MARCH 2026

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci



March meeting and dinner: A bumper night for Roger

Brother Roger Lillie wanted to celebrate his 40 year Catenian jubilee in style with lots of friends and guests. We were 135 at the dinner table on 2 March. Great Britain Grand President Gerry McCormack did the honours of awarding the official scroll to Roger, in the company of 74 brothers, their wives, local clergy and Roger and Margaret's family members.



40 years in the Catenian brotherhood

Working for Lloyds Bank and after living in various places Roger was invited to a parish related group of friends in his parish in Colchester. This group was the local Catenian circle, and so it happened that after a few friendly visits Roger became a member of Colchester circle in 1985.

The rest is history as they say. Roger has held a number of roles in both Colchester and Southampton circle. He joined Great Britain National Council and became Grand President of the Catenian Association. Having joined Southampton in 2009, some of Roger's ambitions were to meet and recruit students at universities and to meet members of other Catholic bodies in the army and the police. Fishing for more members was the message, and so we did...



March circle meeting (1277th circle meeting)

Circle Strength 40 members. Present 24 brothers, 50 brothers visiting from 24 circles: Adur Valley, Andover, Ascot & Sunningdale, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Brighton Regency, Brooklands & Didsbury, Burnley, Chiltern & Banbury, City of Winchester, Fleet, Guernsey, Harpenden & Luton District, Isle of Wight, Jersey, Manchester North & Middleton, Market Harborough, New Forest, Poole, Portsmouth, Reading, Salisbury, West Surrey and Wokingham, as well as Mgr Vincent Harvey, Fr Raffaele Cossa, Sr Emiliana Silva, Elena Alvarez (CathSoc), Stuart and Matt Lillie.



A Sunny Provincial weekend in Cricket St Thomas



It is tradition in Province 11 that members of its 16 circles meet up for a social weekend. This year 85 brothers, spouses and family members enjoyed a sunny weekend in Cricket St Thomas in Somerset. Sunday mass was celebrated by Fr Jeremy Garratt in the historic church on the 1,000 acre estate. GB National President and GB National Secretary were among the guests. Highest praise was awarded to the Province 11 organising committee for this successful and joyous event.

Circle welfare, those who are unwell and in need of our prayers

Maureen Bannon moved to a care home in Norwich near her daughter. John Berridge, Mary Berridge, Anne Brady, Leo Brennan, Elizabeth Counihan, Pat Crook, Camille Driver, Simon and Christine Grummitt, Dawn Harrison, Paul Hulbert (Stephen's brother) Mark Ingram, Clare Lund Yates, Douglas Manning, Jim Moriarty, Siobhan Shine, John Singleton, Tony Wilson, George Wysocki, and Donald and Triesa Kumarajeewa in Sri Lanka. Also: brother Frank Hinds (Andover and Winchester member), Sandy Saunders (wife of Peter Saunders of Andover circle), Luke Andrews (Paul's nephw), Harry & Judith Harrison, Alison Wilson.

Birthdays in March and April

Matt Joyce (29 March), Tony Murray (31 March). Jane Ingram (5), Bosco Andrade (8), Mike Ingram (14). **Brother President Daverio Matteucci celebrates his 80th birthday on 3 April.**

In memoriam April

Hugh Neely (1915), Stanley Evans, George Batty, Harry Weatherall (1982), Jack Marland, Paddy Lewis (2007), Anne McNamara (2016), Henri Kemhadjian (2025).

Also remember in your prayers:

Brother Antony Broughton, member of Salisbury circle since 53 years, who died on 24 March aged 103 years.

Brother Robin Tinsley, member of Fleet Circle who died on 7 March aged 71 years.

Social calendar

Catenian Ladies Afternoon Tea

2:00 pm **Friday 27 March** at the White Horse Hotel in Romsey, SO51 8ZJ

Contact: Margaret Lillie

Lunch Club

Tuesday 21 April 12 noon at the Northbrook Arms, Stratton Lane, East Stratton (near Micheldever), SO21 3DU. *Contact: Malcolm Forster*

April Circle meeting and dinner

7:00 pm **Monday 13 April Installation night:** Circle meeting and dinner. This is a ladies night. At the meeting our new circle president Grahamp Palethorpe and vice-president Richard Bubien will be installed for the new presidential year. Dress code: Dinner Jacket.

7:00 pm **Monday 11 May** Circle AGM and brothers meeting.

Circle Council meeting

7:30 pm **Tuesday 28 April** at the Doubletree Hotel

Lottery draw for March

Due to time constraints the draw was postponed to our 13 April dinner.

Brother President's charities for 2025-26

Brother president Daverio Matteucci expressed his desire to promote these charities and to raise funds to support this local group during his presidential year:

- 1. Poitiers Care** A local foodbank to assist families in need, based in Ashurst
- 2. Jane Scarth House** A charity to assist cancer patients and their family members, based in Romsey
- 3. Diocese of Guntur, India**

If you donate individually to these charities, then please use Gift-Aid and let our circle treasurer know so that we have an idea of the extent of our support for this charity. Alternatively you can donate via our circle bank account. Please contact our treasurer for details.

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