



**September 2022  
PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER  
Arundel and Brighton  
Province 34**



The carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral in June, also showing the Shrine of St Philip Howard which was this year specially decorated by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre who stood guard throughout the festival.



ST PHILIP HOWARD



ANNE DACRE

**This Card was handed to me at the Cathedral to pass on to all Knights with the Bishop's thanks. I have thanked Bishop Richard for the card on your behalf.**

Dear Knights,

Thank you again for your involvement in this year's Corpus Christi celebration at Arundel.

It was wonderful for us all to celebrate as is fitting a most a great feast and I am most grateful for your presence and assistance for the Mass and Procession.

With every Blessing

## Provincial Grand Knight

Brothers, I do hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful hot summer break, the hottest I believe for a long time.

It will be the 250<sup>th</sup> meeting of our Provincial Council Arundel and Brighton and a particular welcome to Fr. David Osborne our new Provincial Chaplain.

I had the honour and pleasure of having my formal and official meeting with Bishop Richard Moth on the 11th of July 2022 at the Bishop residence in Pease Pottage. It was a very useful and productive meeting and the Bishop was as always welcoming and open to continue to support our Order in it's membership recruitment drive.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of July, I was kindly invited by Council 630, Hastings and Rother to present the school shield at St. Mary Magdalene in Bexhill on sea. The shield is presented each year to the pupil who has shown help and kindness throughout the year at home and in the school.

**Bro Solomon Ezobi PGK**

### Chichester Council 546

Bro Richard France our GK is making fantastic progress, he has been to Mass by our visitors group, we hope that he will be back in the seat soon.

We received an email via the Provincial Grand Knight who passed on a Gentleman's name he is from Petworth. He was invited to our August meeting and glad to say that he attended. After the meeting we had an open forum, question and answer then passed on recruitment paper work, he said that he would be at our next meeting.

**Bro Ray Webb Acting GK**

### Crawley Council 358

This will be brief. I am the only active member of Council 358 Crawley, and therefore the Council at present is not meeting.

I am in the process of arranging to meet with the Parish Priest, Fr Raymond Tumba OSA, and a part of our discussion will be to ascertain when a recruitment drive can happen in Crawley Parish.

**Bro Stephen Horsman GK**

### Eastbourne Council 433

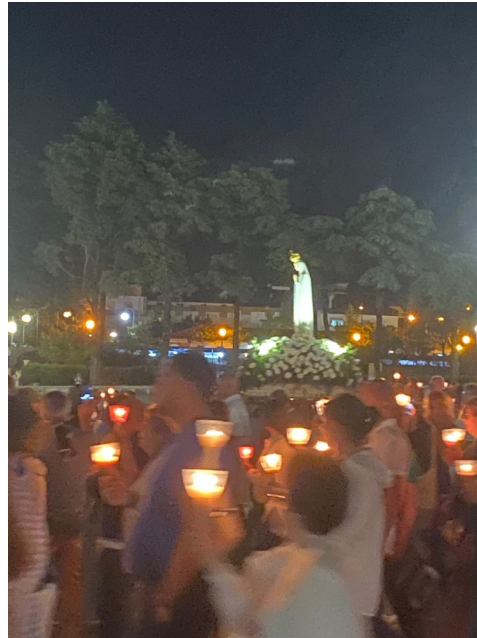
Our council is struggling a little as we have a small membership; in addition several of our members either have health problems or a close family member. We will resume our regular monthly meetings in September. We are looking to build on our existing membership in the autumn, as part of a relaunch strategy.

On a personal level, I have recently returned from a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. I walked from Santiago de Compostela to the shrine of Fatima, some 350 brutal miles in temperatures that were sometimes over 42°C, in just 20 days. On one such day I nearly ran out of water, but was blessed by a well dedicated to St Antony. Often alone, one day for almost six hours when I did not see another person, as I was walking on quiet forests paths. I dodged around some forest fire near Tomar for several days. On three occasions I slept under the stars, as there was no available accommodation. Fatima was a real joy. The site marks where Our Lady appeared to three child shepherds in 1916 and 1917. There are two basilicas (the modern one can hold 9,000 people), services are from dawn till dusk and delightful "Ave Marias" are heard all day, culminating in a candlelit procession after dusk every evening.

