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I must admit I had an easy ride during my reign. The first year was spent learning the rules, getting to know the Councils, the Grand Knights, and the brothers. It took some doing but rewarding. I can now identify every Grand Knight by name and or Council, and sadly I must let it all go, but not quite, as I am about to start out on new adventure during my third term of Office as a Provincial Officer.

During Covid I kept the Councils together and learnt a lot about managing online conferences. Now it's time for me to move on and make space for our new Provincial Grand Knight, Brother Tony, hopefully I will find a Niche, in the new regime to serve my fellow Knights. I am closing my term of Office by being presented, the Golden Jubilee Award for 50 years of loyal Service to the Knights,

by Brother Rosario, our Worthy Regional Supreme Director. This presentation will take place, or will have already taken place at St Bernadette Church, Hillingdon, on 20th February 2022. A very fitting exit for an ex Royal Air Force Veteran of 20 years' Service.

Our Grand Knight (elect) Brother Tony, is promising all things bright and beautiful for the future, to that end he has organised a Grand Knight & Deputy Grand Knight Seminar to get the show on the road, so brothers, please rally behind our new leader and give him your support.

Having spoken so vividly about my departure, you are probably thinking that this is Goodbye; but nothing could be further from the truth, because I'll be taking the post of Spirituality and Welfare in Brother Tony's team. I would like to 'High light' the fact that Spirituality is a very important Office, as it keeps us in tune with the Church and Welfare keeps us in touch with every brother. I would like to make a special appeal to all the Brothers; please apply for the Vacant Provincial Officers posts, of Provincial Secretary, Provincial Social, and Provincial Action & Youth. Let us please actively support the province, remember, YOU are the tributary to the province; the flow and ebb, without you, we will die.

May I take this opportunity to thank Brother Rosario for his support and encouragement during my stay, Brother Tony for his efforts in keeping me afloat. Thank you, Brother Samuel, for being such a quick learner, I very sorry to be losing you so soon, I was just getting used to you. Thank you. May the Holy Spirit be always with us and keep us safe in the coming years. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. •

Fraternally Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight Province 30



Admin time

Having elected the Grand Knight of the Council, brothers will this month elect the team to take them forward to the next twelve months. This is an important phase because councils will need to ensure that brothers will take up the top four posts of their Council F&A ; A&Y ; S&W ; and M&D. Any council will find it difficult to operate efficiently if Finance, Spirituality, Membership and Action do not have a name in the frame. It is also important to have a Minute Secretary and a Deputy Grand Knight. Launching out without these positions covered is like setting sail with half the crew and one can only expect to struggle to perform well. These are “Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord” and this is when everyone needs to remember the Solemn Declaration. Your Council needs you. And another saying that comes to mind is “Its not what the Knights can do for you, but what you can do for the Knights”. Now, brothers, is the time you can step up and commit to providing the support required for your Council to survive.

Having elected the new team, the next thing is to agree when the new brothers are to be installed into their office. This is an annual ceremony that can be done in Church or in the Council chamber, and it is when the newly elected brothers, receive their collar of office and solemnly declare they are familiar with and willing to carry out faithfully the duties as laid down in the constitution of the office to which they have been elected. It is not just a ceremonial, it’s a promise to carry out work they have committed to.

This month is also the time forms FA1 [Council Annual Audit] is to be completed by 15th of April, and the FA5 [List of Council officers] to be completed by 31st March. These are important administration forms and Council Grand Knights will need to ensure that they and their team deliver on time. Anyone needing help on completing these forms need to contact Bro Julien our Provincial Administration officer. ●

MEMBERSHIP

Bro Danny O’hEarchai, our Supreme Director for Membership & Development has recently emailed the report that was presented at Supreme Council held in Liverpool in October 2021. A copy of the report is available from all council Grand Knights.

His key message to all members is to REGROUP and take up the challenges ahead by trying to recruit new members at all our Councils. He will be providing all the twenty-five provinces of the Order and each Council with the tools required to go out and find new laymen to join the Knights of St Columba.

A new Video has been produced on recruitment to help brothers get new members, and to provide for prospective brothers to learn about the Order. Please feel free to advertise the video in your parish, with your friends and relatives with the view of attracting new members. It tells the story of the Knights. Moving into the 21st century, using recruitment tools that are now common throughout and which are long overdue. Well done Bro Danny. A quick way of seeing the video is to google <https://youtu.be/YvqkVtIKUek> ● Bro. Lindsay Meerabux Prov30 Membership.



