



Knights of St Columba Arundel & Brighton Province 34 June 2024

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Grotto at St Mary's Catholic School Bognor Regis



From L to R: Bro Peter O'Shea (Warden), Bro Con Sobey, Bro Charles Yarham (Secretary), Bro Tony Moran (Provincial GK), Bro Nicolas Moyart (GK) and Bro Rov (Y&A Officer)
Bro John Burnett (Welfare), Bro Felix Annan and Bro Peter Jones were there too on the day.

At the beginning of the Mass there was a procession to the newly built Grotto to Our Lady.

The Grotto was blessed by Fr Chris and also given a Polish Blessing by Fr Tomasz.

The Grotto was presented to the School by Bro Rov Claveria (standing on the right) and particularly by his Wife Ania and the Knights made a contribution towards the cost. The statue came from Poland, Ania's homeland.

Bognor Regis Council 324

On Pentecost Sunday, the Parish had an open-air Mass, on St Mary's Catholic Primary School field, where the Brothers of our Council were all invited as the recently built Grotto of Our Lady was being blessed by Fr Chris.

With financial help from the Council and Knights, with spiritual prayers and a lot of hard work; the project was finally achieved on time. Bro Rov's wife coordinated the realisation of this project. We were blessed with a wonderful sunny day for this celebration.

Other news: a pupil from St Mary's Catholic Primary School has received a prize for 2nd place for the Christmas Crib photography Competition at the final adjudication.

Please remember in your prayers Bro Steve Goss who passed away on Thursday 16th May, he was Grand Knight of our council twice. Many of you will have fond memories of Steve.

Finally, on the Holy Trinity Vigil Mass, Bro Alex Nagle received his full knighthood.

Bro Nicolas Moyart GK



From left to right - Bro Charles Yarham, Bro Nicolas Moyart GK, Bro Alex Nagle
Bro Tony Moran PGK, Bro Frank Meaby and at the back Fr Chris and Bro Peter

OBITUARY

Bro Stephen Goss
Died 16th May 2024
Aged 81
Bognor Regis Council 324

Brother Steve was Grand Knight of the Bognor Regis Council on two occasions. And held many other offices.

He was a Governor of St Mary's Catholic Primary School also Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee.

He assisted the Parish in many other ways being involved when restructuring was dealt with in appointing a Parish Administrator. He was also involved in giving assistance in many other ways and for the work he did for the Church he was honoured by being awarded the Bene Merenti medal.

His wife Jo also did a tremendous amount of work for the Knights and for the Parish always willing to help and assist when needed.

He spent his working life as a Bank Manager here and in various parts of the world.

In later life he contracted Parkinsons and has now died from complications with side effects.

He will be very much missed by all his Brothers.

Rest in peace.

Deacon Robert Mason
Member of Honour
Died 8th may 2024
R.I.P

Deacon Bob was involved with St Mary of the Angels at Worthing and later with various other Parishes.

He was also a great support to the Knights of St Columba and a Member of Honour.

Rest in Peace

Provincial Council

This newsletter does not include the usual reports from Grand Nights and Provincial Officers because there was no usual Provincial Council meeting in June. We had planned for a meeting on the 9th June to allow Brothers to help out at Arundel Cathedral on 2nd June for Confirmations. However due to urgent matters arising we called an Extraordinary Provincial meeting on the 21st April. At that meeting it was decided to cancel the June meeting. But later it was decided to hold a meeting on 23rd June to enable the PGK to report .

At the extraordinary Provincial meeting we put forward a resolution calling for the immediate recall of Supreme Council to deal with problems that had arisen with Finances. On the 8th June there was an Extraordinary meeting of Supreme Council in Carlisle.

The reason for this is that this Province together with most other Provinces had called for an Extraordinary Supreme meeting to deal with a number of problems that had arisen over the finances of the Order. It was urgent that these were dealt with now and could not be left until the Supreme meeting in October when the situation would be far more serious.

Province 34 will meet again on Sunday 1st September

Report on Extra Ordinary Supreme Council Sat 8th June 2024 – Carlisle

There were 47 in attendance and able to vote. This included the full Board & SK, 5 Past SKs, 4 Regional Directors. There were 3 PSKs not able to attend. The meeting started at 12.15, after the Angelus had been said in the Chapel.

