

Knights of St Columba



PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER

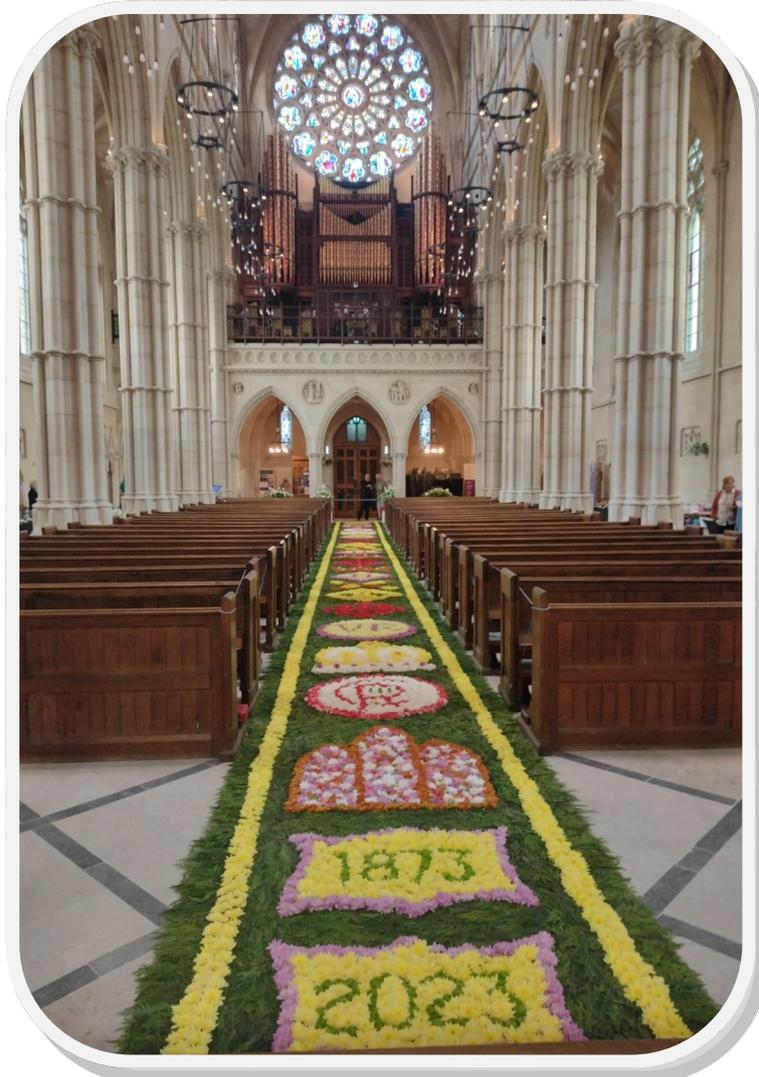
Arundel and Brighton

Province 34

September 2023



Photos by Bro Tony Moran



The relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret visited our Province and were on display at the church of St Michael Worthing as shown in the above photo.

Left
The carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral for Corpus Christi to mark the Cathedral's 150th Anniversary

Provincial Grand Knight

It has certainly been a busy quarter following on from our last Council Meeting and during which period we have had several activities in Province 34: -

8th June 2023: The Celebration at the Arundel Cathedral of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguinis Christi) where the Knights of St. Columba significantly assisted with volunteering. Many thanks to all the brothers who kindly volunteered to be part of the Holy Celebration.

18th June: Annual Pilgrimage of the Knights of St. Columba Province 12 and Province 34 at the Friars, Aylesford where three Brothers of the Knights from Council 630 Hastings and Rother were elevated to full Knighthood.

21st – 29th June: The Knights of St. Columba National Relic Tour 2023 - Province 34 had the honour and privilege to receive the Relics of Saint Columba of Iona, Saint Andrew and Saint Margaret on a planned itinerary across the country.

Relics received from Province 12, at Mass in Hastings Old town St Mary Star of the sea, East Sussex, on the 21st of June: and proceeded on 22nd June to St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in St. Leonards-on-sea for display and veneration. On 23rd/24th, Relics displayed at Mass at St. Mary Magdalene and St. Marthas; Bexhill -on -sea. 25^{th of} June: Relics received at St. Michaels Church, Hayling Rise in Worthing from where it proceeded on to Guildford where it remained for three days 27th to the 29th June. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the brothers who were part of receiving and moving the Relics in its itinerary.

