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Brothers, as the months go by and the Virus appear to be receding, mainly because of vaccinations; we are told that Lock-down will be eased, maybe by mid-June early July; sounds good, but please be cautious. I know that you are anxious to get back to normal, but my advice is to wait for your Priests to give you the green light, and when they do, I would still say to you be Cautious. Keep using the P.P.E., distancing and sanitise the meeting room before and after meetings until maybe September, when maybe everyone will be vaccinated. Please remember to stay in contact with your elderly brothers.



Brothers, we have had a wonderful four-hour Workshops on the 5th June, by the four Supreme Directors, for Spirituality & Welfare, Membership & Development, Finance & Administration, and Action & Youth, on zoom, but the brothers of the Order, who most needed this training were wholly absent. Where were you? What is the point of these training sessions if you do not attend?

Provincial Council Meetings, is where all the Council Grand Knights Meet, collectively, to discuss the past three months; it is your opportunity to meet the other Grand Knights and fraternize, so why are there so few GK's at these meetings? What is lacking? Do you bring new ideas, would you like to change some things, or do you arrive with no agenda? This is your meeting, your opportunity to make things happen; or do you think it is all up to the Provincial Grand Knight?

We have a few Vacancies outstanding in Province, please come forward to fill the Gaps.

Council Meetings is where all the brothers of your Council meet, on a regular Monthly basis. Every Council Officer is expected to write a report, to tell the Council what took place last month. He will present this to the Secretary, who will collate and publish it within the minutes of your last Council meeting. The Secretary will also post a copy to the Provincial Secretary.

Send forth your Spirit Oh Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight Province 30

COUNCIL 399 UXBRIDGE

As the world entered uncharted territories in 2020 with the big hit of Covid-19, many of us in the Council were affected in some form or another (either had Covid-19, know of someone who had Covid-19, related to someone who had Covid-19 or passed away from Covid-19), lets keep praying for all those affected and those recovering from the virus.

The lockdown was a big challenge to all of us, for the first time, during our lifetime we were unable to have any easter celebrations. We are thankful things have started looking brighter for 2021, and we pray it gets better.

The knights have been very active since the resumption of mass at St. Bernadette Hillingdon, we have been involved in carrying out Covid protocol duties to keep our parish church open and help our parishioners follow the rules whilst at mass. Our brothers and their family members also help with cleaning and sanitizing the church after the 11am mass. A big thank you goes out to Bro Edwin Carlos and his wife Percinette and their children for all the help. I must also say a big thank you to Deacon Reg Abrahams and his wife Bella who are part of the engine room of our parish.

The Knights lead a weekly rosary prayer on every Friday which became the stations of the cross for the period of lent (via zoom), this is opened to all parishioners and guests.

During the lockdown, meetings continue to be held using zoom and will continue to do so until face-to-face meetings become possible and till such time as life permits us to return to normal. Having said that, some of our brothers are fortunate to see each other when assisting at Sunday mass, while observing social distancing.

Our Brothers are also involved with the confirmation formation classes and helping out during the first holy communion masses.

The parish Holy week services program is out and the parish priest has once again called upon the services of the knights to help ensure we have a good easter celebrations.

During 2020 our Council lost a gentle giant Brother Joseph Pender and we were able to show our respect to our late brother within laid down covid restrictions/rules. >>>

>> with the roll out of the vaccine, we are hopeful that life will return to normal and allow us to interact again.

Our parish Priest Fr. Matthew Heslin has on many occasions shown appreciation from the pulpit for the services of the Knights. Let us continue to pray for all our brothers and family members who are working in some form to help to look after the nation during this pandemic.

Noel Verissimo ~ PGK CO399 •



First instalment of our Provincial Project.

