



PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

Knights of St Columba TM

Arundel and Brighton

Province 34

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First Bishop of Luliang China is consecrated by the Holy See in agreement with the Peoples Republic of China.

Pope Frances has decided to suppress the Diocese of Fenyang in mainland China but at the same time creating a new Diocese of Luliang which will be a suffragan diocese of the Archdiocese of Taiyuan in Shanxi Province. The episcopal seat will be located at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Fenyang, a city within Luliang.

The Vatican also announced that on Monday 20 January the episcopal ordination of Bishop Antonio Ji Weizhong as first bishop of Luliang took place.

Vatican News



Knights of Columbus donate Mobile

Broadcasting unit to Vatican

Bringing the voice of the Pope to the world. Speaking with Vatican Radio on the sidelines of the event, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, "It really is an honour for us to be able to do this, to provide a van like this, which is top notch technology and really is able to reach so many people who may never have the chance to come to Rome". With the new broadcasting unit, it's possible to bring the voice of the Pope and the events happening in Rome to people from around the world.

Ribbon cutting with Paolo Ruffini, Cardinal Semeraro, and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly



Brothers from Province 34 Arundel and Brighton attending the Provincial Mass for Deceased Brothers offered by Bishop Richard on Sunday 17th November at Arundel Cathedral.

Provincial Grand Knight

It was a personal challenging period from mid November until just after Christmas with my wife being hospitalised 3 times in 7 weeks. She is fully recovered and I thank Brothers for their support and well wishes.

I attended a Mass recently at Bognor Regis when 2 new Brothers were Welcomed into the Order, a joyous occasion. Please make sure that Bro Stephen is aware of these celebrations ahead of time.

As many are aware, I appointed Bro Bertie as GK of Brighton Council 277. He has taken over when the council is struggling and will need as much help as possible.

I would like to thank all the Grand Knights for their excellent response following the Data collection required by Head Office. It would seem evident that the Data base is in need of a complete updating.

I have asked Bro Bertie to forward what monies we have for the Lectionaries. Can I request that any monies raised so far be given over to Bro Bertie.

We have a new Board of Directors following the Supreme Council in October and I think it would be fair to say that we are still coming to terms with new ways of working. It may take a bit of time before any noticeable positive changes are seen to happen.

All Councils are doing wonderful work within their Parishes and local communities and are to be commended. Let's continue to raise our profile as much as possible at every opportunity.

Can I close by thanking those Brothers who are stepping down from office for all the work they have done and congratulate those Officers, new and existing, for their commitment to the coming year.

Bro Tony Moran PGK

Mass for Deceased Brothers will take place this year at Arundel Cathedral at 11am on Sunday 16th November. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Richard

Bognor Regis Council 324

Early December, we were asked to help with the "Live Nativity" organised by the three churches in Bognor, including Our Lady Of Sorrow; sadly It was cancelled due to Storm Darragh.

The Art Exhibition that we organised (in November/December last year) has generated another donation towards the lectionaries of £130.50 (cheque already handed in to Bro Bertie). A huge thank you to Bro George for his artistic gift and donating his paintings.

The Council had a Christmas luncheon at the Beachcroft Hotel; it was attended by a mixture of Brothers from our Council, Chichester Council and valued Parishioners and it was enjoyed by all.

Sadly, Bro Con's wife, Dierdre has passed away. Her funeral was held on January 24th which was well attend by Brothers to show support to Bro Con and mark our respects to Deirdre.

We had the welcoming ceremony for Bro George and Bro Lijo which took place on The Presentation Of The Lord 11am Sunday Mass. (see photo on next page)

We have four men who are currently interested to join our Council; for two of them, it won't be until after Easter as they are completing their RCIA.

We have set some key dates in our social events: Spring Luncheon: May 24th; Skittles July 18th; Horse Race August 23rd and Quiz September 23rd. We are planning a trip to the Chichester Planetarium (the last time, our Council went there was before Covid). If you are interested by any of those events, don't hesitate to contact us.

I am sadly informing you of the passing of Bro Alex Burns who died on Tuesday 18th February (he was receiving end of life care at St Richards Hospital).

I have been told that his niece is on her way flying from Spain and is his only close family left.

