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Brothers, back in 2019 when I accepted the promotion to Provincial Grand Knight, you will remember I was honoured to be thought worthy of being your Grand Knight, but I was already too old for the Job. I therefore accepted on the proviso that it would only be for one year, while you found a much younger person. However, Covid-19 happened, and catapulted me into a second year for reasons that we all know. I am rapidly approaching the end of my second year, and I am hereby issuing an Official Notice to declare that I intend to Resign the Post on 31st March 2021.

We will therefore be inviting brothers to nominate a New PGK in December 2021.

God willing, I will complete 50 years service, in the Knights in February 2022 and I can retire on a HIGH note.

I thank God that I was fit and healthy enough, to carry out my duties as your leader. I thorough enjoyed doing it, but alas, all good things must come to an end. Thank you for your support during my term. God bless you all. Thanks to the zoom conference system, I managed to meet most of the brothers in Province 30, and it was a pleasure. Long live Province 30. It was said that we are one of the best Provinces in the Order. Long may we prosper and grow. Brothers, a word of caution. We are drifting into a form of NORMALITY, but it is not yet normal, the VIRUS is still here. Please keep taking precautions. Follow the Bishops and Governments advice. Four Councils have started meeting face to face already. If you are happy to follow them, "Go for it" I attended my first Supreme Council at Liverpool, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. More about that under a separate cover. May God bless you all.

Yours Fraternally

Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight Province 30



SUPREME COUNCIL LIVERPOOL OCTOBER 2021

The 98th Supreme Council Meeting was held at Liverpool, based at the Liner Hotel in Lord Nelson Street; and needless to say, the Hotel was designed and built like the innards of a Luxury Cruise ship. The setting was perfect for our meeting. Every Province was properly spaced out and labelled, to comply with the requirements of Covid-19.

The Meeting started on time, with the procession of the Clergy and Irish contingent, consisting of the Supreme Knight Brother Brendon McCann and his Deputy Supreme Knight, of the Knights of St Columbanus, led by a drummer. The Supreme Knight Brother Bertie, Welcomed the brothers of the Order and invited us to take our seats.

The meeting started with the usual ritual. The Directors presented their Reports, after which nominations were taken, and we voted to replace or retain the current Director. Matters arising from the reports were discussed, and after a two-hour session we stopped for lunch.

We had a three-course dinner and a short break. The meeting resumed, and awards were made before tea.

Saturday started with an early morning Mass, then a full English breakfast was served.

The morning Session, started with the elevation of New Directors. Brother Harry Welch was promoted to Supreme Knight, and Brother Michael Akinrele as Deputy Supreme Knight.

After Lunch, we had a few hours off, to unwind before the evening session, when we were allowed to wear our Evening suits with our best bib & tucker.

At the Supreme Banquet, Supper was served in the Conference Room. His Grace Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, said Grace before meals. Also present were the Bishop of Birmingham and the new Bishop of Liverpool.

Session 5, started immediately after supper, and ended about 10.30pm, after we had voted for the National Project for 2022/2023, which was won by Province 11.

Sunday Morning was simply breakfast, then Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Liverpool, and the Journey back home. ●

Eric Joseph PGK

Bro Jim Wall's funeral was on Friday 15th. October at his local parish Church of Holy Cross in Harlow where he had lived for many years after moving from High Wycombe. A very large number attended the Requiem Mass on that bright sunny morning including many Knights both local and from far afield who formed an impressive Guard of Honour. They included the Supreme Knight and several Board Directors. A huge tribute to Bro. Jim, as was the very dignified and fitting Knights Farewell at the end of Mass. Bro. Jim was a driving force in Province 23 and Council 422 in particular, always leading from the front. A very sociable man, he encouraged and organised many of the quizzes, Clergy dinners, BBQs and other social events at that time. Inevitably, by his drive and personality he was voted on to the Board of Directors, eventually rising to Deputy Supreme Knight. While Supreme Action Convener Bro Jim oversaw the running of the best ever National Action Project - "Wells for Water" which fired every council into a tremendous effort and raised a staggering amount of money which did a tremendous amount of good for so many. A great sports lover, Jim was really keen on cricket, but also loved football and golf, all of which he played and watched enthusiastically. He was an Altar Server from an early age right up until physically unable to carry on, much loved and appreciated by parish Priests wherever he was. Our Brother Jim made a difference during his busy life. Our love and Prayers go to his Wife Mary and Daughters Sarah and Catherine - May he rest in peace. ●



Bro David Sole - Council 422 High Wycombe.

