



Knights of St Columba TM
Arundel & Brighton
Province 34

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PENTECOST 2021

Provincial Grand Knight

I thank you all for electing me as your Provincial Grand Knight for the coming year. The intention is that my appointment will be for one year only and that Bro. Solomon Ezobi will shadow me with the intention of taking over as PGK at the March 2022 Provincial meeting.

Because of the lock down many meetings have been by Zoom using the KSC Corporate Zoom Licence. Some Councils have chosen to use their own purchased licence and others chose to use the free of charge 40-minute licence and some Councils have decided not to meet for the time being. Many events that we as Knights normally support have not taken place and therefore it has been a very quiet period for Bro. Solomon and for me. I apologise to Bro. Solomon for that situation.

For me it has been a period of getting to grips with Zoom meeting and by and large, with the occasional hitch that has been successful, thanks to Bro Trevor who's previous experience has been invaluable. I express my thanks to Bro. Trevor for his patience and perseverance!

Feast of Corpus Christi

Today's meeting takes place on the Feast of Corpus Christi. The festival of **Corpus Christi** celebrates the Eucharist as the body of Christ. This festival is celebrated to proclaim the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ during Mass. The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by Saint Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Having recognized the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena in 1264, the pontiff, then living in Orvieto, established the feast of Corpus Christi as a Solemnity and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church.

The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, "where the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a holy day of obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day".

I mention this not only because we are meeting on this day, albeit by Zoom, but because we need to remember we have not been able to take part in the great celebration that would normally have taken place at Arundel Cathedral last Thursday and we need to remember that as a result the Cathedral has suffered from a substantial loss of income. Please keep the Cathedral in your prayers and pray that such a loss can be made up in the next few months.

Another event that we have not been able to celebrate is the West Grinstead Pilgrimage. The good news is that hopefully if the current Covid restrictions are lifted, we will be able to celebrate the pilgrimage on Wednesday 8th September with the Union of Catholic Mothers.

KSC Seminary Amenity Fund

At the Provincial Meeting in December it was decided that the Knights Trustees of the Charity would meet to decide how to proceed in the light of the decision to close the seminary. Nothing has happened since then.

The Trust Deed provides that the Trustees can discontinue the Trust and pass the assets to another similar charitable institution, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners. In the light of that I have now commenced the procedure for the closure of the fund and distribute the moneys in the appropriate manner. Negotiations are in progress.

Proposed Reopening of Councils

The Board of Directors will be meeting physically in July so therefore with that in mind they will allow Councils to reopen from 1st July. The following conditions will apply:-

1. Permission must be sought from the Priest/Centre Manager prior to meeting.
2. The area/room must be sanitised both before and afterwards.
3. Masks must be worn. No Handshakes.

4. List of Brothers attending for Track & Trace.
5. Brothers who cannot attend for whatever reason must receive minutes of meetings.

After 15 months without meetings I am sure that this will be a great relief to all Brothers. I trust that you will all be delighted to again meet and get on with the business that the Order was founded upon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Provincial Officers and the Grand Knights who during this difficult period have supported me in my first three months of office. Your support has meant an enormous amount to me and for which I am most grateful.

Please take care and be safe.

Bro Geoff Breeze PGK

PROVINCIAL DISTRICT DEPUTY EAST

We have been invited by the Union of Catholic Mothers to join them on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation West Grinstead on Wednesday the 8th September.

The day will be led by Rev Canon Tom Treherne. It is hoped that this will be possible as the previous date in May had to be changed due to the pandemic. Details available nearer the time.

Bishop Richard opened the 40 hours perpetual Adoration at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Leonard's on Sea with Mass at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 25th May. This period of prayer at the Parish of the Good Shepherd which includes The Holy Redeemer Church parishioners has now become an annual event. The prayer session covers Tuesday night and all day Wednesday and finished with a Mass of thanksgiving on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. The intentions of the Adoration period outlined by Bishop Richard included prayer for the Parish and the Diocese as well as for the individual intentions of adorers.

The period of prayer was a great success and Fr Miceal Beatty PP thanked all who gave of their time and he mentioned his heartfelt thanks to the Knights of St Columba who stayed watching through the difficult hours both nights from 11p.m. to 6.00 a.m.

Bro Sean Harkins District Deputy East



Martin O'Brien Visitors Cup

Now that we hope soon be able to visit each other again perhaps we could take advantage of the visitors cup by visiting Hastings or Worthing Councils to claim it.

It can be claimed by two or more visiting brothers to a council meeting provided they are not on official business.

WELFARE

Spirituality & Welfare Forms SWC1, SWC1(P) and SW4a

Clarification of handling of the above annual forms is as follows:

Form SWC1 is sent direct to Head Office only.

Form SWC1(P) is sent to the Provincial Spirituality & Welfare Officer.