**Bro Rod Barker GK**



A selection of Bro Rod Barker's photos from Fatima as referred to in his Eastbourne report



## Membership

Following on from the meeting with Bishop Richard in May, Brothers Trevor Stauss and Brian Stone and I met to plan a recruitment drive in Ewell parish.

The outcome was a planned approach following the outcomes of the discussions in May. Details are in Bro Trevor's Action report but to summarise: Bishop Richard will ask Fr Graham Bamford PP to support a recruitment drive in his Parish, followed by an approach to Fr Bamford by Bro Trevor, to discuss the plans and ascertain how it would fit into the parish's planned events.

A Sunday would be targeted and information for inclusion in the parish newsletter will be circulated and KSC posters displayed by a local brother. Depending on the parish plans, a display board would be installed for three weeks prior to the relevant Sunday. The week prior to that Sunday brothers would distribute handouts to parishioners after Mass and, on the Sunday, there would be a main recruitment presentation with at least three brothers in attendance. After Mass Brothers would meet and discuss with parishioners and their families and encourage involvement in the Knights. May I offer much appreciation to Bro Trevor for following up with this initiative.

Council 324, Bognor Regis have recently received an application for a new member which has been accepted by the Council. An admission ceremony needs to be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

I am grateful for the regular reports received from Council 280 where it is reported that Brother John Elliott initiation ceremony took place in December 2020 and plans for the full Knighthood ceremony need now to be actioned. They are currently considering 10am Mass on New Year's Day 2023.

It would be good to receive reports from other Councils regarding membership.

**Bro Stephen Horsman**  
**Provincial Membership Officer.**

## Bognor Regis Council 324

Brothers continue to do welcoming duties at Our Lady of Sorrows and still come together on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month for the Rosary for Life, following Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. All are welcome to join us.

We were very pleased to have the opportunity to financially assist 5 young people from our Parish to go to Lourdes as Red Shirts.

Brothers of this Council were able to Steward at the Corpus Christi service at Arundel Cathedral, and again at the Cathedral with the Confirmations.

Our Parish Priest, Fr Chris is currently on holiday, and we are very fortunate to have Fr Ramon over from Spain to say the Masses. He joined us at our Council meeting, complete with his collar, to say a few words and to give his blessing. Fr Ramon is a member of honour of this Council.

With Fr Chris away it has not yet been possible to arrange a date for Bro Alex's initiation, but it is our hope that this can be resolved upon his return. I hope to discuss having a Mass for deceased Brothers.

The Brothers have enjoyed a canal trip with cream teas on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August and the Deacon Anderson Quiz is scheduled for 17th September.

Our Action and Youth and Membership officers are actively producing small handouts and posters for the student halls/social areas at the Colleges and University campuses. They have been ably assisted by Bro Rov and Bro Alex.

All Brothers report being well, and we pray that this continues to be the case.

**Bro Tony Moran GK**



On the boat

The Canal trip lasted one hour and a quarter from the Chichester Canal Basin to Hunstan and back

**Mass for deceased Brothers  
Sunday 27th November 2022  
Arundel Cathedral  
11.15 am**

**The Union of Catholic Mothers Annual Pilgrimage  
To the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and St. Francis  
Park Lane, West Grinstead, W. Sussex RH13 8LT  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
In conjunction with The Knights of St Columba**

**10.30- 11.00** Coffee

**11.00-11.40** Spiritual Talk given by Canon Tom Treherne  
Followed by preparation for Holy Mass

**12.00 – Holy Mass**

**12.50 – Lunch Break (Please bring a packed lunch)**

**1.45 (approx.)** Gather in the church for **UCM/KSC prayers**

The **Holy Rosary** (Glorious Mysteries) will be prayed – in the garden for those who are able, lead by Canon Tom and Mrs Harkins (UCM Diocesan Secretary)

For those who find walking difficult - in the Church, lead by Mrs Anne Ager (Diocesan President UCM) and Sean Harkins (KSC)

This will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction lead by Canon Tom.

