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World Day of Peace 1st January 2025

Only from a genuine conversion on all levels – personal, local and international – will true peace be able to flourish,” says the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in its statement on the theme for the 2025 World Day of Peace.

In Thursday's statement, the Dicastery adds that peace comes not only from an end to conflicts, “but also in a new reality in which wounds are healed and each person’s dignity is recognized”.

The World Day of Peace is observed each year on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Since its establishment in 1967 by Pope St Paul VI, the Popes have taken the occasion to offer magisterial reflections in Messages for the day, dealing with topics such as the United Nations, human rights, diplomacy, and economic development.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the World Day of Peace for 2025 is “**Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace**”, corresponding to “the biblical and ecclesial understanding of the Jubilee Year”.

Extract from Vatican news

Provincial Grand Knight

The start of my term of office was a little tense, with the presumed financial and governance instability of the Order culminating in the Supreme meeting held in Carlisle. It is safe to assume that a sense of stability has been re-established for the foreseeable future through the creation of new and refreshed committees and committee members. I will say nothing about returning from Carlisle with Covid

I had a very good meeting with Bishop Richard. His Grace expressed a keen interest on how to possibly increase our membership and suggested two areas that have not been approached, Haywards Heath and Horsham. I have written to both Parish Priests and together with our Worthy Membership Officer, Bro Stephen, it is hoped that we can address the congregations of both Churches as soon as possible. His Grace was also pleased that the Knights were still very active in our relevant Churches and parishes, especially at Arundel Cathedral.

I had the honour of attending Aylesford Priory where 19 Brothers received full Knighthood including two from Hastings council. It was a wonderful day and very much enjoyed by my wife and I.

I have started to visit the councils within the province and intend to get around to all of them in the next couple of months. There is maybe more that I should mention but I will finish by thanking those Brothers who have continued in Office and those who have taken on new responsibilities. You bring a strengthening of Faith, experience and fraternity to all councils, including at provincial level.

May the Holy Spirit continue to watch over and guide all brothers and their families.
God Bless

Bro Tony Moran PGK

Membership

Nationally, the KSC website has a feature, where interested men can register their interest with the Knights which is then passed on to the area where the gentleman lives. During the last KSC year (October 22 to October 23), we had three hundred of these contact emails. Sixty-two men joined the Order in this time. Men have joined by other means too of course but the question arises: where are these men disappearing to? It is important that these enquiries are followed up especially as it is a lifeline for us and such an easy way to increase our Membership.

<https://ksc.org.uk/membership/>

Bro John Hydes, MO Council 280, Worthing which currently has a total of 18 Brothers, states that the gentleman, Giuseppe Regnante, a parishioner from English Martyrs church, who attended October and November and December Council meetings was during the February 2024 Council Meeting, "Application for Membership", was accepted by all Brothers present at the meeting. On Sunday 14th April, the Welcoming ceremony for Giuseppe took place during the 10:30am Mass at English Martyrs church. Please note that the Initiation Ceremony, has recently been renamed the "Welcoming" ceremony. Thanks to the Brothers that attended this Mass, and very many thanks to the Brothers that took part in the smooth running of the ceremony.

Membership continued

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.

Going forward there are plans for a recruitment drive to be held at St John's, Horsham and St Paul's, Haywards Heath. Bro Tony had a very successful meeting with Bishop Richard who suggested focussing on Horsham and Haywards Heath. Once we have received confirmation from the parish priests, I will be asking for help from Brothers in being present and running the drives.

Brother Stephen Horsman
Provincial Membership Officer.

Bognor Regis Council 324



On the fourth Friday of every month the brothers of Bognor Regis Council attend the 10am mass and afterwards recite the Rosary for Life. The August Rosary was said at the newly built Grotto to Our lady in the grounds of St Mary's Primary School. The Knights gave some assistance with finance for the Grotto to be built. This was opened and blessed during an open air Mass held on Pentecost Sunday.

**MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP RICHARD
FOR THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA
AT
ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024
11.15AM
Please make every effort to attend
this Mass**

**St Philip Howard Mass celebrated by Bishop
Richard at Arundel Cathedral with the
Friends of the Cathedral and the Knights of
St Columba
Sunday
20th October
3pm**

Bognor Regis Council continued

First a huge thank you to Bro John Burnett for organising Bro Steve Goss Memorial Mass at Our parish Church, where his ashes were present, his widow and family. The Brothers were able to give Bro Steve a proper send off that was missing at his funeral.

Our Council's Chaplain Fr Chris's silver jubilee Mass celebration was on July 17th, it was well attended and a few Brothers were on hand to care for the "bar" from start to finish serving the parishioners at the party after Mass in St Mary's Primary School Hall.

Mid July, we have once more enjoyed a skittle evening at the Spur in Slindon in company of Brothers from the Chichester Council and raised £49 out of the raffle prizes. The proposed BBQ was a nice option considering the warm evening.

Instead of a winter month, we have organized a Race Night evening this August which has turned out to be a great success with a bottle of bubbly raffled up, it was a good end to the evening for a lucky winner.

Since the Pentecost open air Mass, I am pleased to report that the Our Council will using the Grotto for their August's Rosary for Life.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our Council's Chaplain Fr Chris who is moving to Ashted, Fr Ramon (From Spain and Member of Honour of our Council) is covering the masses in August as he has done for many years (except COVID years). Fr Chris last mass celebration in Our parish will be Sunday 15th September. The priest replacing him is none other than Our Provincial Chaplain Fr David Osborne.

Fr David will have a good opportunity to meet the parishioners of our Council's Church as we are organising our annual Quiz in memory of Rev Deacon Alistair Anderson on Saturday 21st September.

Bro Nicholas Moyart GK

Hastings Council 630

It was with great pleasure that our Council welcomed two new members Noel Parr and Michael Jackson who enjoyed their enrolment as full Knights at Aylesford on 30th June.

As we had a visit from our Provincial Grand Knight at our recent Council meeting, Bro Michael received his Certificate from Bro Tony Moran PGK. Bro Noel received his at our previous meeting in July.

One of the highlights of the year is the distribution of the Knights Shields at our three Primary schools St Mary Star of the Sea in St Leonards, Sacred Heart School in Hastings and St Mary Magdalen Bexhill. It is always a very happy celebration at the end of term assemblies either in the school or after the Leaver's Mass in the respective Parish churches. Pupils and their parents are always very proud that there is going forward, a permanent reminder in the school on the Shield of the pupil's name. It is a special award based on kindness for others and a commitment to the Catholic ethos of the school.

Bro Sean Harkins GK

Congratulations

To Brothers
Noel Parr
And
Michael Jackson

Who were both elevated to full knighthood
On Sunday 30th June at the Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory.

Action

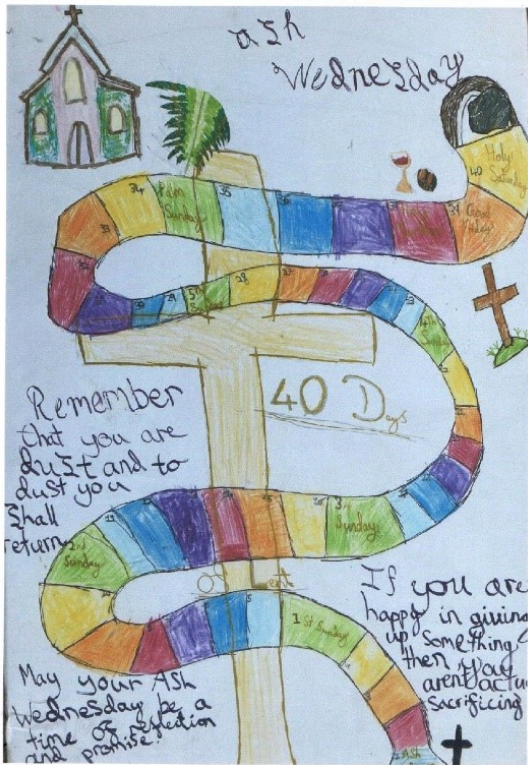
2024 Lentern Scene Painting Competition

Entries, received from Bognor Co 324 and Guildford & District Co 551 were judged and submitted to Head Office.