No doubt we shall hear of a funeral in due course.

Bro Nicolas Moyart GK



A VERY BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS BROTHERS GEORGE KIZHAKKEMATTUMMAL AND LIJO JOSE WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO THE ORDER ON SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS BOGNOR REGIS AT THE 11AM SUNDAY MASS CELEBRATED BY FR DAVID OSBOURNE. THEY RECEIVED A BIG APPLAUSE FROM THE LARGE CONGREGATION WHO FILLED THE CHURCH.



A VERY BIG WELCOME TO BROTHERS BRUCE, DAVID, FRANCIS, AND RON WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO THE ORDER ON SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY AT A MASS CELEBRATED BY FR STEPHEN O BRIAN AT ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH BEXHILL.

Welfare

I start this report with news of our Ecclesiastical Advisor, Bishop Tom Neylon. He had a blackout in September and after a series of tests during the autumn he was fitted a device on 27 December. He is resting up after the procedure. With the help of the good people who work for the NHS, his family, friends, fellow Clergy and the prayers of many, he is gradually improving in health. Please keep him in your prayers.

Just after Christmas, on 30th December, together with other bothers of the Chichester Council, I attended the funeral of Mgr. Nicholas France at St Edmund's Church in Southampton. Mgr. Nicholas was the brother of Richard France from Chichester Council. It was good that we and several other parishioners were able to support brother Richard at this difficult time of year.

On 3rd January with Bro. Bob Waters, I attended the funeral of Brother Charles Snowdon at the church of St. Theodore of Canterbury, Gossip's Green Lane Gossip's Green. It was good for us to be supported by three former members of the Crawley Council. Finally a date for your diary. Our Mass for deceased members of our Province will be held in Arundel Cathedral 11.00am on Sunday 16th November. Bishop Richard has kindly agreed to say the Mass.

Bro Geoff Breeze

Provincial Officer for Welfare and Spirituality

OBITUARY

**Brother Alex Burns
Died 18th February 2025
Council 324 Bognor
Regis
Aged 93
R.I.P.**

Brother Alex was a stalwart supporter of Bognor Regis Council. For a number of years he was the Council Secretary and also took an active part in the social activities helping to arrange various events.

More recently he suffered from ill health mainly caused by a leaky heart valve which could not be fixed.

He had been taken into St Richards Hospital Chichester for end of life care a few days before he died.

His niece who we believe to be his only surviving relative came over from Spain where she lives.

**BROTHER
CHARLES SNOWDON
DIED DECEMBER 2024
CRAWLEY COUNCIL 358
R.I.P.**

Bro. Charles, always known as "Snowie" was a stalwart in the Knights throughout the nineties and two thousands until poor health caught up with him.

He was a reporter and photographer for what was then the Diocesan Newspaper "A&B News".

Whenever the Knights were involved in an event, Snowie would always make sure that a report and photographs would be included in the newspaper.

May he rest in Peace

ACTION

New Lectionaries

To remind brothers that following the Bishop's request in 2024, Province 34 Councils have committed to contribute towards the cost of the copies that have been purchased for each of the Catholic schools in A&B.

A recognition of those who contribute will be included in each of the lectionaries. 18 sets have been purchased from CTS, at £355 per set. Councils are asked to aim to purchase at least one set.

Youth Competitions

Christmas Photographic Competition

The following entries were received with thanks from Bognor, Council 324 and submitted to Head Office. Certificates describing this and of their success in the Provincial element of the competition will be provided by the Action Youth Officer

Gabriel Vonk Year 4 (Handcrafted crib) St Mary's Bognor & Slindon



Matthew 2-6

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Sofia Clara Claveria Year: 6



Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Youth Competitions

Nativity Scene Painting Competition

Some 70 entries were received with thanks, from St Mary's Primary, Worthing, Council 280. The three winning entries below were submitted to Head Office.

Certificates describing this and of their success in the Provincial element of the competition, will be provided by the Action Youth Officer and also to the best twenty runners up.

April Knoll-Pollard



Chloe Vaughan



Ely Luciano



VISITORS CUP.
 This has not been claimed now for a number of years
 The Visitors Cup is currently at Hastings with a second one at Worthing
 This can be claimed by two or more brothers who visit one of those two councils when they can claim the cup. They must not be on official business.