1st July: 150 Anniversary Celebration of the opening of Arundel Cathedral.

As previously circulated, another reminder that the West Grinstead Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 7th September shortly after the Provincial meeting. Let us not forget but continue to pray for our sick Brothers and widows.

God Bless.

Bro Solomon Ezobi Provincial Grand Knight

Bognor Regis Council 324

Many Knights from this Council were in attendance over the two days of Corpus Christi in Arundel Cathedral. It was noticeable how the numbers of people visiting over that period seemed to have recovered after the last few years.

We continue with our equipment for Ukraine initiative. To date we have had three truck loads leave Bognor Regis. We look to collect crutches, walking sticks, walking frames etc. that the NHS will not take back and send them to Ukraine. If other Councils would like to contribute please email Bro John Burnett to arrange storage prior to despatch.

Bro Ian Wood continues to improve and is now home after a 4 month stay in hospital. Bro Philip is doing well with his Chemo treatment, having maintained his smile and sense of humour. Please keep Bros Ian and Philip in your prayers.

Bro Rov (Ferdinand) has finally had his full Knighthood ceremony and we are very pleased to welcome him to our Order. Bro Rov, a man of deep faith, brings with him enthusiasm and commitment and will be a great asset to our Council.

We continue to have the Rosary for the Unborn on the 4th Friday of the Month. All are welcome to join us.

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

Bro Tony Moran GK

ACTION

Youth Competitions

Congratulations are due to Council 551 Guildford and Godalming and their GK Brother Roderick O'Connor on their successes in 2023 KSC youth competitions.

Izzy Bowdery age 10 from Holy Family Catholic Primary, Ongar Hill, Addlestone was awarded second place in the Easter Scene Painting competition Group 1 and a cash prize of £20. I think that this young lady may have a bright future in stained glass.



Thomas Mooney age 13 from St George's College Weybridge was awarded joint second place in the Order's Essay Competition and a cheque for £50. The winning essay must have been astonishing as Thomas' essay was quite brilliant.

Both entrants received certificates signed by the Supreme Knight.

Relics Tour

It was very disappointing that we received such short notice regarding the relics of St. Columba, St. Margaret and St. Andrew. This denied us time to advertise the occasion to other parishes in the Worthing Deanery. However, our thanks to Brother Hugh for arranging the relics to be at St. Michaels for the 9.30 Mass on the 18th June. Also to the Brothers who attended. I was able to transport the relics immediately after the Mass to GK Brother Roderick O'Connor for his Council's services at Guildford and Godalming

Bro Trevor Stauss Action Youth & Social Officer Province 34

Worthing and District Council 280

A membership drive has been arranged to be held at English Martyrs' church in September and possibly at parishes in Littlehampton and East Preston in October. The membership committee met to discuss publicity and the format of the display board.

A Race Night was held on 20th May, This was well supported and raised £960 for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Red Shirts, from Saint Oscar Romero school and £200 for our local perennial projects.

The Worthing Deanery annual football and netball tournaments were held at English Martyrs' school on June 7th between four of our local primary schools. The event was well supported by parents and friends. Trophies were presented plus a medal for each participant. All attendees greatly enjoyed the competition.

Brothers assisted with stewarding for the Carpet Of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral on 7th June and with the celebration of Corpus Christi on 8th June.

Brothers attended the Mass on 18th June at St Michael's for the veneration of the relics of St Andrew, St Columba and St Margaret.

The planned Co 280 summer picnic was held on the afternoon of Sunday 30th July, but in St Michael's hall because of very inclement weather. Despite this the event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Brothers continue to visit and to keep in touch with our widows and with our infirm brothers. Their support to their parishes continues, in all ministries.