**Please remember to bring a Donation as the Shrine's income depends mainly on pilgrims. Be generous and give what you can to support the upkeep of the Shrine.**

## ACTION

Congratulations to Sebastian McHardy one of the Co 551 (Guildford & Godalming) entries, for winning Group 1 (7-11) of the National Easter Painting Competition. He received a trophy which he retains and £30 cash prize. His school, St Dunstan's of Woking, received a cheque for £200.

Corpus Christi celebrations were held on 16<sup>th</sup> June with the Carpet of Flowers on the previous day. Brothers from Bognor and Worthing Councils provided assistance with car parking, welcoming and stewarding. The Dean, Canon David Parmiter would like his parishioners to take more of the active roles in major celebrations, but their numbers were not sufficient on this occasion. The support of the KSC was much appreciated.

Lunch at the Norfolk Arms after the Mass for deceased brothers on November 27<sup>th</sup> has been provisionally booked by Worthing Council. Brothers and wives from the Province are warmly invited to attend. Please advise the Provincial AY&S if you would like to join them.

From our meeting at West Grinstead on 14<sup>th</sup> May, with Bishop Richard, towards encouraging the formation of more KSC Councils in A&B parishes, the following plan has evolved.

Unfortunately Provincial Membership Officer, Brother Stephen Horseman will be unable to participate in the recruitment as he is professionally engaged in providing music for his parish in Crawley, on Sunday mornings.

Before the pandemic, as PGK, discussions were held with Bros Tim Lux, and Michael Steele and with brother Brian Stone of Ewell parish. Ewell, under PP Fr Graham Bamford was considered fertile ground for recruitment.

In July of this year, a Zoom meeting was arranged with Brother Brian Stone and Stephen Horseman. Together with kind advice from Provincial Chaplain Fr Tony Lovegrove, we produced the following outline for recruitment at Ewell:

Bishop Richard asks Fr Graham Bamford to support our recruiting efforts

Prov A&YS, discusses with Fr Graham how our intentions fit with planned parish events.

Information describing the KSCs provided for Fr Graham's parish newsletter.

Local brother will display KSC posters on parish notice board.

KSC Recruiting board will hopefully be on display for the next 3 weeks.

Brothers distribute handouts to parishioners after Mass one week before main presentation

Main recruitment presentation with at least 3 brothers in attendance.

Discuss after Mass with gentlemen interested and their families.

Follow up activity.

Support will be needed from other brothers in the Province when we visit the parish.

**Bro Trevor Stauss Action Youth & Social Officer**



The School Shield this year at St Mary Magdalene School in Bexhill was presented to Grace Hewett by Brother Solomon Ezobi (PGK) on behalf of the Hastings and Rother 630 Knights of St Columba.



At St Mary SOS, St Leonards, Julia Wiszowaty was a well deserving recipient of the Shield. Julia can be seen here with her delighted parents and Knights Fidelis Okoliko (GK) and Sean Harkins, and at Sacred Heart School in Hastings, Aada Edwards was awarded the Shield. The Shields are presented each year at the three Catholic Primary Schools in the Deanery to the pupil, selected by the Head Teacher/ Staff, whom has shown help and kindness throughout the year at home and the school.

Sunday Mass on 17th July at Hastings St Mary Star of the Sea was followed by a Papal Blessing to Bro Paddy Hooke and also marked his 90th Birthday. Paddy was presented with a Cake decorated as a book reminding him his roots in Kells, co Meath. The Presentation was made by Father Eamonn and Knights of St Columba were there in strength to congratulate Brother Paddy.



## Worthing and District Council 280

Brothers provided welcomers and ushers for the Worthing Deanery Confirmation celebrations very successfully. This was followed by further Cathedral support a couple of weeks later for the Corpus Christi Mass and procession with welcoming, stewarding and car parking, plus the Carpet of Flowers on the previous day.