If councils are finding it difficult to fundraise for the Provincial Project, due to the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions, Bro Gordon Ellis of Council 984 Thames Valley is doing a sponsored Kayak-ing paddle between now and 7th September to raise funds for the project. Some call him Captain Tom of Council 984 because Bro Gordon is 86years old !. Sponsor sheets can be found at the end of this Roundabout and are available by Emailing : council984@hotmail.com. Some may wish to collect sponsorship from their friends and families. Project paperwork was sent out to each council some months ago, but some more are available on request. In this way each council can raise substantial monies for this great project. Fr Julio of Verona Fathers in Sunningdale, is shown receiving the first instalment of £6363 raised by the Knights at his parish. The project does not finish until the end of September, so there will be more to come and fundraising continues. Some Councils may also be adopting the Jam-jar method to raise money - Whichever way you do it, the important thing is to DO-IT in the next eight weeks - in the spirit of "Love thy neighbour" Province 30's neighbours this time are the STREET CHILDREN OF ETHIOPIA.

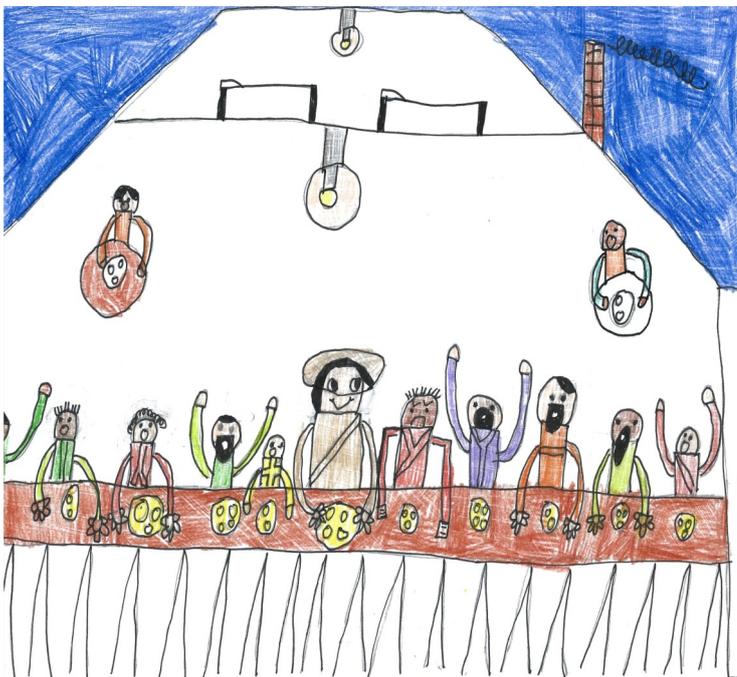
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SOME EASTER PAINTINGS



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CHILDRENS' EASTER PRAYERS



EASTER PRAYER - SOME OF PROVINCIAL WINNING ENTRIES

Dear Lord, Thank you for your protection. Its ony by your grace that I am here today, thanking you. Many have suffered and many have died but you've never abandoned us all. From the moment you created me you've loved me and protected me. Though this past year has been rough for us all, you've never neglected your beloved. I pray for those living in anger and fear, the broken and tired, the weary. Comfort their hearts so that they know your love; amidst this tough time let them feel your presence. Forgive those who've wandered away from your path, and bring peace to bereaved families. Help them remember that their loved ones are safe in Your arms. This struggle is still present and Covid-19 is still fighting, but You're also fighting - for us. Thank you for your constant love and protections over our global community. Help us remember that the battle has already been won. AMEN

Amy Fletcher 16yrs Co 422 •

Dear Heavenly Father, I Thank you for protecting me. For protecting my family, for protecting my community during Covid-19. You helped us to embrace the strength that we didn't know we had in us. You gave us that strength and we thank you. We thank you for holding our hands step-by-step throughout this difficult time. You showed us that with determination, we can get through anything. You showed us that if we believe, then in the power of God we can do anything that we set our minds to. We thank you for spreading your hands across the world to protect us in this dreadful time. You showered us in your protection, in your love, and in your grace. Thank you Father. AMEN -

Annabel Mintah 8yrs Co 984 •

Oh Devine protector, You have been my guardian angel throughout this tough time. Your love have stayed in my heart all the way And I will praise your courage and kindness every day. You have granted me faith and hope to get through to the end. You will always protect me through my ups and downs. I will always admire your greatness. You have been my saviour when I was in great distress. I will always strive to be the best I can be. Your love inspires me more and more every day, and I know that I can trust you with my darkest secrets. You are my one and only God. You will always be my light of the world - AMEN - *Annabel Brown 10yrs Co 970 •*

