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Dear Brothers,

I wanted to say HAPPY EASTER, but it turned out to be an incredibly quiet Easter due to the current and on-going, Coronavirus epidemic.

What a way to start my first year in Office in the middle of a Pandemic! Well, my very first task was to cancel the installation of the Provincial Officers, then all the Council and Provincial meetings with immediate effect, until at least the end of April. My guess is this will probably stretch until the Summer. I have lived for an exceedingly long time and I have never seen anything like it in my life.

I joined the Knights in Barnstable, North Devon in 1972, I grew up in the service of the Church and I made it my business to help the Priests wherever I went.

Over the years I travelled from Devon to South Wales and finally to Hillingdon. I have been in the Borough of Hillingdon for forty years. I am now approaching 48 years in the Order of the Knights of St Columba. I never dreamed of ever being a Provincial Grand Knight. I am proud to accept this position; I promise to put all my energy in doing the best I can for Province 30

However, having missed my installation in Church, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. I was indeed privileged to be one of the first KSC Officers to be installed online via a Zoom conference link by the Supreme Knight.

The world has changed so much in the last 50 years, you can almost reach out across the void and touch every one's lives for the better.

Brothers since we are where we are, let us make the best of it. There are a lot of things that we can do online. Let us start by learning to communicate with each other, 'online.' There are numerous ways

to do this, however not all of us know how. If you have the IT skills and are willing to share, please let me know. i.e. Whatsapp; Skype; Zoom. We are currently experimenting with Zoom. Please put your thinking CAPS on. Let us all get involved.



Brothers let us not forget our widows and elderly brothers who may be self-isolating at this time and could use our help, running errands or fetching medicines or just having a chat on the phone. Oh! and do not forget your Chaplains.

This is the start of a new way of life. The Lord is reminding us of our obligations, he is reminding us of our frailty and our interdependence on each other, reminding us that we are brothers and sisters and we should love each other; and that he is still the KING of the universe and that we should look up occasionally in reverence and in Prayer.

Coronavirus Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick was made well. Come to our aid now, during the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fears, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Lord Jesus give us your peace. Amen

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight - Province 30

We Serve God by Serving Others in this Year 2020

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

January 2020	1st	No 100	B Rodrigo CI 163
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February	1st	No 16	M Sykes CI 399
	2nd	No 44	R Hard CI 267
March	1st	No 58	T Blake CI 970
	2nd	No 117	CI 163
April	1st	No 86	CI 243
	2nd	No 20	M Murnane CI 963

Thank you all for your support for the 100 Club throughout the year.

Whilst being a member is optional your continued support helps us to finance Provincial costs and to keep the Provincial dues as low as they are.

The 100 Club is open to all, including family, friends and neighbours, not forgetting your Council Chaplain.

Please encourage membership from all the Brothers in your Council especially any new brothers who may have recently joined the Order/Council, in fact anyone who is willing to support our Province.

In the current 100 Club year from October 1st 2019 to September 30th 2020, there are 111 members spread over thirteen Councils. ®

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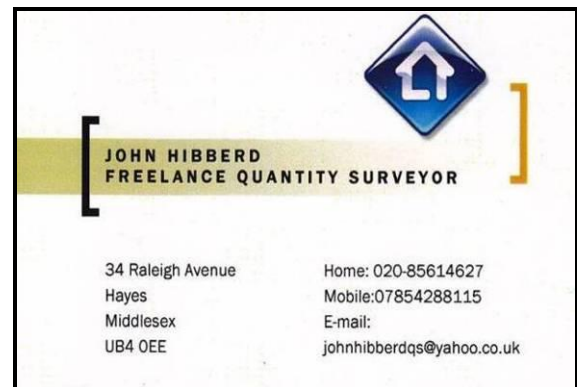
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Provincial Council Minutes

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.

A Special Prayer

His Grace Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Order has forwarded to us all in the Order this Prayer. Please keep all Brothers, families, widows in mind as you say it, particularly older Brothers of the Order.

May the Blessed Mother and St Columba guide us all and keep us healthy at this time and in the future.

A Prayer in time of Danger and Illness.

*God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us
at this time, as the Coronavirus
threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper
in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are
suffering, give strength to those
who are aiding the Sick and give courage
to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your
Son Jesus Christ. AMEN*

"And the People stayed Home"

by Kitty O'Meara

Kitty O'Meara's prose poem, "And the people stayed home" has struck a chord with all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. A retired teacher, Kitty O'Meara, from the city of Madison, in Wisconsin, turned to writing in an effort to curb her own anxiety amid the nerve-wracking news of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The poem, "And the people stayed home" reads:

*And the people stayed home.
And read books, and listened, and rested,
and exercised, and made art, and played
games, and learned new ways of being, and
were still. And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in
ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless
ways, the earth began to heal.
And when the danger passed, and the people
joined together again, they grieved their
losses, and made new choices, and dreamed
new images, and created new ways to live
and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.*

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Around the Councils.

Hayes Council 243

We are pleased to welcome Fr Joseph Katthula CMF as a Member of Honour to our Council. Fr Joseph has also agreed to be our Chaplain and we look forward to his spiritual guidance at our meetings and activities in the future.



See our page on the Hayes parish website at:-

<http://www.botwell.org.uk/knights-of-st-columba>

Sudbury Council 267

New GK reflects on family tradition in Sudbury.
from Bro Francis Waddington (pictured)

Opening the latest copy of our Provincial Directory, and glancing over the list of the Council Officers, I found it hard to believe that I was actually in office as Grand Knight of Council 267 – Sudbury. This was on two counts, firstly that I only attained full Knighthood in 2016, and secondly, the rather underwhelming experience of not actually having been installed at a Council meeting!