**WE ARE RECRUITING
FOR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY
SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS.**

**Call KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - contact LINDSAY MEERABUX
Our Provincial Membership officer EMAIL :
lindsmeer@hotmail.com**

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Congratulations to our WPGK Brother Eric on his recent marriage. May they both have a happy life.

I also take this opportunity on behalf of all the brothers in province 30 to thank the WPGK Brother Eric on taking on the PGK office in the province. He was only meant to take it on for one year, but the Lord knew if he kept him on a little longer, he would do a wonderful job.



It will be a very hard act to follow. Now that he has received his Golden Jubilee award, he deserves a good rest. Knowing Eric, he will still be active in the Order.

Thank you to all the councils in Province 30 that have provided me with the names and addresses of the brothers in good standing. This has now been received from all councils. The Order has restarted the “Daily Mass Scheme” and every Grand Knight should have received an email from the Spiritual and Welfare Director with the dates allocated to each council in the country. Please make sure you book a mass for that date and let everyone know. Now that the restrictions have been almost lifted it will be nice to see those new faces again. — Rosario Fichardo Regional Director •

LENT and what to GIVE UP

Lent is a special time of reflection and faith, practiced in prayer and by the act of giving up something. That “something” depends on the person observing Lent, with the main guidelines being that it has to be something that is challenging to give up during this period. (In other words, giving up chores wouldn’t fill the bill.)

For Western Christian Churches that observe the church year, Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (March 2). For many denominations, this begins what the church considers the "Forty day fast within Lent" - the 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday (April 17). But the 40 days aren't as straightforward in regards to timing. For one, you'll notice that there are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. This is because the Sundays of Lent aren't “prescribed days of fast and abstinence” by the church. Basically, it means that it's up to the individual to continue abstaining from the item or act of their choosing on Sundays.

In all, the act of giving up something for Lent is to practice self-discipline and remember the sacrifices Jesus made. Here are a few common items and acts that many choose to give up for Lent. • *Sourced from the internet.*

GOSSIP SWEARING Plastic Bags Alcohol
Desserts SOCIAL MEDIA eating MEAT
Chocolates Watching TV and more.....

FROM THE COUNCILS...

St Michael's Catholic School were privileged to be visited by Bishop David Oakley on St Valentine's Day - coincidentally a day when our gospel reading noted His Excellency's motto, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'.

The children's spirits were sky-high as Bishop David agreed to present certificates for the Councils' winner and second place entries for the Nativity Scene Art Competition, which they had submitted before Christmas to the Knights of Columba's annual art competition.

There was a record number of entries as the competition returned after a year's absence due to Covid-19. Entries were whittled down to five designs for two age categories.

The Knights then collected the works for further selection to come up with the winning entries. After weeks of anticipation and asking, the winners' names were finally released and children collected their well-earned framed certificates during Collective Worship.



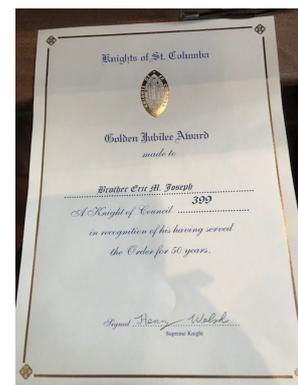
Bishop David Oakley was then taken on a tour of the school by the Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl (school ambassadors) then on to the secondary site, to spend the afternoon at St Michael's satellite school in Aylesbury. ●

Bro Paul Hogwood—Council 422 High Wycombe.

Congratulations

Well done Bro Eric Joseph.... At 86 receiving Golden Jubilee award, from Bro Rosario Fichardo [Regional Director] on his 50th Year as a Knight of St Columba. In those 50 years with great dedication he served in most offices of his Council and also his Province. A real Role Model for anyone in the Order.

Right up to the present when he stepped forward to fill in as Provincial Grand Knight Province 30 for **ONE YEAR ONLY** to help out when no other candidate was nominated, and then finishing by doing **TWO YEARS** due to Covid-19. You'd think he was now looking forward to retirement, but no.... He will now stand as Spirituality & Welfare at Province 30. We owe Bro Eric loads of thanks for his support and goodwill. ●



Bro Eric with his Provincial team on his Presentation at St Bernadette's Hillingdon.

50 Years a Knight

It was about the middle of 1972, when I arrived in Barnstable, a thriving town in North Devon; where I decided I wanted to become a Knight, after seeing the good works the Knights were doing for the Church. I served a two-year apprenticeship and then moved on to South Wales, where I practised the skills and good habits, I had learned in Devon, to the Church in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, where I remained for three years, until coming to the Borough of Hillingdon, in West London.