Bro Harry SK advised that the meeting would only be about Finance matters. The standard Standing Orders were adopted. Bro Ron Lynch PSK continued to ask Bro Harry SK the Quorum number for the meeting. This was finally established at 30.

After amendments read by Bro Liam Rand (Prov 10) the adjusted Sept Supreme Council Mins were accepted. As were the December Zoom Mins.

Bro Sean Smith started to present the Board's position on accounts and figures, transfers that had apparently not happened. Most of this had already been pre-circulated by emails. Bro Ron Lynch asked Bro Sean to be careful with his words and not to breach CBF laws & Company law.

Bro Sean's presentation was stopped and eventually the following proposals were made and adopted.

- 1) A Finance Director be appointed – agreed. Bro Tom Breen (an accountant) from Prov 12 Southwark agreed to take up this role. This was fully endorsed by all.
- 2) Have an Independent Audit of accounts from 2017 onwards. This was also agreed and the PSKs will recommend a firm to undertake this work. It will not be the present Auditors; who continue as at present.
- 3) All spending to stop from now and effectively reviewed via the two motions above. The recent £100k drawdown from the Benevolent Fund was to be ring-fenced and not spent.
- 4) New Central Benevolent Fund Trustees appointed. These are Brothers that are not presently on the Board of Directors. It was agreed that these should be Bros Sean Mulligan (Past W&S Director – Prov 12), Martin Cook (past Director 5 and Investment Manager – Prov 17), Mike Dean. The SK & S/Director S&W will attend meetings but cannot vote on matters.
- 5) Bro Bertie Grogan was reinstated fully to his role of IPSK. He re-joined the top table.
- 6) A separate committee under Bro Ron Lynch (PSK) was appointed to look into Rules and Constitution amendments that would be needed in light of the various above appointments. The following Bros would join this committee- Bro Richard Mitchell (Prov 9 Nottingham) & George Johnson (Prov 10 Brentwood).

Bros Richard Mitchell, Ron Lynch and Bertie Grogan all spoke about the sale of the old H/O Bungalow in Glasgow. This was a sale by Auction and was still to be confirmed by lawyers. Hence new owners not disclosed as yet. It was stated that a strip of land owned by the Diocese of Glasgow was not sold as part of this deal and hence all proceeds – after Capital Gains Tax – would be available to the Order. It was asked that these funds be held in the Central Benevolent Fund and ring-fenced for good works of the Order.

It was also confirmed by a vote that the present Regional Directors would stand down at the October Supreme Co in Liverpool. Then elections would take place to bring back 3 ordinary Directors; as was the case before..

Bro Michael Gallagher PPGK Province 14 Portsmouth.



PP Fr Liam Co Chaplain, Deacon Mark Woods MO, John Hydes, AYS David Wynn-Davies, Bro John Lelliot Bro Bernard Markham, Co Sec Hugh Brentnall, IPGK Trevor Stauss, Bro Guiseppe, Chan John Finch, GK Tim Moss

The Welcoming ceremony for Brother Giuseppe Regnante, took place at English Martyrs' Church in Goring, on Sunday 14th April during the 10:30am Mass..

Many Brothers from the Council attended and it is very pleasing to report that the ceremony went very smoothly.

Our thanks to Parish Priest Fr Liam O'Connor, for allowing the ceremony to take place during the Mass, and also for making the Knights feel so very welcome.



Corpus Christi at Arundel Cathedral

The annual Flower festival for Corpus Christi took place this year with the celebrated carpet of Flowers and Mass and Benediction.

The Knights helped with marshalling the visitors who came to the Cathedral on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the Mass to view the flowers and then at the Mass .

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Council Grand Knight	Meeting time	Council meeting Venue
Bognor Regis 324 Nicholas Moyart 01243 861340 nickmoyart@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 John Partridge 07951 243128	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 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.
Guildford & Godalming 551 Sean Leathem 07711 548779 seanleathem1937@gmail.com	3rd Mon 8pm	St Pius X, Lauston Close, Merrow, Guildford, GU1 2TS
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