Assisted dying.....



Earlier this year an 'Assisted Dying' Bill was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Meacher. It received its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22nd October 2021. It aims to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales. If successful it will permit a terminally adult who has less than 6 months to live, to be helped to commit suicide. The Church is clear that assisted suicide is a crime against human life, and we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. Pope Francis has said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a 'throwaway culture' that offers a 'false compassion' and treats a human person as a problem ...true compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude - much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.

We need to redouble our prayers, advocacy and action to thwart Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which came before the House of Lords for its second reading and debate on 15th October, and as we go to press, the bill now goes into Committee Stage in the House of Commons. Its time to write to your MP now. Check bill progress through the commons on <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2875>. - Bro Tony Berkeley DPGK Prov30.



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How to pray the Rosary more deeply.

Vatican City, Oct 10, 2021 / 09:04 am

It is interesting that in her appearances at Lourdes, Fatima and other locations, the Mother of God repeatedly recommends praying the Rosary. She does not invite us to pray the Divine Office, or to do spiritual reading, or Eucharistic Adoration, or practice interior prayer or mental prayer. All the mentioned forms of prayer are good, recognized by the Church and practiced by many saints. Why does Mary "only" place the Rosary in our hearts?

We can find a possible answer by looking at the visionaries of Lourdes and Fatima. Mary revealed herself to children of little instruction, who could not even read or write correctly. The Rosary was for them the appropriate school to learn how to pray well, since bead after bead, it leads us from vocal prayer, to meditation, and eventually to contemplation. With the Rosary, everyone who allows him/herself to be led by Mary can arrive at interior prayer without any kind of special technique or complicated practices.



This does not mean – and I want to emphasize this point – that praying the Rosary is for "dummies" or for simple minded people. Even great intellectuals must come before God as children, who in their prayers are always simple and sincere, always full of confidence, praying from within.

All Christians are called to the kind of interior prayer that allows an experience of closeness with God and recognition of his action in our lives. We can compare the Rosary to playing the guitar. The vocal prayers – the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be – are the central prayers of Christianity, rooted in Scripture. These are like the rhythm in a song. ●

Saving the Planet

The Climate crisis, an accelerating ecological instability, resulting in the loss of habitats, homes for millions of species, including humans, continually at risk from climate conflict, and ensuing damage.

Pope Francis invited us to “Work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us” and together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation”

In November this year, the United Kingdom will be hosting COP26 United Nations conference in Glasgow. Powerful nation leaders throughout the world, attending the conference will be requested to make choices and policies to help bring about a better world and provide a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Province 30 is asking each council to commit to do something (no matter how small) to help save the world from climate change, or from pollution in our planet. No council could ignore organising a an activity, initiative in support of COP26 resolution. Action is needed, and pollution is everywhere. Now is the chance to involve your parish into DOING SOMETHING to save the planet. Taking up cycling, going veggie (even for 2 or 3 days a week), stop buying anything in your supermarket that is wrapped up in plastic. Many Local Councils provide containers for recycling food waste, which in turn will be converted to fuel, other Local Councils provide wheelie bins for your paper, cardboard, plastic, tins & cans. Getting better at knowingly separating waste and recycling can be one way of making a contribution.

Agricultural chemicals and artificial food for our cattle is bringing about decease and destroying our pollinating insects. Few people think about the humble bee, (of which there are over 250 species in the UK), a little insect that helps provide our food, crops, fruit and flowers. Anyone who gardens can plant bee friendly plants in pots or their flowering patch.

The Knights can organise the youth of the parish to walk the streets, parks, recreation areas etc, and provided with bin-liners spend a couple of hours a week just collecting plastic, cans and other polluting items.

If each brother in council drives to the monthly meeting, think about fuel pollution, walk or cycle or better still why don't councils consider ZOOM meetings if not every month, but some of the months to save on fuel, lighting, heating etc. The time set for province and councils to connect and engage with schools and children as suggested by Bro Michael Akinele Director Youth and Young People has now gone, but that does not mean that our efforts to engage and connect with our youth and community to stop/prevent pollution ends here. Saving the planet from pollution and disaster does not rest with politicians, and manufacturers alone, but the real power is in the hands of each one of us. If we don't buy/use/dispose of things that pollute, if everyone is prepared to sacrifice to reject/do-without, items that produce pollution in their manufacturing, or result in pollution after we finished with them, then one can guarantee that pollution will reduce considerably. -

A PRAYER FOR THE COP26 CLIMATE TALKS.