Here I began to flourish because, I put my every effort into helping the Church. I became interested in the Counting and Banking of the Sunday collections, mainly because, I noticed that there was one person counting, at every Mass on every Sunday by himself. That was frowned upon by the Auditors as the task of counting was always performed by two people in the Diocese. I managed to persuade the then Parish Priest, to employ a two-person counting system, consisting of twelve people, working on a on a six-week roster basis, which is still in operation to this day.

The one thing that has changed, is the method of Banking. We changed from personal banking to a security firm, collect and bank system. I then turned my attention, to the way we were giving money to the Church. We used to give only by collection plates on Sunday morning. Now we give by Direct Debit, Bank transfer and Standing Orders, using the Gift Aid system where possible.

I became a Minister of the Eucharist and a Scripture Reader and very recently a Steward and Church Cleaner, during the Pandemic.

All in all, it was a very satisfying and interesting way, of spending Fifty years as a Knight of St Columba and to top it all, I have just received the Golden Jubilee Award, giving me free access to all and any Council, in the Order. ●

Last farewell from PGK Prov 30 - Bro Eric Joseph.



A true labourer in the Vineyard !

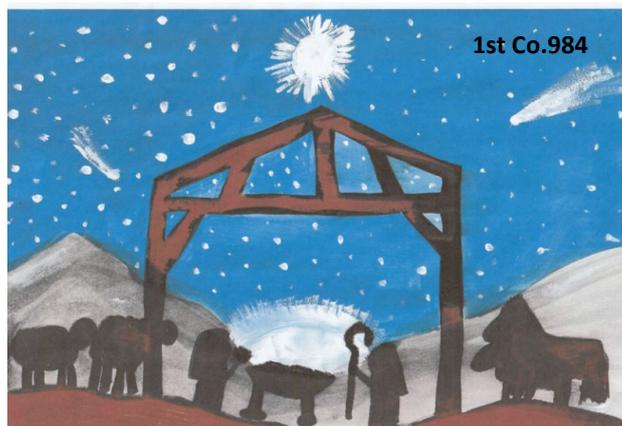
NATIVITY COMPETITION WINNERS 2021

8 to 11yrs

5 to 7 yrs



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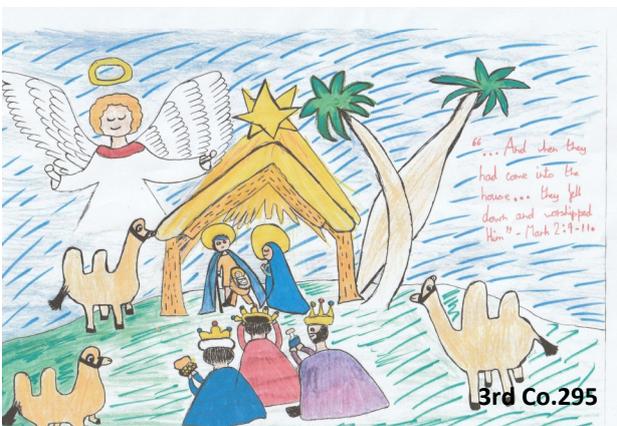
1st Co.984



2nd Co.984



2nd Co.514



3rd Co.295



3rd Co.982



Runner up Co.422



Runner up Co.970

We are over the moon, because in spite of Covid, Lockdown and schools that were closed etc, more councils managed to contact their schools and obtain entries to the Christmas Scene competition. Here are the Provincial winners for both the two age groups, that were forwarded to Head office to be included in the National selection of best winners.

Councils will be receiving the cheques and certificates for the winners in the coming weeks, and will be in time to be able to interest the schools to participate in the coming Easter competitions.

The competitions for Easter are more than just a scene painting. This time there will be a National prayer competition for Secondary, Senior and Junior grades, National Essay competition for two age groups and also an Easter Scene painting competition for three age groups. The HO circulars and closing date paperwork has already been circulated to all councils, but if anyone still requires a copy, please contact Tony Berkeley by Email : twany11@hotmail.com - Schools come back on 23rd February. Please contact schools early, and ensure winning entries sent to Province by 6th May ●

Tony Berkeley - Prov30 Action Action & Youth.

Easter Competitions

YOUTH NATIONAL EASTER SEASON COMPETITION 2022

EASTER SCENE PAINTING : Primary Grades : 7-11yrs ; Secondary Grades 11-14yrs and Senior Grades 14-18 yrs Winning entries to be submitted to Province by 6th May latest.