Dear Lord, Thank you for helping us during this time of COVID-19. Your help was useful because without it, our hope would be lost and the Covid would have spread, infecting everyone. But you came just in time to save and protect the families, friends and communities of Bracknell. Please give us the courage and strength to face these difficult problems another time. AMEN -

By Akhil Avarri 5yrs Co 984 •

Dear God, Thank you for protecting my family and friends during this hard time. Please help protect them for the whole of Covid-19. In heaven give those who have died from this terrible illness, peace and harmony. Help me to pray for the people who are suffering fromCovid-19 AMEN

By. Sebastian Pessoa 8yrs Co 984 •



Why... Whats the benefit ?

Since last September through Email and at every Council meeting, Province has been asking that the meeting minutes should have 4-HEADINGS... showing the names of Brothers **PRESENT**, the names of Brothers who had contacted the Grand Knight with an **APOLOGY** or don't have zoom, the names of Brothers who are **HOUSEBOUND** or sick, and the names of Brothers who are just **ABSENT**. All names should total up to the number of brothers registered with each Council.

Some Councils have adopted this standard, but some have yet to implement. The Grand Knights of each Council will understand why this is required and what are the benefits of doing things this way. As a Fraternal Order we are always mindful of the care and welfare of ALL our Brothers, but there are occasions where some brothers never ever feature in their Council discussion. Being mindful of ALL Council brothers and their welfare will help ensure that the housebound are never forgotten, that one or other brother will (in between meetings), have phoned them or contacted them to find out how they were, whether they needed any help and to remind them that all brothers will be praying for them. When they get a copy of the minutes, they will notice that their names appear and that brothers were showing concern about their well-being.

All this is a key factor of the *Spirituality and Welfare officer* of each Council. In some cases, brothers may never show up at any of the Council meetings, they are not there, they cannot be participating in the work of their Council, they had not sent in an apology and as far as one knows, they are NOT housebound.

Membership Officers who are responsible for ABSENT brothers, will always be reminded which brothers are not repeatedly attending meetings, and to ensure they are not THE FORGOTTEN ones. Keeping in touch with such brothers helps a great deal in avoiding lapsations, because they will get to know that we miss them and are keen to get their participation in the work of the Council. Covid-19 is often quoted as the reason for anything these days, and true, it has stretched our performance in what we do and the level our Councils' achievements, but it has also shown a number of deficiencies and lax practices which are easily accepted as bending the rules 'under the circumstances'.

As we move out of Covid-19, and soon getting back to face-2-face meetings, the Council minutes are often the only record of how our Councils are functioning. Adopting the standard that Province has passed down to Councils becomes more and more important in order ensure that where membership may be dipping, early efforts are made to restore or recover from a drop in number of brothers, to ensure that welfare is uppermost in our care of our housebound and that each council is seen as performing in a way that radiates our spirit of Unity Charity and Fraternity. •

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1ST Prize - £50.00 2nd Prize - £25.00
(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

April	1st	Co.163 Bro Ben Almeida
	2nd	Co.243 Carmel Bagness
May	1st	Co.514 Bro Tim O'Connor
	2nd	Co.163 Bro Ben Almeida
June	1st	Co.163 BRO Rosario
	2nd	Co.514 Bro Victor

Your Prayers for

Rev Fr Duncan Adamson Our Provincial Chaplain recovering at home after surgery.

Co.163 GK Bro Mario Barreto cataract operation.

Co.163 Bro Jack Lam in nursing home.

Co.163 Bro Hugh Mordant in a nursing home

Co.514 Bro John Simons unwell

Co.514 Bro Peter Mbanu unwell.

Co.514 Bro Stuart Spicer RIP who passed away early June. Also remember Stuart's sister and her family in our prayers.

Co.422 Mrs Pamela Pennington who died early June. Also remember Bro Peter Pennington and his family in your prayers.

Co 422 Bro John Hall and wife Doreen who's daughter died suddenly recently.