Competition	Grades	2025 Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.
Easter Scene Painting	7 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 to 18	2nd May
Photography	7 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 to 18	16th May
Prayer Composition	7 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 to 18	30th May
Essay Writing	11 to 14, 14 to 18	30th May

GKs and Youth Officers are requested to submit entries to Prov AYS in time to achieve the above deadlines at Head Office

Bro Trevor Stauss

Provincial Action Youth & Social Officer

Hastings and Rother Valley Council 630

In the last few months 630 Council members have been busy, organising a Quiz held at Holy Redeemer Church Hall.

This was followed a few weeks later, where members over three weekends, attended evening and morning Masses distributing our free Christmas posters in our local churches. There was an invitation for the congregations to contribute to our chosen local charities a continuation of the causes agreed by the Council for the proceeds of the Quiz.

There has been an excellent response from the three communities, St Leonards on Sea, Hastings and Bexhill. The fact that all the priests announced at the end of each Mass what we were doing enhanced the received donations.

The Council has been in a position to give £500 to Hastings Food Bank, £500 to the new SVP Conference at the Parish of the Good Shepherd and a further £100 to the SVP Bexhill. They had received £220 following our first ever Quiz at Bexhill in November.

It has been notable that the exposure of our activities over the last few years has led to four new gentlemen wishing to join our Council. Our membership dropped by one following a resignation for health reasons from 14 to 13 members. The boost of four new members is a very welcome development.

Bro Sean Harkins GK

Guildford Council 551

In November the Knights of Council 551 arranged a talk given by Sister Jane Bertelsen the International Leader of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood. She delivered a heartfelt and captivating talk about the rich history of the F M D M. She said that while the number of missionary Sisters was relatively small the lay Brothers and Sisters were like an army of fantastic helpers.

A tour of the Beautiful Chapel and the tea and coffee were gratefully received. A sum of money was raised £330 seventy percent going to the Sisters.

Our next talk will be held in St. Dunstons R. C in Woking. This was for Saturday 1st March.

Future Talks planned include a talk by a local charity called Les Amie. This is scheduled to take place in June.

Later on we will hear from the local leaders of C A F O D.

Our Brother Peter is still having treatment for the Cancer in his throat. He is building up his strength for a planned operation in March. We are keeping him in our Prayers.

At our next Meeting we are going to raise our Brother Ashley to Full Knighthood. Pray for him and all new Brothers.

Bro Sean Leathem GK.

Worthing and District Council 280

Christmas Meal – Took place on Saturday 7th December at the Tides Restaurant in Goring. There were 30 in attendance including several Widows. Our 7 Widows all received a Christmas Voucher along with a Christmas ecard.

Race Night – Our first Race Night of the year has been arranged for Saturday 10th May at Oscar Romero School, Goring

New Year Mass – This was on Wednesday 1st January 2025 at St. Michaels Hayling Rise at 11.00am followed by light refreshments.

Visits & Remembrance – Visits to our widows continue, as do our prayers for the sick and our deceased brothers from Worthing and those from Arundel and Adur Councils now defunct. May they rest in peace.

Silver Jubilee Award - I have pleasure in announcing that Bro. Hugh Brentnall has reached this milestone and shall be presented to him at Council meeting on 11th February.

There is one brother Giuseppe Regnante who is ready for elevation to Full Knighthood. It is anticipated this shall take place in April 2025, date to be arranged and confirmed.

Bro Tim Moss GK

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Council Grand Knight	Meeting time	Council meeting Venue
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Brighton 277 Bertie Grogan 07714 763862 bertie.grogan@live.co.uk	Not currently meeting Check with GK	St Thomas More Centre Patcham, Brighton BN1 8HS. <u>Provincial Council meets at this address.</u>
Chichester 546 John Partridge 07951 243128	3rd Mon 7pm	St Richard's, Cawley Road Chichester
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Eastbourne 433 Rod Barker 07729 936666. barkeruk@btinternet.com	2nd Mon 3pm	Venue varies. Please check with GK
Hastings 630 Sean Harkins 01424 442018 judesean@hotmail.com	3rd Tues 7.30pm	St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Magdalen Road. St Leonards-on-Sea.
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