NATIONAL PRAYER COMPOSITION COMPETITION : Primary Grades : 7-11yrs ; Secondary Grades 11-14yrs and Senior Grades 14-18yrs Winning entries to be submitted to Province by 6th May latest.

EASTER ESSAY WRITING : Secondary Grades 11-14yrs and Senior Grades 14-18yrs Winning entries to be submitted to Province by 6th May latest.

Schools will shortlist the best three entries of each competition, which will be collected by Councils preferably before Easter break 11th April, to be submitted to Province before 6th May . Winning entries must have the Child's full name and surname, Age and the name/address of the school written clearly on the back of the entry. Closing date will give enough time for Province to select the best entries and to forward them to Head office to be entered for the National awards. Should you require posters or rules, please do not hesitate to request them from Provincial Action & Youth on twany11@hotmail.com

Praise where praise is due, Province is starting to show positive change in their Councils. Six Councils succeeded and attracting participation from their schools in spite of Covid restrictions. Well done, now lets see if we can do even better this coming Easter. ●

In Remembrance

By the time you read this newsletter, the funeral of Jean Gallagher wife of Bro Michael Gallagher, Past Prov Gk Province 14 and Eileen Berkeley wife of Deputy Grand Knight Prov 30 will have taken place. We thank the Lord for their life and the support they provided over the years to the Knights of St Columba.

This month is the first anniversary since Bro Michael Bagness funeral. He delivered such key services to Province 30 and the Order that even now a year after his passing, we are still struggling to fill the gap both at his Council and in his Province.

We also received more sad news in the last couple of weeks of Bro Tim O'Connor past Grand Knight of Council 514, where he held the council together at Cranford/Feltham, before he moved away to Crawley and joined Council 433 there. Bro Tim visited Ireland just before Christmas and he was taken to hospital just before the New Year. We also need to pray for his wife Stella who is also unwell in Ireland. ●



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Co.163 HANWELL Bro Jack Lam at home recovering.

Co.163 HANWELL Bro Hugh Mordant in a nursing home.

Co.163 HANWELL Bro Denis Barry recovering from recent illness.

Co.514 FELTHAM Bro Peter Mbanu who is unwell.

Co.514 FELTHAM Bro Tim O'Connor ex GK council 514 who passed away in Ireland recently.

Co.984 THAMES VALLEY Bro Brian Lynch who is unwell.

Co.984 THAMES VALLEY Eileen Berkeley wife of Prov30 DPGK, who passed away 5th January.

Co.422 HIGH WYCOMBE Prayers for Brothers who's anniversary occurs current issue **Bro Bernard Jemmett, Bro Francis Toole, Bro Casper Fecher, Bro Johnnie Johnson, Bro Ian Robertson, Bro Joe Sequeira and Bro Bill Churn & Mrs Dorothy Pregle.**

Co.963 YEADING Bro John Hibberd suffering health problems.

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

Co.295 HARROW & DISTRICT

Bro Desmond Kellett - in Hospital.

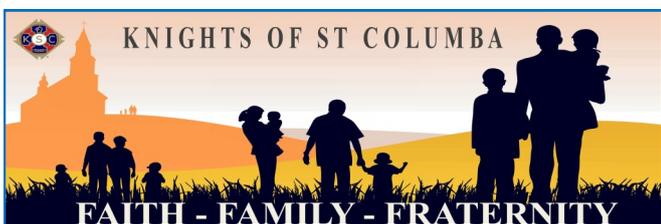
Co.982 WEMBLEY Victoria Okafor wife of Bro Godwin.

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

Co.982 WEMBLEY Maris Ukunnaya Okezue mother of Bro Okezue.

Co.948 NORTH HARROW Housebound Bro/s Douglas Lyn-Cook, Nicky Murphy, Felix Okosi

Co.243 HAYES Bro Michael Bagness RIP First anniversary •



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CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

1st Prize - £50.00 2nd Prize - £25.00

EXTRA Christmas Prizes

<i>November</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Co.163</i>	Stephen Pound TKT 35
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Co.970</i>	Bertie Grogan TKT 164
<i>December</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Co.948</i>	Marcel Martins TKT 23
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Co.163</i>	Errol Rodrigues TKT 26
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Co.330</i>	T O'Neill TKT 46
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Co.948</i>	Desmond Hubert TKT 9
<i>January</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Co.163</i>	Council Ticket 83
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Co984</i>	Tony Berkeley TKT 60
<i>February</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Co.514</i>	Council Ticket 148
	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Co.399</i>	M Sykes TKT 16

**Council meetings in
Province 30 via Zoom.**

Provincial Committee meetings

Will be on different evenings - in the same week - one zoom meeting for each of the four key offices of council. Provincial officers for **Finance - Membership - Spirituality & Action** will publish dates in April. The Provincial Grand Knight will contact you days before the meetings to remind you to appoint your council representatives for each portfolio, and will provide details of the Zoom access ID/Password.

