



## Knights of St Columba <sup>TM</sup> Arundel & Brighton Province 34

### West Grinstead Pilgrimage Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### The Union of Catholic Mothers Annual Pilgrimage To the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead 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 at this very difficult time when there has been little or no income for eighteen months.**

St Philip Howard Mass  
Arundel Cathedral

Sunday 17th October 3pm  
Celebrated by Bishop Richard  
This is celebrated with the Friends of the Cathedral and KSC.

### MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS

Sunday 28th November at Arundel Cathedral at 11.15am celebrated by  
Bishop Richard

## Provincial Grand Knight

Because of the lockdown 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. The situation is gradually returning to normal and some councils have now reverted to meeting again in the Council chamber. Hopefully that will continue and we must pray that we do not suffer further lockdowns.

### **KSC Seminary Amenity Fund**

At the Provincial Meeting in December it was agreed that the Trustees of the Charity would meet to decide how to proceed in the light of the decision to close the seminary.

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, in May I commenced the procedure for the closure of the fund. The trustees met at Womersley on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Following discussions several options were put forward and eventually it was agreed to close the fund and distribute the remaining monies to each of the Bishops of the Province of Southwark for the benefit of furthering the education of their students studying for the priesthood (and Diaconate).

Following this decision the proposed option was forwarded to the Charity Commissioners for their approval and confirmation that we comply with the condition of the original Trust Deed. The Diocesan Bishops from Southwark, Arundel and Brighton, Portsmouth and Plymouth will be informed of the decision and the funds will be shared equally among them.

**West Grinstead Pilgrimage** will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am, a joint occasion with the Union of Catholic Mothers. I encourage all Knights to attend and support the pilgrimage. It has not been well attended in the past so let us make an effort this year please.

It is very disappointing recently to hear from Bro Hugh that there has been little response to his e-Mail requesting numbers of Knights who would be attending the West Grinstead Pilgrimage. The West Grinstead pilgrimage has always been a major event for the Knights and I have to wonder why we currently have so little support for this important pilgrimage. It was a similar situation two years ago.

Is this pilgrimage held at the wrong time the year? Is it held on the wrong day? Are there any other reasons. If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then bring your responses to the Provincial Council meeting together with suggestions on how to encourage brothers to take part and improve the attendance. **In the meantime, please encourage all your brothers to attend this pilgrimage on Wednesday 8th September at 11.00am. Brothers will need to bring a packed lunch.**

**St Philip Howard pilgrimage** will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3 pm. This is a joint pilgrimage with the Friends of Arundel Cathedral. Let us try and outnumber them this year!

**Mass for deceased Knights** will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11.15am and will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth. Please support this event and remember our deceased Brother Knights.

**Bro Geoff Breeze PGK**

# ACTION

As IPPGK and a trustee of the KSC (Province 35) St John's Seminary Fund, I attended a meeting on 23rd July at Wonersh. This was with PGK Brother Geoff Breeze and Monsignor Gerry Ewing, Rector at Wonersh and Monsignor Matthew Dickens, Vicar General & Chancellor, to discuss the winding up of the fund following the closure of St John's Seminary.

The slow emergence from the pandemic lockdown continues to prevent any of the traditional activities with which we would otherwise be engaged at this time of the year.

Following the announcement that St Charles' Church in Worthing has been closed, pending the sale of the church, its land, presbytery and parish centre to fund repairs to other churches in the Deanery, Council 280 had to vacate the Parish Centre where it had met for many years.

The regalia, including collars, record books and table cloths of redundant Councils had been accumulated there during my time as PGK and had to be moved. Enquiries to Head Office advised that only collars were to be returned to them. As previously advised to Province there were about 45 collars, many of which are recyclable.

I spent some time at this and have supplied a total of 11 collars to Chichester, Guildford and Bognor Councils to replace those in a poor state, since the June Provincial meeting. I have another 12 ready if they are required.

I will clean all of the remaining collars that are viable and then return any that are not requested by Councils of Province 34, to Head Office.

The record books and cloths of redundant Councils have been recycled.

**Bro Trevor Stauss Provincial Action Youth & Social Convenor**

## Guildford Council 551

As you know, I have now moved to Sheffield, my home city. Thanks to Zoom I have been able to attend meetings of council 551, but I will now have to step down as GK and hand over the reins to Brother Roderick. I will continue as a member of Council 551, as alas there is no council anymore in Sheffield.

We are planning to run a quiz, Covid permitting, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, when I will be visiting Guildford for a few days. Part of the funds will go to the order's National Action Project.