Bro Trevor Stauss GK

**Mass for Deceased Brothers
Arundel Cathedral**

11.15am

Sunday 19th November 2023

**Brothers this is your opportunity
to fulfil your promise made when
joining the Order, to pray for all
Deceased Brothers of the Order.**

Anniversary Mass of

**St. Philip Howard at Arundel
Cathedral Sunday 22nd October
at 3pm.**

**This is organised by The Knights
of St Columba jointly with the
Friends of the Cathedral**

Chichester Council 546

We continue to visit our two sick brothers, one a past grand knight and one a former Action Con-venor. Unhappily, our Grand Knight, Bro. Ray Webb has also become, temporarily, one of our sick brothers, although we look forward to his eventual return.

We had the pleasure, recently, of welcoming another new brother to the order. On 19th June Bro. Tom Krappmann was formally initiated into the Order.

On 23rd June we held a very successful Race Night, in St. Richard's Catholic Primary School. We were also glad to see some of the School staff present.

On 5th August, three brothers attended the Summer Fete at East Wittering with one brother being himself involved in the Fete, which aims to raise money for the construction of the new parish hall. This should be of interest to our Council, since we sometimes hold our Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper evenings and maybe, in the future, other fund-raising events in the hall. Brothers from the Council were glad to be invited by Council 324 Bognor to attend their own Council meeting on 14th August, with four brothers being able to attend.

Bro Richard France Past GK

Guildford and Godalming Council 551

During the month of May the Brothers were asked to say a decade of the rosary every Monday for the wellbeing of the Knights and their families.

On Saturday 3rd June 2023 Brothers of the Council attended the Mass organised by Council 185 at St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough, at which the veneration of the relics of St Edmund Campion and English Martyrs took place, followed by a Rosary procession with the relics around the Abbey grounds.

At 7pm on the 28th June Brothers and parishioners attended Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, Knaphill, at which the Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland, and St Andrew were present and venerated.

Finalists in two of the KSC Competitions were presented with their National awards and prizes, and we congratulated Issy Bowden of Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Addlestone on taking Second Place in the 2023 National Easter Scene Painting Competition, and Thomas Mooney of St George's College, Weybridge, on being awarded Second Place in the 2023 National Essay Competition.

On Sunday 23rd July 2023 a family barbeque was held at the home of Brother Secretary Peter Grattan. This social event was enjoyed by the Brothers and their families and widows of deceased Brothers, and despite a dismal forecast, we were blessed with gloriously sunny weather!

With a view to raising funds and promoting awareness of the Knights, the Council has planned to arrange a series of Talks on various subjects. The first talk will be 'THE SHAPE OF THE CHURCH TO COME' by Monsignor Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, and will take place at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, Knaphill, GU21 2AA on Saturday afternoon, 21st October 2023. Suggested donation £5 per person. Time: 2.30pm—4pm. Monsignor Nazir-Ali will speak on how the Church is shaped by the Gospel, and how the Apostolic Teaching is received and lived in different cultures and contexts.

Brother Richard Morris has set up a Facebook page for



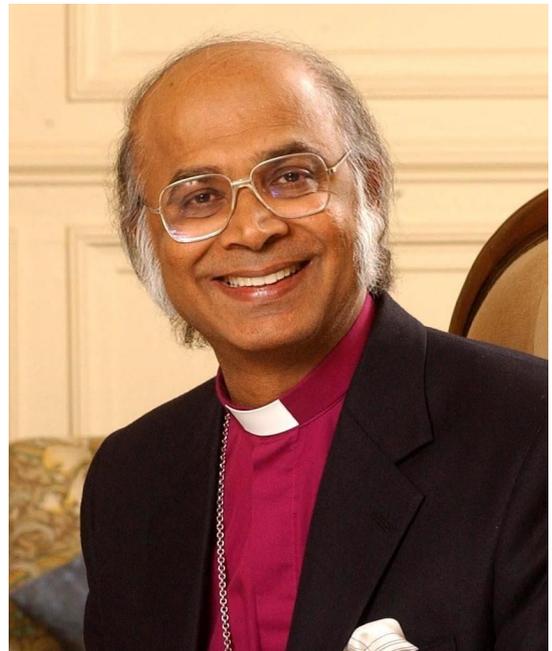
Photos from the Council BBQ



Guildford & District Council 551 to promote our talks programme and other activities as well as to encourage membership enquiries. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095608233514>