Form SW4a is sent to Head Office. The Provincial copy of this form showing case numbers instead of names goes to the Provincial Spirituality & Welfare Officer. The form is approved by him and sent to the Provincial Treasurer to support the assistance payment being made.

Please remember in your prayers:

Bro Tony Green Past GK of of Crawley Council 358 and former Provincial Secretary who has just had a severe stroke. He is in East Surrey Hospital and unfortunately not expected to recover. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

All those people effected by the Pandemic both the patients and the medical staff treating them.

Please pray for the souls of:

Brother Norman Payne of Guildford Council 551 who passed away on the 18th April 2021.

Norma Markham, wife of our former Provincial Treasurer, Bro Bernard Markham. Norma passed away on 22nd May after a long illness.

Please also pray for the dead of the Corona Virus.

May they rest in peace.

OBITUARY

**Brother Norman Payne
Guildford & Godalming
Council 551
Died 18 April 2021
Age 85
R.I.P.**

Bro Norman had been a Knight for 67 years. He had been ill for some years. Originally he went to study for the priesthood but left to train in finance. He married his Wife Valerie over 50 years ago. They have no children but Valerie survives him.

He was Treasurer of the Council for many years and also Social Secretary of his Council and Province 35. He was well remembered in his role as MC at the dinner dances he organised where his funny stories became legendary. He was very supportive of all council activities as well as being involved in his parish serving on the finance committee.

Please pray also for the Soul of Norma Markham wife of former Provincial Treasurer Bernard Markham.

Norma died on 18th April 2021

ACTION

Head Office Painting Competitions

This is the only item that has occurred this quarter.

It was finally possible to present the children from St Mary's School Worthing, who entered the Order's 2020 Christmas Painting Competition, with their certificates..

A cash prize funded by Council 280 for the best Worthing picture was also presented.

No other entries were received by Province in this competition, so the best Worthing pictures were submitted to Head Office.

Unfortunately none were placed in the National competition.

A participant's certificate, signed by Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan has been passed to St Mary's School for them to present to the Provincial Winner.

Since the 2020 competition, the interest in the KSC Painting competitions by children and staff has increased significantly and I am pleased to advise that they have submitted many entries for the 2021 Easter Painting Competition.

Again no entries were received from other councils.

First second and third placed entries were selected from St Mary's two age groups and submitted to Head Office.

Head Office Action Seminar By Zoom

I was unable to attend this event as it coincided with arrangements made to celebrate my Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Bro Trevor Stauss Provincial Action Youth & Social Convenor

Bognor Regis Council 324

We continue to have regular monthly Council meetings, by Zoom, and they are well attended both by video and by telephone however we are looking forward to recommencing our face-to-face meetings, the first of which will be on 12th July. Safeguarding protocols will be discussed at our next Zoom meeting in June.

Mass has continued to be celebrated within the Parish and our Parish Priest and Council Chaplin, Fr Chris, has given his permission for all those Knights who act as welcomers or stewards to wear Regalia. Naturally, this will continue to raise awareness of the Knights within the Parish and hopefully act as an aid to recruitment. As a Council we have continued with the Rosary for the Unborn, albeit by Zoom however, we will now be having the recitation of the Rosary on the 4th Friday of each month back in Our Lady of Sorrows immediately following the 10am Mass.

The Social committee continue to meet to come up with ideas for both social events for the Council but also any future fundraising events. One event currently being formulated is the reintroduction of the Deacon Anderson Cup. Many Brothers will probably remember Deacon Alistair Anderson and, as our Worthy Social Secretary Bro Con Sobey states;

"The Knights of St Columba are re-introducing a competition for this cup which was competed for in the Parish some years ago. The cup was donated to the Knights following the untimely death of Deacon Alistair Anderson, a mere three months after his ordination as a Deacon for this Parish. Following the recent death of Mrs. Anderson the Knights felt that a competition for the cup should be re-introduced." Further details will follow.

Our website continues to be updated and can be found on the Discipleship link on the Parish website. All Brothers report being well, and we pray that this continues to be the case.

God Bless

Bro Tony Moran GK

Crawley Council 358

Due to the current lockdown Crawley Council has not been able to meet since February 2020. However, Brothers keep in touch by telephone and the Grand Knight ensures all communications are forwarded to all Brothers and Fr Raymond Tumba OSA who has expressed grateful thanks for them and enjoys reading them.

Due to computer issues a zoom meeting has not been possible however, the Grand Knight has been in conversation with Brothers by telephone. The immediate past Grand Knight is at home, and is able to visit the town and attends Mass when restrictions allow

Crawley Council is a small Council, with most of the Brothers being elderly, and obviously due to the current situation it has been impossible to action anything in terms of recruitment to the Council. When the pestilence which afflicts us has passed this will be the key action of the Council going forward.

The Holy Week Poster was emailed to Fr Raymond OSA, Parish Priest and to schools for which the Grand Knight has contacts. It has also been emailed to the local Church of England Parish of St Margaret's where the Rector has expressed an interest in the work of the Knights. We are very much looking forward to being able to meet again.

