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Looking to the Future

As most members will be aware, Grand Council drew up, in February 2009, terms of reference for an independent commission to "evaluate existing systems of governance and structure and propose alternatives." This initiative was the culmination of several years of discussion emanating from a Grand Council desire to improve how the Association was run. On page 11 of this edition Bro James Hagerty, Chairman of the Restructure Commission, outlines what has been done so far. James and his team are to be congratulated on their excellent work. This First Report is also available on the Association's website.

Caring for Catenian Records

Also featured in this edition is an article on page 17, again by Bro James Hagerty, this time as Honorary Archivist of the Association, on the preservation of Circle and Provincial records and memorabilia.

A Culture of Killing

On pages 22 and 23 Past Grand President Jim Kelly has prepared a powerful, compelling and disturbing article on one of the major issues of our time in Britain and elsewhere - Euthanasia. Please read how our society is being manipulated.

New Group Started in Province 13

Three brothers of Torbay Circle have initiated the "South Hams" group where interest is growing with several interested gentlemen and prospective joint membership of Catenians from other Province 13 circles.

Visiting brothers will be welcomed at the group's dining 'gatherings' held every 3rd Monday 7:30pm at the California Country Inn, Ivybridge. Details on www.californiacountryinn.co.uk. Contact the group's Chairman, David Munslow, 01548 857578, 07505 410246, or email: davidmunslow007@tiscali.co.uk

Catholic Women of the Year Luncheon

Nominations are being sought for the 2010 Catholic Women of the Year.

The Committee are particularly looking to honour the 'unsung heroines', who have taken on responsibilities or carried out services to others in steadfast and often unobtrusive ways.

Over the years several winners have had a Catenian connection as wives, daughters or in other ways related to Catenians. It would be good to have another one. Nominations can be typed or handwritten and should be sent to: Mrs Janette Woodford, 22 Milton Road, WARE, Herts, SG12 0PZ or emailed to mijamajoje@ntlworld.com by 30th April. The lunch itself will be held on Friday 8th October and information about it can be obtained from Mrs Woodford.

Notification of Brother's Death

Late notification by a circle to Head Office of a member's death results in the member's name appearing late in the In Memoriam list in Catena. Head Office send Catena the list each month based on information sent from circles. This is the list read out at circle meetings each month. As may be seen in this issue, some date back to 2008!

A Statement from Grand Council

Grand Secretary has asked if this announcement might appear in Catena:

"At its meeting on 12/13th February Grand Council received with sadness a copy of the letter of resignation from the Association addressed to his Circles by Director Province 21 John Secker. It noted with pleasure the impending marriage of John with Jai Milward, until recently our Senior Administrator.

John has served on Grand Council since May 2002 and brought to Grand Council huge talents and tremendous personal skills. He gave those talents and skills unstintingly against a background of regular travel to and from Sydney and, particularly, the terminal illness of his wife Philippa.

Grand Council wish him and Jai joy and happiness in their life together and thank them both for their loyalty and service to the Association."