Co.422 Bro Peter Campbell RIP whose anniversary occurs in July.

Co.422 Bro Cyril Verling RIP whose anniversary occurs in August.

Co984 Bro Brian Lynch who is unwell.

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

Co.243 Bro Peter Chidwick and family who lost their mother. recently.

Co.982 Bro Godwin Okafor's wife Victoria Chinuwe, who passed away recently.

Co.267 GK Francis Waddington who passed away 19 Jun in Hospital •

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Bro Bertie Grogan our Supreme Knight who was awarded the Medal of the Order of St Gregory the Great, by Pope Francis, presented by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon Archbishop of Liverpool at Liverpool Cathedral memorial Mass for deceased brothers last week. The award is in recognition of Bro Bertie's dedication and years of service to the Knights of St Columba •



A Twitter quote that supports our Provincial Project 2021 - Our adopted neighbour until September are

THE STREET CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA

Pope Francis

@Pontifex
11 June 2021

"I invite each one of you to look with confidence to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to repeat often, especially during this month of June: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform our hearts and teach us to love God and our neighbour with generosity. "



From around the Councils.....

Council 422 has continued to work with the local school, in this instance with the National Prayer Competition.

The subject this time is “How has COVID-19 affected Our Faith, Our Families and Our Community”, a very appropriate issue.

St. Michael's Catholic School in High Wycombe put forward 52 entries. We were especially pleased that the juniors put a lot of thought into their offerings, and the quality was good, including from the seniors. The winners kept the prayer short but encompassed thanks for the protection from Covid with prayers for those who succumbed to the disease. Here is the winning entry from the Juniors (12 to 14):

Dear Lord

Thank you for your protection. It's only by Your Grace that I am here today, thanking You. Many have suffered and may have died, but You've never abandoned us all. From the moment you created me You've loved me and protected me.

Though this past year has been rough for us all, You've You've never neglected your beloved. I pray for those living in anger or fear, the broken, the tired, the weary. comfort their hearts so that they know Your love; amidst this tough time let them feel Your Presence.

Forgive those who have wandered away from Your path, and bring peace to bereaved families. Help them remember that their loved ones are safe in Your arms. This struggle is still present and Covid-19 still fighting, but You are also fighting - for us.

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Re-allocation of Council meetings in Province 30 via Zoom.

Provincial meetings.

Sept 7th	Provincial Council	8.00pm
July 19th	Provincial Committees	8.00pm*
August 4th	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
163 Hanwell	4th Wednesday 8.00pm	28th JULY 25 AUGUST
243 Hayes	2 nd Monday – 8.00pm	12th July 9th August
267 Sudbury	2 nd Tuesday – 7.00pm	13th July 10th August
295 Harrow & D	4th. Monday – 8.00pm	26th July 23rd August
399 Uxbridge	3 rd Sunday – 13.00pm	18th July 15th August
422 High Wycombe	1 st Monday – 8.00pm	5th July 2nd August
514 Cranford & Feltham	2 nd Tuesday – 8.00pm	13th July 10th August
948 N Harrow	2 nd Thursday – 8.00pm	8th July 12th August
963 Yeading	3 rd Tuesday – 8.00pm	20th July 17th August
970 Whitton	4 th Tuesday – 8.00pm	27th July 24th August
982 Wembley	2 nd Sunday – 3.00pm	11th July 8th August
984 Thames Valley	1 st Monday – 12 noon	5th July 2nd August

ST COLUMBA 1500th Anniversary Activity pack.

Councils GKs and Action & Youth Officers were asked to contact Primary Schools and Lower Secondary Schools, Parish, Scouts and Youth Clubs as well as your young Children and family and pass them an excellent **Activity Resource Pack** that celebrates Our Patron Saint's 1500th Anniversary. The Pack is designed specially for children with activities that would fill in their spare time as well as allow them to learn about St Columba. Bro Michael Akinrele - Supreme Director for Youth and Young people, is asking that when delivering the Activity Pack, councils can arrange to collect some of the completed works, and forward to Province who will select the best entries and pass on to Head office to show how well the children had done. There is no time limit on this, and if Councils have not yet done it, they can still do. an Email; with the activity packs was sent out to all councils. Please contact Provincial Action and Youth when the schools return some of the childrens' completed works. Thank you.
Tony Berkeley – Provincial A & Y Officer ●

Introducing new Provincial Officers Prov 30.

