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NEWSLETTER

I hope you like the new cover of the newsletter, unfortunately the literary value of the letter will not have improved in proportion, but after all the purpose of such a document is only to let you know how things are going at your club and above all inform you of what is coming off.

In the past month Paddy and Nuala have got married. It was a great day here at the Centre. They are now over in Strokestown working in the Percy French Hotel. Speaking of Hotels, many people who were over in Ireland this year and who had to stay in hotels were heard complaining about how expensive it was. Thank God I don't have to put up in hotels very often but I did stay two nights at the Percy French in Strokestown. I can recommend it very highly. It has every convenience. It is very reasonable. I would say it is one of the best in the country. I also think it is well situated, one could call it the half way house between the east and the west; the south and the north, and anyway Paddy Coleman is working there now and he wants you all to call to see him.

Fr. Malone has departed for Cahirmoyle, Co. Limerick where he takes up the position of Assistant Novice Master. Its a big change for him and the one thing he needs is your prayers. Many people wonder why there is never a "Do" for priests when they leave the Centre. Well folks we had this out amongst ourselves some time ago. As you know the Centre can do with all the money it can find to help it do the work it has set out to do. We the Chaplains, even though we don't get paid are very well looked after. Fr. Hackett would not agree to any kind of presentation, neither would Fr. Malone and certainly yours truly when my time comes will get out in record breaking time. We don't need money. The Centre does need it. Both the Centre and priests needs your prayers.

Our friends down in Portsmouth have just presented the Centre with a cheque for £394. now that it what I call real generosity. They just do it. These people are so genuine and so happy when they help. This club is a model. On your behalf we thank them most sincerely.

Many people have often expressed the wish to be in New York for the St. Patricks Day Parage. There is a trip going there next year and if you want to avail of it ring the following number - 407 - 3951 however, you would want to do so right away:

Enclosed you will find a handbill telling you about our concert at St. Pancras Town Hall on Sunday 18th October, you may not know all the names but I can assure you the quality is of a very high standard, Joe Lynch is very well known to you all. He is the one man who can always remain ever new before an Irish audience. Seamus Cullen is a most beautiful singer. He performed so well at the concert last year that many people asked me to have him back again. Margaret Cremin is a girl who does not want to take up singing on a full time

basis, but just loves giving a song. She is trained but now prefers to do small concerts for charity. I know you will love her. The Crean School of Dancing is one of the best and always give a beautiful performance. You have all heard Jimmy and Tom Power with Tony Ledwith. We also have Tommy Maguire's Junior Ceili band. I know it is an excellent bill and will provide great entertainment. The concert is in aid of The Irish Centre Boys Band.

Fr. Michael Cleary has made a record and is giving the royalties to the Irish Centre. We are indeed most grateful to Fr. Mick for even considering us. Fr. Mick has always been a great supporter of The Irish Centre and this is just another demonstration of his assistance in our work. You can show your appreciation of his interest in us by buying the L.P. This will aid the Centre and compliment a fine artist and benefactor in one go.

We were hoping to start some sort of weekly pool here at the Centre. It has been tried before but each time it fell through. We feel if we had enough good agents we could have a go at the Tote Pool once again. For this type of thing we need agents, perhaps you would be prepared to be one of those agents. If you are interested you could let us know and then if and when we had sufficient numbers we could make a start and build it up. How about it? 1. The runs individual as absorbed when you filly no their and to a price was a residence of word now you are standard to the transfer of the control of the standard was control of the

There will be Christmas Cards on sale from the Centre. You might give us your consideration when you are getting your cards. We have a new line this year, which have been designed and printed by the Dominican Nuns in Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. They sell their designs to Gordon Fraser's so you will appreciate the quality of these cards - still at prices cheaper than the retail shops. Send us your orders NOW to avoid disappointment.

Porcy Prevot in Strokestown. I can team Sorry the letter is a bit late. The writer was in the bunk with a bug, but hope you escaped and are all set to get back into the swing again.

God Bless you all,

Rev. P. Sheridan, O.M.I.

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