

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA
PROVINCE 30 - WESTMINSTER WESTERN

Minutes of 323rd Provincial Council meeting held
via Zoom conferencing on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

“Through working together we are able to commit to an open and collective debate, establishing new ideas, goal setting and achieving quality changes for the good of our Province.

Meeting opened according to ritual at 8.00pm

Chaplains address. As Monday 31st August had been the Feast of St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne, Fr Duncan spoke about his visit to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne and the solitude he enjoyed whilst there.

Attendance. There were 21 Brothers in attendance representing 9 councils. The PGK welcomed Bro Bertie Grogan – Supreme Knight and Bro Michael Akinrele our Board Liaison Officer and the Director for Youth. Also to Bros Paul Hogwood, Mark Sarl and David Sole from CI 422 - High Wycombe who were attending for the first time. Thank you to Brother Bertie for hosting the meeting this evening.

Apologies. Bros Stefan Zachary – CI 422, Ben Almeida – Provincial Warden, Frances Waddington & Gerard Kieran – CI 267 and Deji Ogundero – CI 399.

Councils not represented: CI 330 – Ruislip; CI. 399 – Uxbridge and CI 948 North Harrow.

Minutes of the 322nd meeting were proposed and accepted with no matters arising.

Correspondence:

- The September bulletin from Head Office has been circulated.
- A reminder for Councils to ensure their dues are paid, if necessary a part payment is acceptable.
- A thank you to Bro Tony Berkeley for the recent Training Seminar which was well presented.

Finance & Administration.

Bro Julien Melville presented three reports for adoption. The George Marriott Fund and the Finance report which were adopted without further comment.

The Finance & Administration report included two items for special approval.

Item 1 – A change in the wording of the Provincial minutes of 3rd September 2019.

Item 2 – Relating to Councils being unable to contribute to the George Marriott Fund.

The report which included these two items was adopted.

Membership & Development.

The PGK thanked Bro Rosario for stepping-in as Membership & Development officer following the resignation of Bro John Hibberd.

As a result of this change in office the report had been written by the PGK who proposed the report and drew attention the second paragraph which related to information on where to find it and how to use it.

The report was adopted.

Spirituality & Welfare.

Bro Denis Barry proposed his report as circulated.

Please remember Bro Ben Almeida who is currently in hospital and Bro Adrian Gibbons – CI 295 who is greatly improved from his recent illness. The report was adopted.

Action & Youth. Brother Tony Berkeley proposed his report as circulated.

- A poor attendance at the recent Provincial committee meeting, the PGK will arrange a special meeting if necessary.
- Thank you to the ten Councils that had replied to the Action & Youth survey
- The Parish questionnaire had been completed by only 29 brothers – 40 not replying – WHY? GK's asked to follow this up at their next meeting.
- Thank you to all who had attended the recent GK's and DGK's seminar. PowerPoint copies and hard copies available on request. Seminars for Membership & Development and Action & Youth are being prepared.

- John Lynn – 50 years of St Edmund Campion Relic pilgrimage with a walk being planned from Stonor Park to Maidenhead at the end of September with the relic being at Tyburn on 25th October – more details to follow. Please advise Bro John Lynn if you will be attending.
- Provincial Project – Uganda Street Children – please continue with fundraising.
- Packs available for schools for the Nativity scene painting competition and the Essay and Prayer competition open until the end of October.

The report was adopted

Social

Bro Denis Barry proposed his report as circulated.

All social activities are on hold during the current situation with the Provincial Presentation evening being postponed until 2021. Bro Denis to contact councils re. the Chaplain's Dinner. If it does go ahead then numbers may be limited to 30 +/-.

First Nominations for PGK 2020 / 2021

This item deferred until the December meeting.

Any Other Business for the Good of the Order

- With the resignation of Bros Stefan Zachary and Brian Hill, High Wycombe Council 422 has only three active members. Bro Paul Hogwood to contact Brother Stefan to set-up a meeting with the PGK and others to discuss the future of the Council. The brothers present supported any attempt to keep the Council open.
- Two M1 Application forms for CI 984 had not reached Head Office, duplicates to be arranged.

Board Liaison Officer.

Brother Michael Akinrele thanked the Province for the invitation to attend the meeting. He went on to congratulate the Province on maintaining the Provincial Officers and Committee meetings during the lock-down period he also commended Bro Tony for his training seminars.

Posters and details of youth competitions will soon be available on the website.

The PGK thanked Brother Michael for his comments and closed the meeting according to ritual at 9.25pm.

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Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30