Bro Jason Saliba will be elected to full knighthood in September and will then be able to take over as our Treasurer. Fresh mandates are being prepared for the bank and building society accounts. We are hoping 3 potential members will be initiated shortly.

Our council will be well represented at the West Grinstead Pilgrimage.

We keep an eye on our widows and will invite them to our annual Mass for deceased members in November.

**Bro Michael Steele GK Co 551 Guildford and District**



### Martin O'Brien Visitors Cup

Now that we hope soon to 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.

## OBITUARY



**BRO ANTHONY FRANCIS GREEN  
CRAWLEY COUNCIL 358  
DIED 3 JUNE 2021  
AGED 81  
R.I.P.**

### **Bro Anthony Francis Green**

Tony joined the KSC in 1969 and was elected Grand Knight of Crawley on seven occasions. He was also once elected as Provincial Secretary for Sussex Province 34 and he went as a Supreme Councillor to the meeting in Coventry in the 1980's. The Knights in Crawley were then very active and Tony and Nora, his wife, were very involved too when the Knights decided to give holidays to some children from Northern Ireland during the troubles.

Starting as a young person in the Nautical Training Corps, he went on to serve in the Royal Naval Reserve for many years. He worked his way up the ladder to become Chief Petty Officer in charge of all the workings of the ship.

He worked on minesweepers and had a great time visiting various ports in different countries.

Tony and Nora were married on 9 June 1962, the Feast of St Columba, and he had a Guard of Honour after the wedding, comprised of members of the Royal Navy Reserve. After his funeral at The Friary, Crawley, he had another Guard of Honour, this time comprised of members of the KSC.

Tony wanted to be buried at sea. His wishes were fulfilled when his ashes were "interred" at the site of the wreck of the Mary Rose, off Portsmouth, on 20 August 2021.

He will be sorely missed by his wife, Nora, his three children, Angela, Caitlin and Honor, their husbands, and his 6 grandchildren.

May his soul rest in peace.

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just  
By the Death and Resurrection of whose Son we have been redeemed look mercifully on your departed servant Anthony that, just as he professed the mystery of the Resurrection, so he may merit to receive the joys of eternal happiness.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son  
Amen

## Bognor Regis Council 324

Our Council met for a face to face meeting in August, the first time in almost seventeen months, which was extremely well attended. It allowed brothers to catch up with those not seen for a long time plus we were finally given the opportunity to present Brother Philip Wildsmith with his Past Grand Knight Jewel for advising, guiding and directing this Council with four years of exemplary service.

We were pleased to welcome Fr Ramon from Spain to our meeting. Fr Ramon is, when conditions allow, an annual visitor to Bognor Regis and an enthusiastic supporter of The Knights of St Columba. He is also a Member of Honour of our Council.

The Social committee continue to develop ideas for fraternal activities such as a Christmas luncheon, and Parish involvement with events like the Deacon Anderson cup quiz which will be open to parishioners, parish groups and families, and developing the idea of supporting and fundraising for a local hospice.

On 31st August a Memorial Mass took place in our Lady of Sorrows for our late Brother Derek Hogg. Bro Derek was an influential member of our Council and, during his service to the Church and our Order held many positions of office both here and overseas. We had the opportunity to say farewell to Bro Derek during the service with a Knights Tribute and Guard of Honour. Our thoughts and Prayers continue to be with Bro Derek's family.

On Saturday 4th September a full Knighthood Ceremony took place at Our Lady of Sorrows for Bro Nick Moyart from this Council together with brothers from Chichester and Guildford. Bro Nick has been influential in developing our website. We thank the Provincial Council members for officiating and welcoming these brothers.

Brothers have remained in touch using the telephone tree which they have found to be a method of fraternal contact and comfort. All brothers report being well and we pray that this continues to be the case.

**Bro Tony Moran GK**

## Chichester Council 546

With the lifting of Covid restrictions on July 19<sup>th</sup>, we were able once again to have face-to-face meetings, albeit still socially distanced, with sanitized chairs, tables etc., and masks being worn, though only while moving about before and after the meeting.

We have continued to keep in touch with our sick members, although one of them, Bro.Paul Carney, has had to go into a home, at least while he is assessed, in order for the nursing authorities to be able to decide where he is to live. His surgery has made it impossible for him to return to his house, which is not suitably equipped for his present situation.

July 30<sup>th</sup> was a sad day with the funeral of one of the Council widows, Sheila Brown. She had been the wife of Bro. Douglas Brown, one of the founder members of our Council. We provided a Guard of Honour for her.