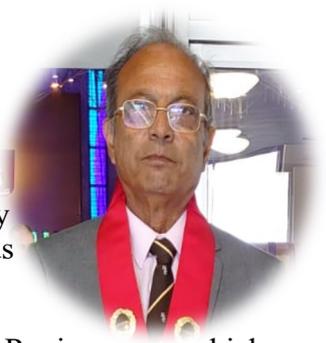
Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. Amen. • Catholic Bishops Conf Engand &Wales.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Rosario Fichardo

The Region is the administrative link to the Order nationally. The Chief Executive Officer of the Region is the elected Regional Director, also serves on the board of directors. He is elected for a period of two years, at a Regional Convention held every other July at a central location within the Region paid for by the Central Funds of the Order.



I thank you, the brothers for electing me as your Regional Director Region seven which covers Province 11 province 29 and province 30. I will not fail you.

The Regional Director's duties to the Order, is to listen to the problems a Councils or the Province may have, and try to resolve them where possible. If not, I will take the issue(s) to the Board of Directors.

My intentions are to visit Provincial Council Meetings where possible whether face to face or zoom. Some provinces have their own zoom licence, but I still need to be invited to these meetings.

Any correspondence from Councils or Province to head office must first come to me. I will need a copy of all Provincial Council meetings.

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The death is announced of Bro Des Kelly, one of the stalwarts of Windsor council Co 301 which was subsumed into the Thames Valley Co 984. Born in Kildare on 25th of July 1939, Des had racing blood in his family and reminded us that his house was opposite the starting gate of the Curraugh racecourse.



Small in stature, he fondly remembers the time that he won a local competition run by the trainer Paddy Prendergast to ride the Derby winner Tulyar through Kildare when he was moving the horse from the trainers stables to the National Stud which was a couple of miles away. Des was a most social person who for many years was active in the community and would think nothing of hopping on his bike after he finished work and cycling to Newmarket from Windsor to see his brother who was a jockey. Des was a great fund raiser and organiser of many events at St Marks church, Windsor. Much of the building of the parish centre was funded by events organised by Des and his team of men. He had useful parish contacts who worked in Windsor Castle and Des often was able to get the Irish Guards that had a barracks nearby to supply manpower or equipment for the annual parish fete. He famously recalled a tank arriving outside the church and the tracks being supported by some eggs to show how light the vehicle was on the ground. Des married wife Phillis in Windsor and had three sons, Paul, David and Mark who live locally. He was proud of his grandchildren who were always dropping in. With Phillis active in the UCM and Des in the KSC they were a good team and were invited to host Mary McAleese, the Irish president who visited the parish during a royal visit. Phillis died several years ago and in recent years Des has not been in good health. He will be fondly missed in the Windsor community. His funeral will be at St Marks church, Windsor on Monday 1st November at midday •

2021 St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage - Lyford Grange Mass

This year Fr Liam Cummins (MHM) of St Edmund Campion Parish, Maidenhead, Fr David O'Sullivan PP from St John Vianney, Wantage and the former Wantage PP Canon Peter Turbitt were the main celebrants for the Mass held in the barn at Lyford Grange Mass on Sunday 26th September 2021 as part of the Covid delayed annual St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage.

Pilgrims assembled at the Anglican village church of St Mary in Lyford about half a mile away, for a short service, the Rosary procession made its way through the country lanes to the Grange for the Mass in the barn over eighty pilgrims commemorating where the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion was captured before being shackled to a cart and dragged through the Thames Valley to London and put on trial. Campion was subsequently hanged, drawn and quartered with Alexander Briant and Ralph Sherwin on 1st December 1581.

A little background on how St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage came about. - In the late 1960's Mgr Hume, Fr Tiger SJ and Fr Woodard of Our Lady of Peace, Burnham decided to organise a pilgrimage with St Edmund Campion's Relic supporting the Canonisation of a group of representative English and Welsh Roman Catholics who were martyred between 1535 and 1679; they were selected from 200 already beatified by earlier Popes. On 25th October 1970, Pope Paul VI Canonised St Edmund Campion as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

After the canonisation of the Martyrs it was decided to carry on this act of worship for Christian Unity and Peace. The Knights of St Columba were asked to organise the annual pilgrimage with the Relic resting at churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way from Lyford Grange in Oxfordshire - where he was captured, to Tyburn in London where he was put to death. The route includes Stonor where there is a priest's hole and Campion famously hid his printing press. This year's schedule includes Masses at 44 churches on the route and passes through Portsmouth, Birmingham, Northampton and Westminster Dioceses on its fifty four day journey. The final Mass is at Tyburn Convent on Sunday October 24th at 4.00pm.

