

BECOMING A BROTHER

There are four simple steps to becoming a new member of our Circle.

STEP ONE

You are invited to dine with the Circle as our guest to allow you to get to know us and to judge whether you feel comfortable in our company. It also gives you the chance to see first-hand how the Circle meeting works.

STEP TWO

We visit you at home so that you and your family are free to ask any questions about membership in confidence.

STEP THREE

You complete a simple application form.

STEP FOUR

You are enrolled at a Circle meeting. Welcome to the Catenian family!

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to explore becoming a Brother of Kenilworth Circle, you are invited to contact **Bernard Baxter**, our Membership Officer on 07808 820359 and he would be delighted to have an informal chat with you about joining the Circle.

The Kenilworth Circle has its own website at www.kenilworthcatenians.org.uk



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KENILWORTH CIRCLE

of the **CATENIAN ASSOCIATION**

The Catenians are a well-established and lively fellowship of practising Catholic men; our primary purpose is to establish a network of friends, enhance our family life, strengthen our Faith and ensure support to the Catholic Church, young people and those in need.

Our Circle membership is open to men from all backgrounds, who are proud to share the same Faith and who are associated with the Kenilworth and Warwick area. **New members and their families are made to feel very welcome.**

The Catenians provide an unrivalled opportunity for Catholic men to socialise together and with their families, and help them to live out their Christian beliefs in a confident and enriching manner. As well as holding monthly meetings and dinners,



our Kenilworth Circle offers activities both locally and occasionally further afield. In the last year we have arranged a number of social events such as trips to the theatre (including a musical, a classical concert and a pantomime), a visit to a distillery, a quiz night, country-side walks, a race night and trips to sporting events. These are in addition to coffee mornings, men's breakfasts and 'Top Cats' (a monthly, popular lunchtime get-together).



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HISTORY

The Association is over a hundred years old, founded in 1908 in Manchester at a time of widespread discrimination against Catholics. This experience has taught us one or two things about making friends and providing a helping hand when a Brother — a term we use to show the mutual support and friendship we offer each other — finds himself in difficulty or need.

Nowadays, we have over 8,000 Brothers and almost 150 Circles nationwide, as well as fellow organisations worldwide. Given this level of participation, we have become the largest lay Catholic organisation in the UK.

OUR AIMS

Each Circle may place a different emphasis on how it conducts its affairs, but the main aims within the Association include:

- Kindling a closeness and mutual respect amongst members;
- Developing social bonds amongst members & their families; and
- When appropriate, advancing the interests of members & dependents.

The Association manages a national Bursary Fund to support young people in their voluntary work projects and a Benevolent and Children's Fund to help with welfare issues. Each year we also raise monies for the Circle President's Charity of choice.

"There is a special feeling of togetherness and common purpose as a Catenian which I have not experienced before."

Peter Roddy

"I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I joined, but have been very pleasantly surprised. It's not just a Church social club, it's much, much better"

Simon Hill

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

We currently have 45 Brothers in the Kenilworth Circle and we meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Chesford Grange Hotel. Following a meeting that lasts no longer than 45 minutes, there is a three course meal giving plenty of time to socialise and catch up on things. The evening normally ends by 10.30pm and on four occasions each year wives and the wives of deceased Brothers are invited to attend the dinner. We also welcome Brothers visiting from other circles and we are encouraged to make visits too.



THE COST

All members of the Association are expected to contribute an annual fee towards both Circle and national membership. We have negotiated a very favourable rate for our monthly three-course dinner at the Chesford Grange Hotel. At times we also fundraise for good causes, both locally and nationally.