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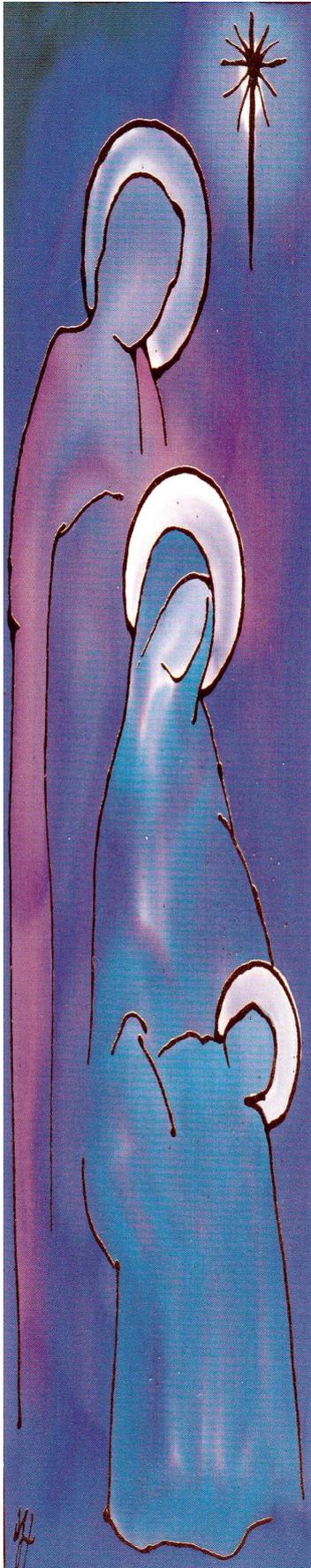
A Happy and Holy Christmas to all brothers and wives and a peaceful New Year for 2023

Gongratulations

To Bro Peter Jones of Council 324 Bognor Regis on reaching his Golden Jubilee and receiving his Golden Jubilee Medal and Certificate which was presented to him at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 27th November following Mass



Brothers of Province 34 after Mass for Deceased Brothers held at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 27th November



Provincial Grand Knight

Brothers, how time flies by so quickly. Since my last report and our last Provincial meeting, there has been a lot of activities to feedback.

On the 5th of September 2022, I participated in a Zoom Team meeting of PGKs across the country conducted by Worthy Supreme Knight Bro. Henry Welsh to discuss particularly the relationship and overlapping responsibility of Regional Directors and Provincial Grand Knights. It was a very productive meeting, and a training arrangement has been agreed at the Supreme level to sieve out the duties and responsibilities of PGKs and Regional Directors.

I attended on the 8th of September the annual KSC/UCM Joint Pilgrimage to West Grinstead, the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, with fellow Brothers in Province 34. It was well attended despite the awful weather. Canon Tom Treherne delivered the spiritual talk of the day.

Let us remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who passed away on this day, 8th September. May her Soul for ever Rest in Peace.

I attended, 7th to the 9th October the Knights of St. Columba 99th Supreme Council Meeting in Jersey together with Bro. Geoff Breeze IPPGK. I am pleased to report that Province 34 had a good mention at the Supreme Council Meeting in terms of recruitment and as a template for recruitment. Brother John Campolini Regional Director – Region 8 in his report to the Supreme Council said and I quote "My view is that the province (34) is well run with plenty of willing Brothers ready to promote the Order and I expect to see Membership increase over the coming months".

In summary for information, Brother Henry Welsh was re-elected Supreme Knight and Brother Danny O'h Earchai was elected Deputy Supreme Knight. We now have a new National Training Officer, Brother Michael Gallagher of Province 14. Councils are advised to make recruitment of new members a priority and avoid unnecessary lapsation. On structure it was voted and agreed that the KSC be registered as a Charity Limited by Guarantee.

Voted and agreed to increase dues /subscription from £52 to £60 per annum per Brother. The Supreme Council Meeting 2023 will be held at the Marriot Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Anniversary Mass of St. Philip Howard at the Arundel Cathedral was attended by Brothers on 23rd of October which also coincided with the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette.

Bro Solomon Ezobi PGK

Membership

There are a number of learning points which will be incorporated into the next recruitment drive. Having met with Fr Raymond Tumba OSA, parish priest of the Crawley Parish, he is '100% supportive' of a recruitment drive in Crawley Parish. I propose then to work with Brothers on the plan as detailed in the last report to action this early in the new year.