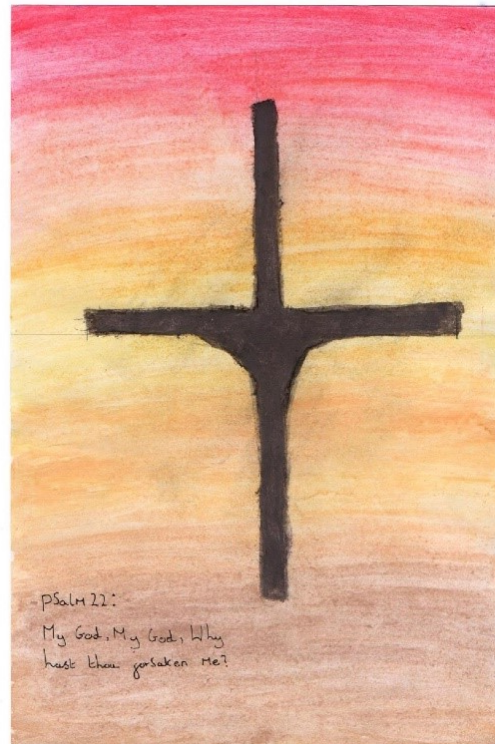
These were from:

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| 1 | Arjun Farmah | The Marist RC School West Byfleet | Co 551 |
| 2 | Freddie Turner | St Mary's RC School Bognor Regis | Co 324 |
| 3 | Maggie Moore | The Marist RC School West Byfleet | Co 551 |

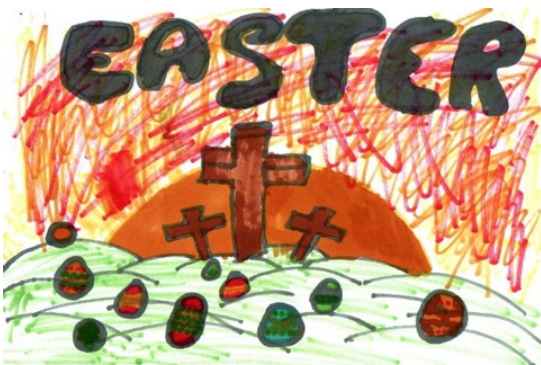
Unfortunately Arjun Farmah's entry was submitted on A2 which is four times the size of A4. This is outside the competition rules and unfair to other entrants. Arjun's picture, which was very creative, was photographed and printed onto A4 paper, to allow it to be included. Council Youth Officers are requested to submit copies of the competition rules, which are supplied by Head Office, to all schools/entrants. All pictures have been returned to Prov AYS together with certificates of participation, signed by SK. They will be returned to GKs of Co 551 and 324 at the September Provincial meeting together with certificates of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Provincial competition. My thanks to the entrants, GKs and to Youth Officers for supporting the competition.



Arjun Farmah Co 551
First Place in Province 34
& National KSC Finalist



Maggie Moore Co 551
Third Place in Province 34
& National KSC Finalist



Freddie Turner
Second Place in Province 324
& National KSC Finalist

Welfare

This my first report since being appointed as Officer for Welfare and Spirituality and is a brief one. I have only received two reports of a death since the April meeting, these being Brother Steve Goss formerly Past GK of Bognor Regis Council who died on 16th May and Deacon Bob Mason, MOH of Worthing Council who died on 8th May. May they rest in Peace.

I attended the memorial Mass for Bro Steve on 10th July which was well attended and fully supported by the brothers of Bognor Regis Council.

I also attended the Requiem Mass for Fr. Laurence Quin Morris, MOH of Chichester Council. His Mass was celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth at St Joseph's Church Redhill on 5th July with a packed church. Parishioners from the several parishes in which he served, including Chichester, were present.

I also had the pleasure of being asked to serve at the funeral of Isobel Treherne, mother of Canon Tom Treherne, until recently Parish Priest of Chichester. Canon Tom had been transferred to East Preston Parish but asked me if I would serve at his mother's funeral in Mayfield on 19th July, which I was very pleased to do.