Details of the this year's Covid delayed pilgrimage schedule are shown in on ...www.province30.co.uk the link: [Campion Schedule 2021 v7.pdf \(province30.co.uk\)](#) • Bro John Lynn Co984 Pilgrim organiser.



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CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

1ST Prize - £50.00 2nd Prize - £25.00

(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

September 1st Co.163 Rosario Fichardo (68)

2nd Co.514 Council ticket (139)

October 1st Co.163 Mrs Hibberd (84)

2nd Co.243 Peter Costley (92)



Past Supreme Director Bro. Jim Wall R.I.P. who passed away September.

Prov30. Pray for Fr Duncan Adamson our Prov Chaplain who is recovering from surgery.

Co.163 Bro Jack Lam at home recovering.

Co.163 Bro Hugh Mordant in a nursing home.

Co.163 Bro Denis Barry recovering from recent illness.

Co.514 Bro Peter Mbanu who is unwell.

Co.984 Bro Brian Lynch who is unwell.

Co.984 Bro Desmond Kelly R.I.P. Who passed away mid October.

Co.984 Eileen Berkeley recovering from cancel treatment.

Co.243 Rev Fr Paul Smyth CFM Parish Priest at Hayes, who is recovering cardiac problems.

Co.422 Bro G Courtney RIP whose anniv occurs Oct.

Co.422 Bro J Sweeney & H Morgan RIP whose anniv occurs Nov.

Co.422 Bro C Edwards RIP whose anniv occurs Dec.

Co.963 Bro John Hibberd suffering health problems.

Co.295 Bro Joseph I. Okumah who is having chemo therapy.

Co.295 Bro Desmond Kellett - in Hospital.

Co.982 Victoria Okafor wife of Bro Godwin.

Co.982 Christina Idudu Ofere mother of Fr Ofere, our Chaplain.

Co.982 Maris Ukunnaya Okezue mother of Bro Okezue.

Co.948 Bro Desmond Hubert's father (RIP) who passed away in Sri Lanka.

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From around the Councils.....

Co982 WEMBLEY

Bro Sam Uwechue

Elderly parishioners in English Martyrs were treated to a tea party in the parish hall by the Parish on the feast of Assumption 15th August 2021. Some brothers were assigned the responsibility of bringing and taking back the elderly parishioners from and to their homes. The tea party lasted for about 2 hours and the elderly parishioners had a great time. Council visited Margaret Clitherow primary school and had very fruitful discussion on how the council can be of help to the school. We also discussed the essay and up-coming Christmas painting competitions. ●

Council 422 HIGH WYCOMBE

Bro Paul Hopgood.

The annual sponsored walk last Sunday 10th October, seven brothers had a great time in glorious weather, through picturesque countryside that beats anything you see on TV. The KSC Walk was very successful, raising over £1400, thanks to one extremely generous donation amongst others. Half will go to Wycombe Homeless Connection, the other we decided to give to the Thames Valley Hospice provincial project bid 2021/2022. ●

Council 984 THAMES VALLEY -

Bro Lindsay Meerabux. Council had a very difficult decision to make early October. Two projects (HCPT and Thames Valley Hospice) were on the table to be chosen as our bid for the coming year Provincial project. This year we were up against another council who also tabled a bid for the coming year. It all hangs on how the 12 councils in Province vote on the 18th of October committee meeting. Meanwhile our thanks to our 86-year-old Bro Gordon Ellis who paddled his way on his kayak and raised well over £700 in sponsorship for the Ethiopian Street children. On the spiritual side, our thanks to Bro John Lynn for his hard work in organising St Edmund Campion relic pilgrimage across 45 parishes in the Thames valley. Great work for a small council. ●

Council meetings in Province 30 via Zoom.

Provincial meetings.

Sept 7th	Provincial Council	8.00pm
Oct 18th	Provincial Committees	8.00pm*
Nov 3th	Provincial Officers	8.00pm

NB *Committee meetings will be on different evenings one for each of the four key offices of council. The provincial officers for Finance - Membership - Spirituality and Youth will contact you days before the meetings to remind you to appoint your council representatives for each portfolio.