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 the full Knighthood for Bro. John Lelliott will take place on Monday 2nd January 2023, during 10am Mass, at St Mary of the Angels, Worthing, subject to the approval of the Parish Priest, Fr Terry Martin.

Bro Stephen Horsman Provincial membership Officer

Bognor Regis Council 324

We were pleased to be given a talk and PowerPoint presentation by the Red Shirts that we assisted financially this year. It was enjoyed by all the Brothers.

We recently had a Mass said at Our Lady of Sorrows for the Deceased Brothers and Widows of this council, which was well attended.

Sadly, Brother Tom Morgan passed away at home after a short period in Hospital. His funeral, at Our Lady of Sorrows was, at the request of the family, well attended by Knights from both this Council and Province. The family extend a sincere thanks to all those who attended. Brother Tom had been a Knight for 59 years.

We recently held a membership drive at the three Churches within the Parish and there appear to be two or three gentlemen showing an interest in joining us.

We have introduced the "Kindness Award" comprising of a Shield and Certificate to pupils of St Marys Catholic Primary School. The idea was enthusiastically received by the Head Teacher, and will be awarded to one pupil annually, at the end of each school year.

We have held a very successful Quiz night and Race night. A very big thanks to the social committee and all those who helped make them a success.

All Brothers of this council send Congratulations to Brother Peter Jones on reaching his Golden Jubilee.

Bro Tony Moran GK

Hastings and Rother Valley Council 630

Our Autumn Charity Quiz was held at the Holy Redeemer Church Hall on Saturday the 19th November 2022. This was our first quiz for a few years due to Covid 19 restrictions, etc. It was an excellent event and many Brothers worked very hard to put up this fantastic fund raising event for our charities. My very special thanks go to Brothers Patrick and Alasdair for the tickets; Brothers Sean, Richard and David for the questions and answers; and all Brothers who sold tickets, raffles and helped out. It was well attended by many people from our Parish, family and friends in our community as well as our Brothers from other KSC Councils.



Bro Fidelis Okoliko GK

OBITUARY



Bro Thomas Morgan
Council 324 Bognor Regis
Died 30th September 2022
Aged 96
R.I.P.

Bro Tom was born on 4th September 1926 the same year as the Queen and died the same year as the Queen in 2022, 30th September. He was born in Glenamaddy County Galway Ireland.

After the war in 1948 deValera lost the election and on Easter Monday 1949 Ireland was proclaimed a fully independent Republic. Times were very hard and with no work during the general depression Bro Tom travelled to England to join his brother John.

He joined a haberdashery company Olney Amsden where he became their top salesman and stayed for 42 years until retirement.

While in the parish of Welling he used to comper the weekly ceilidhs. He also became chairman of the Young Christian Workers Group where he invited the future Prime Minister Edward Heath as guest speaker.

He must have known that he was to come to Bognor to join the Knights because when the Nuns opened the first school at Welling it was on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and the school was called St Columba's School.

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Bro Derek Forman
Council 433 Eastbourne
Died 5th September 2022
Aged 94
R.I.P.

Brother Derek, pictured here, died on 5 September 2022. His wife Jean, also pictured, died on 6 April 2022.

Derek was born in Gateshead in 1928 and joined the KSC almost 50 years ago when he was living in Greenford.

He worked for British Airways and played cricket for them on tour in South America, the Caribbean, Cyprus and Gibraltar. He was a brilliant left handed fast bowler but was good at many other sports too, boxing, football, snooker, darts and bowls, and had the trophies to prove it.

He moved to Eastbourne in 1986 and became an enthusiastic member of Council 433 (Eastbourne), holding several offices. In 1998, as Deputy Grand Knight, he supported some members of the Council in starting a Cell, or Advance Council, in Battle, Sussex, which later became Council 630, Hastings & Rother Valley

A reserved and somewhat private man he was also warm and generous.

May he Rest in Peace.



Bro Tom moved to Bognor in 1957. He very quickly became involved in parish activities and joined the Knights in 1963. He was very impressed by a number of the knights at that time including Bro Martin O'Brien who was the founder knight for Bognor Council in 1938. In 2013 Bro Tom became a jubilarian. He held many officer posts in the knights and was for some years the Membership officer where he was very successful in recruiting.

He married his wife Eileen in 1965 in Our Lady of Sorrows. And they have two Children Anne-Marie and John.