Bro Roderick O'Connor GK

Guildford Knights of St Columba
Saturday 21 October 2023
2.30pm-4pm St Hugh of Lincoln Church,
KNAPHILL, Woking, Surrey
‘SHAPES OF THE CHURCH TO COME’ By
Monsignor Dr Michael Nazir-Ali
A Pakistani born Roman Catholic priest and
former Anglican bishop
£5 per person on the door
PLEASE BOOK by email here:
[**Guildfordknightsfstcolumba@gmail.com**](mailto:Guildfordknightsfstcolumba@gmail.com)



NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORS

During the months of June and July there were a number of elections for Regional Directors. Congratulations to the following Brothers :

- Region 1 Brother Frank Kelly
- Region 2 Brother Barry Johnson
- Region 3 Brother George Metcalf
- Region 4 Brother Anthony Quigley
- Region 5 Brother Alex Rugg
- Region 6 Brother Andrew Burns
- Region 7 Brother Rosario Fichardo
- Region 8 Brother Melvyn Carty

Congratulations to all the new Brothers. You will be installed at the closing Mass of Supreme Council in October. Brothers you are entitled to attend Supreme Council but will not be able to take part in any discussions unless you are representing your Province which you should do if you are eligible.

WELCOME
 To
 Brother Tom Krappmann
 who joined the Order on 19th
 June 2023 with Council 546
 Chichester

CONGRATULATIONS
 To Brother Ferdinand Claveria
 who was raised to
 Full Knighthood at Our lady
 of Sorrows Church Bognor
 Regis on 18th August 2023

Photos, Left Bro Ferdinand (Rov) with brothers and his family.

Right. Bro Rov and brothers with Fr Ramon (wearing white trousers) who is currently visiting from Barcelona and is a member of honour of Bognor Council. He celebrated the Mass.



Welfare

Corpus Christi

A good show of support by the Knights of St Columba over the Corpus Christi period totalling sixteen knights was very much appreciated by Canon David Parmiter, Dean of Arundel Cathedral, who sent an e-mail of thanks for our Stewarding of the Carpet of Flowers over two days and support during the Mass and formation of the procession participants.

I also wish to thank those knights who did a wonderful job.

The need for KSC assistance at the cathedral has been greatly reduced due to Bishop Richard's wish that parishioners should have more involvement in helping out in the church. In the case of Arundel Cathedral they also have Friends of the Cathedral who involve themselves in the running of the Cathedral at the parishioner level.

The way things are panning out the KSC future involvement in the Cathedral will cover Confirmations, Corpus Christi, Anniversary of St. Philip Howard and Mass for Deceased Brothers. We will be approached for any other events as required.

Relics Tour of St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew

At a very late stage we received notice of the above relic tour and Bro Solomon and I worked very close to organise visits to St Mary Star of the Sea Hastings, St Thomas of Canterbury St Leonard on sea, St Mary Magdalene and Marthas Bexhill, St Michaels Worthing before onward transit to Guildford. Given the very limited time we had to organise the above churches it was a very stressful time.

Thanks go to those brothers involved with driving the relics to the parishes and setting the display up. We must also thank the priests for their willingness to display the relics in their church. We must apologise to those other parishes that missed out on displaying the relics on this occasion due to time restrictions.

150th Anniversary of the opening of Arundel Cathedral 1st July.

Entry to the cathedral to participate in the celebration Mass was by invitation from Bishop Richard.

The Knights of St Columba were not required to assist with stewarding during the Mass but a few knights were present having been invited.

Hospitalised Brothers during this quarter:

Bro Ray Webb Chichester Council 546

Bro Ian Wood Bognor Council 324 Now home.

Bro Dennis Key Worthing Council 280 – Now home.

Bro Paul Carney Chichester Council - Hooklands Care Home, Bracklesham. PO20 8PF

All above Brothers are now on the road to recovery.

Upcoming events:

West Grinstead Pilgrimage 7th September at 10.30 (Coffee) Start 11.00 Day ends roughly 3pm.