An ex-brother has returned to Council 280. Charlie Barrow left when suffering from a debilitating and rare complaint some years ago. Thankfully he is now much improved and although his work frequently takes him away, he is back in Council 280.

Funds raised by our Race Night in May were presented to the recipients. £500 to the mother of the Ukrainian family who have moved into our area and £500 to Peter the son of Brother Richard Maguire. This sponsored him as a Red Shirt in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Peter kindly visited the Council upon his return to talk about his experiences. He felt it had brought him closer to God and that he was inspired by the faith of those around him.

Certificates were made and presented to each of the 33 entrants from Worthing St Mary's to this year's Easter Scene Painting Competition. A prize of £10 was awarded to the local winner.

Two Brothers supported the Arundel SVP Conference to provide a Race Night in July raising funds for a local hospice. This was very successful and raised over £3,000 thanks to great parish support and astute marketing by the SVP.

The National Action Survey 2022 was completed and submitted to SD Action and Social, Brother Stephen Ferris.

A Race Night, by Council 280, to raise funds for the Order's National Action Project, The John Foster Memorial Home is booked for 29<sup>th</sup> October.

The Council will arrange a lunch at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Arundel, to follow the Mass for Deceased Brothers on 27<sup>th</sup> November. All Brothers and wives from the Province are warmly invited to join them. Please contact me to reserve a place.

**Bro Trevor Stauss GK**

## Guildford Council 551

Following a meeting with Bishop Richard at West Grinstead on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 regarding Recruitment and Membership of the Knights of St Columba, the Brothers of Council 551 discussed the various proposals at our June 2022 meeting and look forward to putting some of the proposals into action after the Summer holidays.

Our July meeting was delayed until the 1st August to enable the attendance of immediate past PGK Michael Steele who is now resident in Sheffield. After the meeting we enjoyed a social gathering with Bro. Michael.

We were very pleased to learn that three participants in the 2022 Junior Easter Scene Painting Competition achieved National and Provincial awards. Sebastian McHardy from St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School, Woking, was the National and Province 34 Winner. Daniel Carrillo, also from St Dunstan's and Joseph O'Donnell from Cardinal Newman School, Hersham, received Head Office Certificates of Participation, as well as Highly Commended Province 34 Certificates.

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of MOH Abbot Emeritus Laurence O'Keeffe OSB who died on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. His Funeral Mass was arranged to take place at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022. We remember Abbot Laurence's Community in our prayers, and pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

**Bro Roderick O'Connor GK**

## Provincial Officers and Councils 2022

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<b>Brighton 277</b> Paul Lowry 01273 565437 <a href="mailto:pelowry@aol.com">pelowry@aol.com</a>	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>
<b>Chichester 546</b> Richard France <a href="mailto:richardfrance67@gmail.com">richardfrance67@gmail.com</a>	3rd Mon 7.30 pm	St Richard's, Cawley Road Chichester
<b>Crawley 358</b> Stephen Horsman 01293 540112 <a href="mailto:spe.horsman@btinternet.com">spe.horsman@btinternet.com</a>	4th Tuesday 7.30pm	The Friary
<b>Eastbourne 433</b> Rod Barker 07729936666. <a href="mailto:barkeruk@btinternet.com">barkeruk@btinternet.com</a>	2nd Mon 3pm	Venue varies. Please check with GK
<b>Hastings 630</b> Fidelis Okoliko 07946689934 <a href="mailto:okoliko61@hotmail.com">okoliko61@hotmail.com</a>	3rd Tues 7.30pm	St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Magdalen Road. St Leonards-on-Sea.
<b>Guildford &amp; Godalming 551</b> Roderick O'Connor <a href="mailto:mocandroc.uk@gmail.com">mocandroc.uk@gmail.com</a>	3rd Mon 8pm	St Pius X, Lauston Close, Merrow, Guildford, GU1 2TS
<b>Worthing 280</b> Trevor Stauss 01903 366152 <a href="mailto:trevor.stauss@hotmail.co.uk">trevor.stauss@hotmail.co.uk</a>	2nd Tues 7.45 pm	English Martyrs Goring Way, Goring, West Sussex, BN12 4UH