He provided great service to the Church in Bognor, he was on the finance committee and organised the parish covenant scheme, a Eucharistic minister and a member of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal.

Bro Tom you will be greatly missed by your brother knights, God Bless you and Rest in Peace.

Chichester Council 546

We continue to be in contact with our sick Brothers, and to include their progress, or otherwise, in our Welfare reports

If I may refer to my own welfare, after my stay in hospital. I find that the stronger I get, through doing the exercises given by my physiotherapist, the better my quality of life becomes. And it is good to be back setting the questions for the KSC quizzes we hold, and calling out the questions!

We are meanwhile looking forward to welcoming one, or possibly two, new members. One, who applied for possible membership via the KSC website, was fortunately brought to our attention by the Provincial Grand Knight. The circumstances with regard to the other possible member however, are more complicated. He is German, and is interested in joining our Council, but he has to renew his work permit every two weeks, which is awkward for him.

I feel that membership of the KSC should be more easily open to those from outside the UK. I have therefore written to my M.P., asking her if the duration of work permits can be extended, and have asked her to draw the letter to the attention of the Home Secretary. (Your M.P. has an obligation to do this for you)

We recently held a successful Fish and Chip Supper – we like to organise them three times a year - raising much needed funds.

Bro. Richard France GK

Welfare

With national grief we received the announcement of the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth 2nd who passed away on 8th September. God save the King!

Also The deaths of the following Brothers and former MOH :

Bro. Derek Foreman of Eastbourne Council 433 who passed away on 5th September

Bro. Tom Morgan of Bognor Regis Council 324 who passed away on 30th September

Fr. Michael Perry – Former Guildford Council 511 Chaplin who passed away on 1st October

Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti formerly Archbishop of Glasgow passed away 8th November. A very strong supporter of the Knights of St Columba.

Please remember them in your prayers.

May they Rest in Peace

The relics of St. Bernadette visited our Diocese during October visiting St Dunstan's, Woking 21st-22nd – Council 551 brothers did stewarding.

Arundel Cathedral 22nd-23rd As no brothers were available, no stewarding was offered.

Worth Abbey 23rd-24th. Guildford Council 511 offered stewards

West Grinstead Pilgrimage 8th September, 8 knights attended.

For the Anniversary Mass of St. Philip Howard 23rd October Knights were able to offer assistance.

Mass for Deceased Brothers 27th November

Bro Hugh Brentnall

ACTION

At our meeting with Bishop Richard at West Grinstead on 14th May, the plan to encourage the formation of more KSC Councils in parishes, across the Diocese was evolved.

The steps agreed were implemented for a recruitment drive at St Clement's church in Ewell on the first weekend in November. Posters advertising our visit were displayed three weeks in advance and announcements placed in the parish newsletter two weekends before the presentation

Bespoke leaflets listing achievements and details of Province 34 were distributed as well as recruiting material supplied by Head Office.

I decided that we would not wear regalia as I believe some people find it somewhat intimidating.

On Saturday 6th November myself and one brother from St Clements parish Worcester Park Council and one from Worthing Council attended the 6pm Mass and again at the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. At the 10:30 Mass we were joined by two brothers from Guildford Council . My thanks to them all for their support.

I gave the pulpit address which incorporated various addresses supplied by Head Office with added references to Province 34 achievements and organisation. This was delivered immediately after the homily. All Masses were also live streamed.

Fr Graham Bamford was very supportive and welcoming in his introduction to my address.

Despite all of our good preparation there were a number of unfortunate items which I believe reduced our effectiveness. These should be considered when arranging the date of any future endeavours.

It was unfortunate that Fr Graham had also booked the 6:30pm as the Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Catenian Circle of Kingston and Wimbledon. This was not publicised until that weekend's newsletter was issued on Saturday afternoon, so was unknown to us.

The weather was stormy, high wind and heavy rain which I believe reduced the number of attendees.

As well as the Catenians' prayers for their deceased members there was an address describing the delights to be provided by the forthcoming parish Christmas fair, together with an appeal for the donation of goods and requests for assistance.

After Mass, in the porch, which is not large, we were in competition for space with the repository full of Christmas items, plus the selling of raffle tickets for the Christmas fair and the gathering of donated goods for the fair and for a local food bank.

