



Knights of St ColumbaTM
Arundel & Brighton
Province 34

Christmas 2024



*Wishing all Brothers, their Wives and
Families and all readers
a Holy Christmas and
a Happy New Year*

Provincial Grand Knight

I attended the Supreme Council 24 in Liverpool. Now that we have a new Supreme Knight, Finance Director, Board of Directors, CBF Trustees and revised Constitution and Rules, it is hoped that there is renewed sense of stability moving forward and a more positive future for our Order.

Membership is still very much in the spotlight and to date we have had a disappointing lack of response from the two suggested areas, Horsham and Haywards Heath. I have now suggested to them that we make an address to the respective congregations, with their permissions, in the New Year. I will be speaking to the Bishop and updating him on the situation so far.

Council 277 Brighton Council have acknowledged that they have a serious problem, having not met for 4 years and Bro Paul soon to step down as GK due to disability. Arrangements are being made to meet and discuss the restructuring of Council 277.

I received a request from the Diocese Director of Catholic Education, together with Bishop Richard, for possible financial assistance in obtaining new Lectionaries for the Schools within the Diocese. I am aware that several hundred pounds has already been raised, and I would urge all Councils to do what they can to contribute to this appeal. A slip has been put into each book, at the request of Bishop Richard, advising that the purchase of the books was made possible by the support of the Diocese and the Knights of St Columba.

Brothers, it was disappointing to note that only 5 Brothers attended the Mass for St Philip Howard. Some of us are working hard at raising our profile within the diocese and this is being undermined by the apathy of others. These Masses should be better attended for the sake of the Order.

The new National Action Project for 24-26 is the Alma Mater Fund. More details will follow.

I would like to thank all Provincial Officers, all GKs and Council members for their continuing work in promoting and supporting our Order.

May my wife Brenda and I wish you and your Families a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. God Bless

Bro Tony Moran PGK



Fr Slawomir Witon, Westminster Cathedral Dean, holding one of the new Royal Mail stamps

Welfare

This has been a relatively quiet time for me since I took over as Provincial Officer for Welfare and Spirituality at the end of May this year. The main events were St Philip Howard Pilgrimage at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 20th October and the Mass for our deceased Brothers on Sunday 17th November.

The attendance at the St Philip Howard Mass by the Knights was abysmal and disappointing. Surely for a pilgrimage founded by the Knights in the late 1960's, the attendance can be much better than just five brothers? Bishop Richard has offered to help us recruit in the various parishes. He is supporting us so in return we should support him. We can hardly expect to receive his help if we can't be bothered to turn up at various events. Bishop Richard said Mass for us on 17th November. He is supporting us. Let us show our appreciation and support him.

The Mass for our deceased Brothers was much better attended with around 25 Brothers present so well done for that. It was a bit embarrassing for me as I was struck down with a stomach virus and was unable to attend. My thanks to our PGK, Brother Tony and also Brother Charles for covering for me.

On Saturday 2nd November a meeting was held on MS Teams to discuss the various forms relating to the Order's Finance and Welfare. It was for all GKs /Finance Officers/Welfare Officers. It was a very useful meeting which was recorded. The link is available from Brother Bertie Grogan for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, comes into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent (the day of our meeting). The new edition uses the English Standard Version-Catholic Edition for the readings and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles for the Responsorial Psalms. This is a new publication of the Lectionary using a different scripture translation which means that although the content remains the same for each Sunday/weekday, the wording will be slightly different.

There will be provision for Saints who have been added to the Universal Calendar since the last Lectionary published in 1981. There will also be the readings for the National Calendars. In addition, some of the revised liturgical rites, such as Marriage, have additional readings. It is normal practice in the Roman Rite that there is only a single edition of a liturgical text in use in a particular country. Therefore, in the same way as only the third edition of the Roman Missal (2010) may be used in the celebration of Mass (in the Ordinary Form); the same will be true for the Lectionary. The current Lectionary (1981) is in three volumes. One significant change in the layout is that all the readings will be given in sense lines as an assistance to the reader. This is recommended in the Introduction to the Lectionary and is common to most recent publications of the Lectionary. The effect is that readings do require more space and this means more pages. The new Lectionary is in four volumes: one for Sundays and Solemnities, two volumes for Weekdays and the Proper of Saints, a final volume with Ritual Masses, Masses for the Dead etc.

The Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh have published three YouTube videos on the Lectionary which are useful for information as to why the text has changed. The three videos are:

Bishop Hugh Gilbert (Aberdeen) on "Introducing the English Standard Version".

Fr Paul Denney on "The New Lectionary".

Fr Adrian Porter SJ on "Proclaim the Word in the Liturgy".

These videos can be accessed on the Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh website.

Bro Geoffrey Breeze Welfare and Spirituality

**Brothers attending the Provincial Mass for Deceased Brothers
offered by Bishop Richard on Sunday 17th November at
Arundel Cathedral**



Our thanks go to Bishop Richard who celebrated Mass for Deceased Brothers on behalf of the Province on the 17th November.

This year there were 25 Brothers in attendance to pray for the souls of our Deceased Brothers.

Following the Mass the Bishop presented

Bro John Dynes with a Golden Jubilee medal and framed certificate to mark 50 years of service to the order.



Congratulations Brother John

ACTION

New Lectionaries For Schools of The Diocese

Following Bishop Richard's suggestion that the KSC support the purchase of the Chapel Version of the new lectionaries for our schools, I wrote to all GK's of Province 34 asking them to consider how they would respond.

The Bishop's request came to me in mid-September, via Brother Tony, PGK from Ms Julie Oldroyd, Director of The A&B Diocese Education Service.

I explained to Ms Oldroyd that time was too short to provide money before the purchase date of November 1st, the lectionaries being needed for the start of Advent. Our best answer would be for Councils to arrange fund raising activities in 2025 and thereby provide as much support as they can. I have received positive responses from Bognor and Worthing Councils.

Ms Oldroyd later asked me to commit to providing support which I did and she undertook to ensure that the Knights of St Columba will be included in the list of those who contribute to the purchase which will be included in each book.

An order for 18 set has been placed with CTS, for our schools at a cost of £6,399 which includes a discount of 10%. This equates to £355 per set, so I ask Councils to aim to fund at least one set and maybe more for those Councils who enjoy good support from their parishioners in their fund-raising activities. Like Worthing Council, could you make the Lectionaries the target for your local fund raising for 2025?

During his spiritual address, Deacon Mark Woods, Chaplain to Worthing Council, described the New Lectionary for England Wales and Scotland which will come into use on the First Sunday in Advent 2024. Scripture readings will use the English Standard Version.

It will come in 4 Volumes.

Volume1: Sundays, Solemnities of the Lord.

Volume 2: Weekdays, Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter and Proper of the Saints.

Volume 3: Weekday Ordinary Time, Proper of Saints.

Volume 4: Ritual Masses, Masses for various means and Occasions, Masses for the Dead.

The New Lectionary is part of a continuing process of revising liturgical translations to provide a unified response to the Diocese. Councils should submit funds raised to our Provincial Treasurer, which will also allow a fair record to be kept and a single sum to be donated from the Province.

Youth Competitions

For your convenience I have included here the dates and details of the above in a simplified form to reduce the number of repetitions. Please copy and use in your AYS minutes

Competition	Grades	2025 Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.
Photography	11 to 14, 14 to 18	10th January
Nativity Scene Painting	4 to 7, 7 to 11	7th February
Easter Scene Painting	7 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 to 18	2nd May
Photography	7 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 to 18	16th May
Prayer Composition	7 to 11, 11 to 14, 14 to 18	30th May
Essay Writing	11 to 14, 14 to 18	30th May

Bro Trevor Stauss

Provincial Action Youth & Social Officer

Worthing and District Council 280

Action

Race Night - Took place on 19th October to raise funds for the Order's National Action Project of Pro-Life Charities. An enjoyable evening was had by all and as a result we are pleased to report a cheque for £900 was forwarded to HO accordingly.

Christmas Meal – Has been organised for Saturday 7th December at the Tides Restaurant in Goring. It is anticipated that there shall be 30 in attendance including several Widows.

Welfare and Spirituality

Mass for St. Phillip Howard – Unfortunately there were only 3 Brothers who attended from our Council although others reported joining online.