We are, for the first time in 18 months, planning another one of our regular Quiz and Fish 'n Chip Suppers on Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> (all are invited!). This time it will be in conjunction with St. Richard's Primary School, as we are helping to raise funds for their Early Years project. The Quiz being organised by Chichester Council will this year, and presumably future years, be a Socially Distanced Quiz. The traditional Quiz, held annually by the Knights of St. Columba, usually involves whispering and conferring at close quarters, which isn't very "Covid-friendly. A socially distanced quiz is different, but can be just as fun, and lends itself to variations. Some Councils may already have organised such a quiz.

Otherwise, those looking for ideas for a socially distanced quiz, please contact:- [richardfrance67@gmail.com](mailto:richardfrance67@gmail.com)

We are also hoping to arrange a Race night, complete with 3ft high wooden horses being lifted by the participating jockeys from one marked out square to the next.

Two of our members will be going forward for their Full Knighthood ceremony at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>, together with Bognor Council.

Four Brothers from Chichester Council will also be taking part in the West Grinstead Pilgrimage on the following Wednesday.

**Bro Richard France GK**

## Crawley Council 358

Sadly, I begin this report with the news of the death of Brother Tony Green on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. Brother Tony joined the Knights in 1969 and was Grand Knight for Crawley Council on seven occasions as (See Obituary)

Crawley Council now has two active members. Brother Tim, immediate Past Grand Knight and I. Brother Charles Snowdon is housebound.

Fr Raymond Tumba OSA who has expressed grateful thanks for the eColumba and enjoys reading them. It is hoped to meet with Fr Raymond in due course to explore a recruitment drive for the Council.

**Bro Stephen Horsman GK**

## Worthing and District Council 280

The Council met each month by Zoom, following the sub committees' meeting one week before. Our thanks to PGK Brother Geoff Breeze for facilitating these meetings.

In June we attended the funeral of Norma Markham, wife of Past Provincial Treasurer Brother Bernard. Our prayers and sympathies to him and to his family, may she rest in peace.

Over the past year, our Officer for Membership and Development, Brother John Hydes, has kept in touch with four gentlemen who expressed an interest in the Order at a pre Covid recruitment drive. Following the Council's move from St Charles' parish centre, we will re-engage with them when our new meeting place at St Michael's Hayling Rise, has been used for the first time in September.

Brothers and their families plan to get together for a picnic lunch on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, on the lawn of St Michaels.

Members of the Council plan to attend the West Grinstead pilgrimage on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The Confirmation celebration for Worthing Deanery will take place at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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. Several of our widows are suffering greatly as they endure the very long NHS waiting lists, caused by the pandemic.

A Race Night is planned for 30<sup>th</sup> October at St Michael's hall.

**Bro Trevor Stauss GK**



# Congratulations

To the following Brothers who were all elevated to Full Knighthood at Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows on 4th September

**Bro Nicholas Moyart ,Bognor Regis Council  
324**

**Bro Stephen Hewitt Chichester Council 546  
Bro Larry O'Connor Chichester Council 546  
Bro Jason Saliba Guildford Council 551**

## WELFARE

Based on received copies of Form SWC1(P), the following was made note of:-

Number of Masses organised during the year totalled 5 out of three Councils.

Number of Welfare visits to Brothers and Widows during the year were difficult to put a figure on. One Council alone had a total of 140. Two other Councils made "several" phone calls or infrequent physical visits

The above information came from only four Councils.

Of 8 Councils only 4 sent me copies of Form SWC1(P)

Next year please can I have the Form SWC1(P) covering all 8 Councils.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**Please pray for the souls of:**

Janet, wife of our Provincial Secretary, Bro Patrick Coates. Janet passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Please also pray for the dead of the Corona Virus.

May they rest in peace.

**Bro. Hugh Brentnall Provincial Officer for Spirituality & Welfare**

## A GRAVE ERROR!

As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends,

The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the area I became lost. I finally arrived an hour late.

I saw the gravediggers were eating their lunch but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologised to the workers for my tardiness and assured them I wouldn't hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch and I started to play.

I played and I played like I'd never played before, From Going Home and The Lord is My Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest. I closed with Amazing Grace and walked to my car.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the gravediggers saying to another,

"Well I've never seen anything like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years".

## Provincial Officers and Councils 2021

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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 8 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> Gerhard Neyenhuizen 01323 487212 <a href="mailto:Gerhardandchris@aol.com">Gerhardandchris@aol.com</a>	2nd Mon 3pm	Parish rooms ,Christ the King, Langney, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT
<b>Hastings 630</b> Stephen Bradshaw 01424 772887 <a href="mailto:stephenbradshaw@btinternet.com">stephenbradshaw@btinternet.com</a>	3rd Tues 7.30pm	St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Magdalen Road. St Leonards-on-Sea.
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