As for future dates, I remind you of the following:

West Grinstead Pilgrimage on Thursday 12th September, a joint celebration with the UCM. The St Philip Howard Pilgrimage and Mass will be held Sunday 20th October. This is a joint pilgrimage with the Friends of Arundel Cathedral but was originally founded by the Knights of Province 34 and therefore should be fully supported by us all.

The Mass for our deceased brothers will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 17th November at 11.15am.

Bro Geoff Breeze

Officer for Welfare and Spirituality

Guilford and Godalming Council551

The action committee have put in place a number of Talks, These include a talk by one of the Sisters at Ladywell Convent. The theme of the talk is about the work of the sisters over the years and the changes that have taken place.

A donation is asked for to cover the cost of refreshments which will be available after The talk. The date and time of the event is November 23 rd. 12 o'clock.

The next talk is to be held at Wintershall near Bramley. This will detail the work that takes place behind the scenes as they prepare for each phase in the Life of Christ. Rehearsing, The actors, the. Scenes, setting up the sound systems around the Grounds, we do not see all the work that takes place and the production team deserves a great round of applause for all their hard work. The time and date of this event is to be arranged.

Quizzes for children aged between 8 to12 plus family groups is being planned for early 2025 more information as and when available.

Bro Sean Leathem GK

In the absence of a June report this year, to Province, this report covers activities of Council 280 in March, April, May June, July and August of 2024.

Action

Grand National Draw The Council voted that this should remain as is. All of our allotted books were sold. A cheque for £225 was submitted to Provincial organiser and the rebate received.

KSC 200 Club the Council voted to join this fund-raising venture.

Race Night Planned for 18th May to raise funds for Lourdes Helpers from St Oscar Romero CHS. A very successful evening was held and a cheque for £800 was presented to the Head Teacher Mr Peter Byrne. Next Race Night planned for 19th October to raise funds for the Order's National Action Project of Pro-Life Charities.

Council Picnic This was held on 18th August in the grounds of St Michael's Hayling Rise and greatly enjoyed by those who attended on a glorious afternoon.

Football and Netball Youth Tournaments for Worthing Deanery Primary schools. This was held on Wednesday 5th June at English Martyrs' primary school. Keen competition in both sports was greatly enjoyed by players and spectators. Every player received an engraved KSC medal of participation. Silver KSC trophies were presented to the captains of the winning teams.

Youth Competitions GK Trevor Stauss and AYS Officer Brother David Wynn-Davies were invited to St Mary's primary school to present certificates and prizes to entrants of the Order's Nativity Painting Competition 2023. They received a very warm welcome from the classes who had entered.

Membership

The application for membership was received from Mr Guiseppe Regnantes following his meeting with the then GK Trevor Stauss and Membership Officer John Hydes. Giuseppe's welcoming Ceremony was arranged by Brother John at English Martyrs' church on Sunday 14th April. This was very successful and well attended by brothers of Co 280.

Welfare and Spirituality

Brothers supported the Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral on 2nd March, the Carpet of Flowers on Wednesday 29th May and Corpus Christie on Thursday 30th May.

Also Worthing Deanery Confirmations at the Cathedral on 12th May.

Deacon Bob Mason MoH went to his eternal reward on 8th May 2024. May he rest in peace

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

Good of the Order

Supreme Council Following the unprecedented and worrying events, which occurred at the beginning of this period and Provincial Council 34's resolution of **No confidence in the Supreme Knight and Board of Directors** which followed from them; Council 280 voted in favour of the proposition "This Council, Worthing 280 shall not pay any monies to Head Office until the results of the Extraordinary Supreme meeting are made known". Thankfully this extraordinary meeting and its results have now enabled financial arrangements, with Head Office, to return to their previous state.

Recess The August meeting of Council 280 was cancelled due to coincidence with holidays Trevor Stauss IPGK on behalf of

Tim Moss GK Co 280 Worthing and District Council

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Council Grand Knight	Meeting time	Council meeting Venue
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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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