Brother Sam Uwechue was appointed **Provincial Secretary** by PGK Bro Eric Joseph in June 2021. Born in Nigeria in 1948, graduated in Chemistry, Engineering and holds MBA and NVQ4. he worked in the oil industry for 32years as an Executive Director. Moved to London in 2000 to head the London branch of Nigerian Nat Petroleum Corp. On his retirement, he is now a director of a small private Care home for the elderly. As patron of SVP Soc. in Benin City he is President of his college pre-80 alumni association worldwide. Brother Sam was elevated to full knighthood in December 2019 in Council 982, Wembley where he briefly held the office of F&A and now Spirituality and Welfare and DGK.



During a recent provincial committee meeting, he spoken for the good of the order by suggesting aggressive membership drive to inject younger members into the order. He also suggested rotating and challenging brothers to new responsibilities in the councils and province. His suggestion was approved and has led to positive changes in his council. Brother Sam feels honoured to be asked to serve at Province and he looks forward to assistance and guidance by his fellow provincial brothers. Bro Sam will strive for the growth of the order by putting my best foot forward. Brother Sam Uwechue is married to Patricia and they have five children. •

Bro Lindsay Meerabux was appointed **Provincial Membership & Development officer** by PGK Bro Eric Joseph in June 2021, having been elevated to full knighthood to Council 984 in April 2021. He is the first brother to be recruited from Wokingham parish. Born in London in 1967, Bro Lindsay travelled to various countries throughout the world due to his parent's occupation. They returned to London in the late 80's. Bro Lindsay then joined the Metropolitan Police Service, in which he served for 30yrs retiring in August 2018. He and his wife, Carol, embarked on travelling to as many religious sites in the world on his retirement. This was cut short when the pandemic struck. Bro Lindsay, was asked to return to the police service to assist in helping the people of London, when all emergency services were overwhelmed. He organised the help for all the vuneralable people in his street, and delivers food for those below the poverty line. He offers help to the nuns at his church. Bro Lindsay believes that an injection of younger members into the knighthood is needed for it's survival, by giving it more exposure. He is extremely honoured to be asked to serve at Province level and looks forward to tackling any challenges that may arise. Bro Lindsay is married to Carol and has three children and three grandchildren. •



WEBSITES : Look up the Order Website : www.ksc.org.uk. If you haven't done so yet, register for access to the Members' only section where you can get copies of Handbooks, forms, Shop material, copies of publications and more.

The Provincial Website : www.province30.co.uk is also available and has loads of information and material that will help you in finding out whats going on, diary of all provincial meetings, and a gallery current and past events.

Provincial Council Minutes

Minutes of the last Provincial Council meeting and other Council & Provincial information can be viewed on the Provincial website by using the hyperlink on page one of Roundabout.

Roundabout Distribution

A reminder to Grand Knights.

Please forward Roundabout to all 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

The Editor welcomes contributions for the next issue of Roundabout which should reach him by Wednesday 18th August 2021

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

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.



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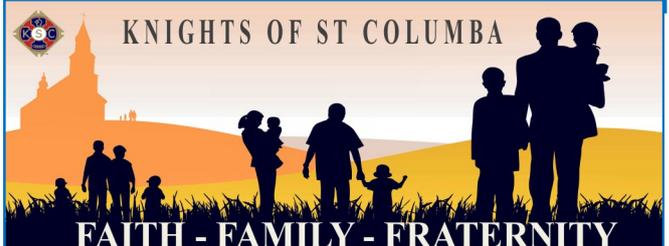


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Bro Eric PGK Province 30 invites brothers from Province Councils to come forward to fill Spirituality and Welfare post. Please contact WPGK to apply.



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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 z flyer and the access code - come and see - or Email council984@hotmail.com to be added to the weekly zoom detail flyer.