Next cycle of Provincial meetings

Prov Council 1st March 8.00pm F2F @ Hayes. 8.00pm

Prov Committees start 18th Apr - ZOOM x4 8.00pm

Prov Officers meeting 4th May - via ZOOM 8.00pm

Prov Council Meeting 7th June - F2F @ Hayes 8.00pm

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

COUNCIL	DAY	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
H.Wycombe Council 422	1st Monday - 8.00pm	14th	11th	9th	13th
Thames Valley Council 984	1st Monday - 12.00noon	7th	4th	2nd	6th
Sudbury Council 267	2nd Tuesday - 7.00pm	8th	12th	10th	14th
Cranford/Feltham Council 514	2nd Tuesday - 8.00pm	8th	12th	10th	14th
Hayes Council 243	2nd Monday - 8.00pm	9th	11th	9th	13th
North Harrow Council 948	2nd Thursday - 8.00pm	10th	14th	12th	9th
Yeading Council 963	3rd Tuesday - 8.00pm	15th	19th	17th	21st
Wembley Council 982	2nd Sunday - 8.00pm	15th	10th	8th	12th
Uxbridge Council 399	3rd Sunday - 8.00pm	20th	17th	15th	19th
Whitton Council 970	4th Tuesday - 8.00pm	22nd	26th	24th	28th
Hanwell Council 163	4th Wednesday - 8.00pm	23rd	27th	25th	22nd
Harrow & Distr Council 295	4th Monday - 8.00pm	28th	25th	23rd	27th

Pope Francis

Twitter 4th January
2022



Let us pray together that those who suffer discrimination and religious persecution may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters.

Council meetings

With the easing of restrictions some Councils are getting back to F2F where they prefer, some other councils find online Zoom and Google-Meet meetings much better and prefer to continue using IT. Where councils get back to F2F, Province is encouraging them to also open a Zoom session at the meeting venue so that housebound brothers and the Provincial team can listen in as a fly on the wall. It is therefore important for councils to check with their parish where the venue is in Parish halls, to see if WIFI is available and obtain the router password to be able to log-on to Zoom. ●



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Often one is put off by the mystique or time on the job.
DON'T !

None of the jobs listed below require a qualification or a university degree, are part-time and can mostly be done from home. Qualifications are that one has attended the University of Life, has experience of working with other people, can care for others and show a spirit of Fraternity to other fellow knights.

All the jobs are for one year, or more if you like what you committed to.

All Jobs come with an induction course in the form of a mentor/advisor.

All Jobs will start off with a short list of things you will need to work at, how to go and details how to succeed.

All Jobs handbooks don't make good bedtime reading, and if anything tend to put people off, but are available.

ANY province 30 BROTHER interested in saying YES to God's call for help, contact Tony Berkeley (he's not God) but the Provincial Grand Knight elect, on 01344 883363 or 07854 005 491 or by Email on thamesvalley25@talktalk.net or by whatsapp, just to have a chat and find out more, express any worries you may have in volunteering, or show how keen you are to get started in serving God.

DON'T put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

PROVINCIAL JOBS ARE :

ACTION & YOUTH

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE

www.province30.co.uk

When was the last time you looked at the website ? We are currently updating the contents and adding bits and pieces, photos and other information. You can get access to the Provincial minutes and also you can click on the Rosary Prayer group link from the front page. If you have a minute, check the website out. The webmaster welcomes any comments, corrections or ideas you may wish to see.

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 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 APRIL 2022

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.

Thames hospice
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THAMES HOSPICE serves the Thames Valley area, *providing quality of life at the end of life.* They provide Palliative care for Inpatients or in their home, 24-hour emergency home visit team, a day care centre, a community team visits the terminally ill at home to assess their needs and medical assistance, They work with Macmillan cancer support. For patients who prefer to die at home, they assist in providing the necessary support in the home. Thames Hospice is **NOT an NHS organization**, and relies heavily on donations and fundraising. Terminally sick are referred to the Hospice through their NHS consultants or GP.

The Hospice IS A CHARITY Your generosity over the next 12 months is greatly appreciated.

Just fill in your jar and bring it back to church at your leisure. THANK YOU

Coordinated by Knights of St Columba Thames Valley Council