Mass for Deceased Brothers – We had 8 Brothers in attendance.

New Year Mass – Will be on Wednesday 1st January 2025 at St. Michaels Hayling Rise at 11.00am.

Visits & Remembrance – 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

Widows Vouchers – We currently have 7 Widows and Christmas Vouchers have been organised that shall be sent together with a Christmas card.

A Blessed and Holy Christmas to you all.

Bro Tim Moss GK

Guildford Council 551

Further to my September report, a talk was organised by the Action Committee, about the Maronite Christians In the Holy Land. This talk was held in St. Thomas More Catholic Church Bournemouth. The event was presented by the Ordinariate Catholics in the U K in collaboration with the Maronite Christians in the Holy Land.

A few Brothers from Co 551 attended and reported that it was very informative and well attended. It was presented both in person and via live video link from the Holy Land.

The next talk was on 23rd November in Ladywell Convent /Retreat Centre Godalming. 70 per cent of the takings went to Ladywell the remainder to the Knights for use of future events. The next talk is at Wintershall near Bramley. Arrangements for this talk are ongoing so watch this space.

We have one Brother ready to receive full Knighthood and a young man who has shown an interest in joining the Knights.

We had a very happy get together at a BBQ in Brother Peter Gratans Garden. The weather was kind to us and a good time was had by all. Unfortunately Brother Peter has since received very bad news, He has been diagnosed with Cancer in his throat, he has been attending the Royal Surrey Hospital in Guildford receiving pre operation treatment. They started Chemotherapy on Monday 18th November. We are keeping Brother Peter. in our prayers.

Christmas posters will be distributed at all Mass Centres from Sunday 1st December.

BRO SEAN LEATHEM GK

Hastings and Rother Valley Council 630

A Charity Quiz was held in St Martha's Hall Bexhill on the 30th September which enabled the Council to donate £220 to each of three Bexhill Charities. £220 to HUG an Anglican Charity for the local homeless which provides much needed advice and meals several times a week. £220 to the SVP and £220 to the Bexhill Foodbank. It was an excellent evening.

Bro S.E. Harkins on behalf of Council 630
Deputy District East

Bognor Regis Council 324

Our new Parish Priest has arrived and after couple of weeks, has gone on a Spiritual Retreat. The initial contact was excellent. Let's hope Fr David will settle down very quickly.

September, our Annual Quiz Night in memory of Deacon Alistair Anderson was well attended and well behaved by parishioners. Bro Charles and his wife Frances did a marvellous job at hosting the event. We raised £140 from the raffle which has been put towards the fundraising of the lectionaries. Our next social event will be our Christmas Lunch on Saturday 14th December.

During the month of November, we have welcomed two new Brothers. Bro George and Bro Lijo who will hopefully get there welcoming Ceremony in December.

We already have £540 (Our Council and parishioner donations and The Quiz raffle money) secured towards the fundraising of the Lectionaries. Our Council has set up an art exhibition and sale with a dozen paintings donated by one of our newest Brothers, Brother George. The sale/auction will be on December 1st. Another fundraising idea, which involves St Mary's Primary School, is a competition where children can draw a Christmas poster (each entry is £1). After adjudication by Brothers of Our Council, the winner will have their drawing, reproduced and distributed at Church (donations welcome) from the first Sunday of Advent.

Following the Mass for Deceased Brothers, Bognor Council Treasurer, Bro John Dynes was presented with his Certificate and Jewel on achieving his 50-year service to our Order. Congratulations Brother John on becoming a Golden Jubilarian. (see photo on page 4)

The cheques for the widows of Our Deceased Brothers have finally arrived to our Council and will be duly distributed.

I would like to renew the following appeal/support as published last year (and have been very active all year). The Council continue with its Ukrainian initiative following a request from a Ukrainian lady who attends Our Lady of Sorrows. We would encourage all Councils to contribute if possible and if you feel you would like to help us with this, please let Bro John Burnett know. It must be noted that because of the response we have had, storage capacity is sometimes limited.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Brothers and their families a Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Bro Nicolas Moyart GK



Art Exhibition for sale of paintings



Bro Nick presenting the Quiz prizes and cup

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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.
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