Bro Stephen Horsman GK

Chichester Council 546

Council 546 have, as usual, been keeping in touch with their sick members including one who has been in a hospital 32 miles away from his Council in Chichester.

Although our Action has up to now been limited due to the COVID regulations, we are now preparing for our quiz (or race night) which we hope to hold in September. Hopefully we will also be able to revert to the Fish and Chip Supper that should accompany it.

At a recent meeting we touched briefly on the possibility of joining the new Diocesan Cherish Life Network, although we will require more details of the variety of projects they are planning, and are waiting for these. We might also possibly take part in some of the work of other organisations mentioned in the Diocesan 'Invited' booklet.

However, the main thing we are looking forward to, on our return to our usual meeting place, is the opportunity to meet up again with two of our Brothers who have not been able to join us for our Zoom meetings. This has been due to them not having computers and the difficulty involved in explaining to them by phone how to join the meeting by phone. It will be good to see them once more. Just as important is their Full Knighthood ceremony – and my own installation as Grand Knight – which was due to take place on the very day that lockdown began.

Bro Richard France GK



Worthing and District Council 280

The Council met each month by Zoom following the sub committees' meeting one week before.

Our end of year audit was completed in April by Brothers Jim Corkery and John Hydes.

The Finance and Welfare returns for 2021 were completed on time and submitted to Head Office.

We have four gentlemen from a pre Covid recruitment drive, of St Mary's parish, who have expressed an interest in finding out more about the Order when restrictions are lifted. Two brothers took part in the Order's on-line Membership Seminar.

Welfare work continues where possible, and Brother Dennis Key and his wife Jacqueline continue to keep in touch with our widows via a weekly Zoom meeting. This temporarily replaces their Friendship Group which they have run for many years.

The Council had sufficient Holy week posters in hand to meet the needs of our 8 parishes, to whom they were distributed.

A lunch during the summer and a Race Night in the autumn will be arranged when restrictions allow those numbers to get together.

Certificates signed by PGK 2020 were presented to all children from St Mary's School Worthing, who entered the Order's 2020 Christmas Painting Competition, and a cash prize was presented by Council 280 to the one judged best in that group. Some were selected by Province and submitted to Head Office but unfortunately none were placed in the National competition.

The children from St Mary's have also submitted many entries for the 2021 Easter Painting Competition. First second and third placed entries were selected from two groups and submitted to Province.

Change of Officers: Our thanks to brother Michael Long who completed his third year as GK. Council Secretary, Brother Ian Merricks has stepped down to be replaced by Brother Tim Moss who moves from the office of Treasurer. Our new Treasurer is a relatively new brother, Damien O'Hagan.

Bro Trevor Stauss GK

National Action Project 2022

Early in the year I received a request from Fr Rajesh Minz, Bexhill-on-Sea, to try and help his former Bishop back in India who was trying to raise funds to provide a school for poor tribal people who had been moved out of their homeland because of deforestation and industrialisation.. They were moving to the edge of his Diocese, Rourkela. They could not afford to pay for education and as a result were then migrating to larger cities where without any education they were taken advantage of.

The Tribes have embraced the Catholic Religion and are a peace loving people so Bishop Kishor's aim is to provide schooling and eventually a hostel where they can study.

He is trying to raise funds for a build project and for which he has already had plans drawn up and costings made. The School will be called St John's English Medium School in the Parish of Telendihi within his Diocese of Rourkela Odisha India. The Bishop is asking that the Tribes contribute to the school by donating their labour for the building.

With the assistance of the Bishop and with the consent of our PGK I have prepared a presentation pack for Supreme. I have sent this to the Supreme Action Convenor for presentation to the Board when they meet this month. I understand there are seven presentations in all and the Board will pick three to go forward to Supreme in October for a final decision. Let us pray that they will pick ours. The new action project will not start until October 2022 as the present project was extended one year because of Covid.

This Presentation is presented on behalf of Province 34.

Bro Charles Yarham PPGK

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Brighton 277 Paul Lowry 01273 565437 pelowry@aol.com	2rd Wed 7.30pm	St Thomas More, Patcham <i>(Provincial Council meetings also take place at this venue first Sunday of each quarter at 3pm)</i>
Chichester 546 Richard France richardfrance67@gmail.com	3rd Mon 8 pm	St Richard's, Cawley Road Chichester
Crawley 358 Stephen Horsman 01293 540112 spe.horsman@btinternet.com	4th Tuesday 7.30pm	The Friary
Eastbourne 433 Gerhard Neyenhuizen 01323 487212 Gerhardandchris@aol.com	2nd Mon 3pm	Parish rooms ,Christ the King, Langney, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT
Hastings 630 Stephen Bradshaw 01424 772887 stephenbradshaw@btinternet.com	3rd Tues 7.30pm	St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Magdalen Road. St Leonards-on-Sea.
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