Anniversary Mass for St. Philip Howard Arundel Cathedral Sunday 22nd October at 15.00

Mass for Deceased Brothers Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 19th November 11.15

Bro Hugh Brentnall - Provincial Spiritual & Welfare Officer

Hastings and Rother Valley Council 630

We at Council 630 have about 12 Brothers that meet at 7.00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month at the John Fisher Room, St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Leonards on Sea. The attendance does fluctuate but recently, I am pleased to say that it has been steady and we have had a number potential new brothers attending.

I am very happy to inform you all that we will have had a recruitment campaign at the Parish of the Good Shepherd, St. Leonards on Sea, East Sussex on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of August 2023.

Congratulations to our Brothers Neil Francis Callaghan and Brian John Fitzgerald for receiving their full Knighthood at the ceremony at our KSC Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Sunday 18th June 2023. It was a fantastic ceremony and Pilgrimage with so many new Brothers from other KSC Councils promoted to full Knighthood.

I am very happy to report that the presentations of the Knights School Shields and book tokens at our local Catholic primary schools in the area took place successfully in July. Our big thanks go to Brother Sean Harkins for organising all and to all Brothers for the great presentations. Please see pictures attached from the Awards.

Fraternally,

Bro Fidelis Okoliko GK



CONGRATULATIONS
To Brothers
Neil Francis Callaghan and
Brian John Fitzgerald
on their Full knighthood at
the KSC Pilgrimage to
Aylesford Priory on Sunday
18th June 2023

Membership

At a national level Danny Ó Hearchaí, Supreme Director for Membership & Development, wrote of the National Tour of the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. 'This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase ourselves with our Patron Saint. It ties in perfectly with what Cardinal Vincent Nichols said to the Supreme Knight and I when we spent nearly 2 hours with him in late May "We need to return to Columba, then return to Christ, that is all we need for the Knights of St Columba to flourish".

I also would like to highlight the work undertaken by Province 29 (Westminster North). During a visit to 2 Councils there, in early June, I saw the amount of effort they put in for their parishes. It was great to see. Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington, where he spoke very highly of the Knights.

Brother Tony Moran, Co 324, Bognor Regis, states that Brother Ferdinand Rov Knighthood ceremony was held during 10am Mass on 18th August. The celebrant was Fr Ramon.

Council 546, Chichester welcomed a new Brother into the Knights, Brother Tom Krapmann on 17th July.

Bro John Hydes, MO Council 280, Worthing which currently has a total of 18 Brothers, states that they have agreement for a recruitment drive to happen at English Martyrs Church on 23rd/24th September, explorations are ongoing among other communities in and around Worthing. In addition, Brother Hugh Brentnall will contact Canon David Parmiter, with regard to having a Recruitment Drive at the Cathedral.

As GK of the one active man 358 Crawley Council I will be meeting with Fr Nelson Daniel OSA on 30th August regarding a possible recruitment drive in Crawley Parish.

There has been an expression of interest from a gentleman who lives in Brighton. The Grand Knight of Council 277, Brighton has been contacted to follow up.

It would be good to hear from other councils which have successful recruitment strategies, and which could be shared with other councils. In addition, it would be wonderful to receive reports from other Councils regarding membership.

Brother Stephen Horsman
Provincial Membership Officer.

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Council Grand Knight	Meeting time	Council meeting Venue
Bognor Regis 324 Tony Moran 01903 774804 tonymoran07@gmail.com	2nd Mon 7.30 pm	St Peregrine's Hall, The Parish Centre, Hislop Walk, Bognor Regis
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 Ray Webb 01243 788803 rayfwebb1@yahoo.co.uk	3rd Mon 7.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
Eastbourne 433 Rod Barker 07729936666. barkeruk@btinternet.com	2nd Mon 3pm	Venue varies. Please check with GK
Hastings 630 Fidelis Okoliko 07946689934 okoliko61@hotmail.com	3rd Tues 7.30pm	St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Magdalen Road. St Leonards-on-Sea.
Guildford & Godalming 551 Roderick O'Connor mocandroc.uk@gmail.com	3rd Mon 8pm	St Pius X, Lauston Close, Merrow, Guildford, GU1 2TS
Worthing 280 Trevor Stauss 01903 366152 grand-knight-council280@ksc.org.uk	2nd Tues 7.45 pm	English Martyrs Goring Way, Goring, West Sussex, BN12 4UH

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