It was naturally crowded, and people seemed anxious to get away, probably because of the weather and time added to the Mass by the additional speakers, although Fr Graham did save time by giving only a brief homily.

Brothers spoke to several possible candidates, but I am sorry to say that we received mainly guarded, reserved responses to our invitations.

Parishioners were friendly and some were very positive about the KSC, one advising that he was an ex member. St Clement's parishioner Brother Brian Stone, who joined us for each Mass, was very helpful in all arrangements. Hopefully he will be following up those interested in the near future,

PP Fr Graham Bamford expressed his gratitude at each Mass, for all that the KSC does for the church and sends his greetings to all brothers.

Bro Trevor Stauss Action Youth & Social Officer

Worthing and District Council 280

Our traditional New Year's Day Mass will be moved to Monday January 2nd at St Mary of the Angels Worthing 10am. This will include the full Knighthood ceremony for Brother John Lelliot.

Welfare work continues for our widows and for brothers who are unwell. These and the deceased brothers of Worthing, Adur and Arundel councils are remembered in our prayers.

Brothers attended the pilgrimage to West Grinstead with the UCM on 8th September.

The National Action Survey was completed and submitted.

Brothers visited the relics of St Bernadette on 22/23 September and attended the Mass for St Philip Howard on 23rd September.

Prayers were offered for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Council meeting on September 13th. These were followed by one minute's silence

Race Night October 29th for John Foster Home National Action Project was held as planned. This was so well attended that we are exploring larger venues for future race nights. My thanks to all of those brothers whose hard work made the evening so successful. Profit made has allowed us to nominate £1000 for the John Foster Home as well as to support our perennial charities.

A Christmas Meal is planned at a Worthing restaurant in December. This will include local PPs, wives and widows.

Nativity Scene painting entries have been arranged to be produced by St Mary's Catholic primary school.

My thanks to Brother David Wynn Davies AYS for setting up a WhatsApp group of all Council members to provide rapid communications.

Christmas posters have been ordered and will be distributed to the 8 parishes that we support.

I am sorry to advise that Brother Pat Hudson, PBoD, PPGK recently suffered injury from a fall in which he broke his right humerus bone. He is consequently less mobile and would greatly appreciate visits from brothers.

Bro Trevor Stauss GK 280 Worthing and District Council

Guildford Council 551

We had another good response from the local Junior Catholic Primary Schools for the KSC 2022 Easter Scene Painting Competition, and Sebastian McHardy of St Dunstan's, Woking, Surrey won the Province 34 and National Competition, and was awarded a Trophy, Certificates, and a cash prize for himself, and for his school.

Highly Commended Provincial Certificates, and KSC Head Office Participation Certificates were awarded to two of our other Entrants. The local Junior Catholic Primary Schools have now been invited to participate in the KSC 2022 Junior Nativity Scene Painting Competition.

The Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes were welcomed at St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Woking, at 11.30am on Friday 21st October 2022. Brother Owen O'Connor was one of the Reliquary Bearers, and Brothers also acted as Stewards during the course of the visitation which concluded with Mass at 7.30am on Saturday 22nd October, before continuing National Pilgrimage and proceeding to Worth Abbey.

The Brothers of Council 551 participated in the Annual Armistice Day Service held at the Knaphill Memorial at 11am on the 11th November 2022. Bro. David Moss laid the Council Wreath which had been blessed by Fr Rob Esdaile at the St Hugh of Lincoln 6pm Vigil Mass the preceding weekend.

The Council's Mass for Deceased Brothers was celebrated at St Joseph's, Milford, at 10.30am on Sunday 20th November 2022, and we were pleased to welcome Beth Nagle, widow of the late Brother Terence Nagle whose second anniversary of death was on the 11th November.

KSC Christmas Posters and KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS postage stickers have been purchased, and will be distributed not only in Parishes in the Guildford district but also in Sheffield by PGK Bro. Michael Steele.

Bro. David Moss ministers to prisoners at Coldingley Prison, Bisley, and has arranged for Christmas cards with a religious theme, together with KSC Christmas stickers, to be supplied by the Council to the Catholic prisoners.

Bro Roderick O'Connor GK

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Chichester 546 Richard France richardfrance724@gmail.com	3rd Mon 7.30 pm	St Richard's, Cawley Road Chichester
Crawley 358 Stephen Horsman 01293 540112 spe.horsman@btinternet.com	4th Tuesday 7.30pm	The Friary Not currently meeting
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