Council	Current meeting day/ time	Proposed meeting date Subject to change
163 Hanwell	4th Wednesday	25 AUGUST
243 Hayes	2 nd Monday – 8.00pm	9th August
267 Sudbury	2 nd Tuesday – 7.00pm	10th August
295 Harrow D	4th. Monday – 8.00pm	23rd August
399 Uxbridge	3 rd Sunday – 13.00pm	15th August
422 High Wycombe	1 st Monday – 8.00pm	2nd August
514 Cranford & Feltham	2 nd Tuesday – 8.00pm	10th August
948 N Harrow	2 nd Thursday – 8.00pm	12th August
963 Yeading	3 rd Tuesday – 8.00pm	17th August
970 Whitton	4 th Tuesday – 8.00pm	24th August
982 Wembley	2 nd Sunday – 3.00pm	8th August
984 Thames Valley	1 st Monday – 12 noon	2nd August

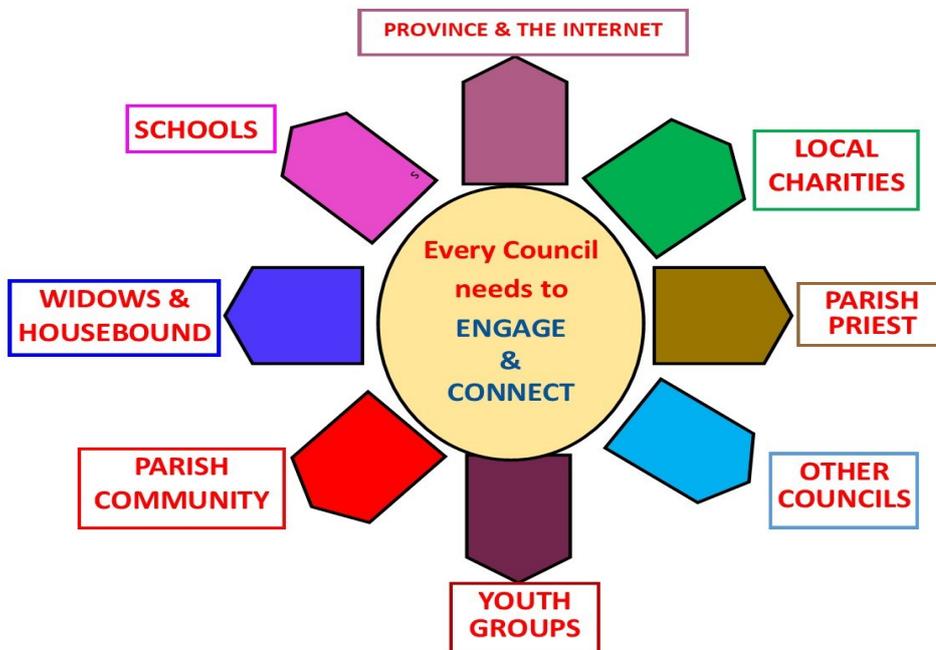
Pope Francis

The Holy Father asks all Catholics to use this special prayer for our planet.



Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation. In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Guide and direct us to prepare for a better future, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that You have entrusted to us. Holy spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos, help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen. ●



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NEWSFLASH : THE THAMES HOSPICE - HAS BEEN VOTED PROVINCIAL PROJECT 2021/2022

Wishing you life's greatest Blessings from above...
 Peace, Joy, Faith and Love...
 ...at Christmas and always.

Merry Christmas

THE EDITOR

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ZOOM FATIMA DEVOTION

PRAYER GROUP

Council 984 Thames Valley run a Fatima Devotion prayer group that prays the Rosary every week day Monday to Friday at 1.30pm. A flyer is produced for each week showing the ZOOM ID & PASSWORD. Any one interested can check these access details by looking at www.stfrancisascot.co.uk select newsletter and drill down to look at the week's flyer and the access code - come and see, or Email council984@hotmail.com to be added to the weekly zoom detail flyer.

The Editor welcomes contributions for the next issue of Roundabout which should reach him by Wednesday 15th December 2021

Opinions expressed in articles and letters are those of the authors only.

Roundabout Distribution

A reminder to Grand Knights. This issue has been forwarded direct to all the officers in the Provincial directory. Please forward Roundabout to all other Brothers of your Council who are 'online' and any other persons who may be interested. During this period of isolation, when normal Council meetings are not being held, printed copies of Roundabout are not being produced. Tony Berkeley – Editor