However, I do have a sense of pride in my family connection with our Council. Sudbury Council 267 was erected in 1933, and our Charter is on the wall of the Russell Room of our Parish Centre at St. George's. The Room is named after our founding parish priest and chaplain, Fr. Clement Russell.

Another Founder-member's name on the Charter is that of Frank Lickert, (pictured) my late grandfather. He gave many years of service to the parish, being a recipient of the Bene Merenti Medal in 1971, and also held office of Grand Knight. My other grandfather, Francis Foakes joined the Council on moving to Sudbury, but sadly died shortly afterwards in 1952. My late father, Leslie Waddington, similarly joined the Knights in the 1950s, was on the Action Committee, and was awarded the Order's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002. I have not mentioned a couple of uncles, Peter Fowler and John Weir who were Brothers in our Council.



Parish life was different then - families lived a lot closer together then, practically walking distance. Although being brought up in Sudbury, work took me away from the area in 1987, and after living in Brighton and Southampton, home beckoned in 2011 when I needed to support my late mother. I have always

practiced my faith, but there was never the opportunity to join the Brotherhood in my previous parishes, so I feel that I have 'come home'.

What strikes me is the loyalty of the Brothers in our Council, where several have moved well outside the boundaries of our parish, yet practice faith in our Parish and regularly attend our meetings.

During the time of the coronavirus, we continue to pray for and support each other, and look forward to the day when we can meet in Council again.

Fraternal regards

Francis Waddington

High Wycombe Council 422

From Deputy Grand Knight Brother Stefan Zachary,

Brother David Sole and his wife Margaret have had the coronavirus and, then God, recovered. He is our chancellor and is in touch with all our people including widows, who all appear to be surviving well apart from Henrietta Burrows who is generally ill and weak, so we pray for her.

The only thing planned was a quiz night which we cancelled and there is now nothing on the agenda. We did manage a series of schools presentations just before the virus hit.

We are expecting this to go on until at least September and, for older people, perhaps into next year. We take good heart in the live streaming of mass from St Augustine's in High Wycombe (very day at 09:30 and 11 am on Sundays), and we are very grateful to Father Jonathan who is still out and about attending people in hospitals and funerals at great risk to himself.

I hope you and your colleagues are safe and well.
God be with you.

Fraternal regards

Stefan Zachary

Cranford & Feltham – Council 514

From Grand Knight Bro. Victor Olomukoro

I have been keeping in touch with Council 514 Brothers and Feltham parish via phone calls, text and e-mails during this pandemic/lockdown period, the situation is humanely frustrating, but must be done in order to fight the coronavirus. Some of us still go to work as key workers.

No Council meeting until the social distance is lifted or safe to do so.

Keeping all Brothers and their families in my prayers, most especially at these difficult times and trust we are all keeping safe

Fraternal regards

Victor Olomukoro

Whitton Council 970

From Grand Knight Brother Alex McGhee.

24 Hours Adoration

Two-and-half-years ago my wife and I approached our parish priest with an idea to have 24 hours of Adoration once a month, from Friday morning until Saturday morning in St Edmund's church, Whitton. The idea was agreed and launched inviting parishioners to volunteer to take an hourly slot.

Our Council 970 readily voted to support this new parish prayer initiative with many brothers signing up for an hour, or more, of Adoration. About a year ago I then read an article in *The Columba* calling all Knights and Councils to pray, ideally in front of the Blessed Sacrament, for the protection of unborn children as part of the co-ordinated SPUC and KSC initiative. Since the monthly 24 hours of Adoration was already well established in the parish, the KSC S&W officer brother Tom Blake, and his wife Helen, decided to lead the rosary at 8pm on Friday evening dedicated to the protection of the unborn child.

24 hours of Adoration, silent prayer and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament, is now well into its third year and continues to enrich the parish spiritual and prayer life. The rota is well supported with parishioners of all ages volunteering for regular time slots by signing up well in advance. There are also times when the 'regulars' have been unavailable, away on holiday for example, but these have been successfully managed with other volunteers filling in. A couple of months have had to be postponed, due to bad weather in the winter or the holiday season in August, but these absent months were missed as Adoration has become an established feature in the parish monthly calendar. There have been a few more additions, praise and worship on Friday night for example, but mainly the hour is spent in prayerful silence and devotion to Jesus.



Finally, the overall benefit of Adoration is that it allows a space for parishioners to stop and be still in the presence of God, especially in our busy noisy world, bringing us back to heart of what we believe as Catholics, that Jesus is truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. ®

Fraternal regards

Alex McGhee

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.**

Michael Bagness – Editor.

A SILVER LINING

and don't we need one these days!

*from Bro Tony Berkeley
Provincial Action Convenor &
GK Thames Valley Council 984*

With the closing of churches due to the Pandemic, one would think that people will be left without the grace of going to Mass every day or whenever possible. Many can say that morning or even evening mass times did not work well with their working hours and one would understand.



Many parishioners would normally go to Mass during the weekend each week to fulfil their obligations. Indeed the numbers of Catholics are often judged by the number of people attending weekend masses. Especially with most senior citizens, many do not associate technology and the world wide web with their devotions, more the opposite. It is a fact that the www is more renowned for pornography and other extreme and profane areas, which at times one finds views that pop-up on the screen without them having been looked for.

However, every sad aspect of the web is these days being challenged by subjects that are completely the opposite. Many catholic organisations have their own websites that spread the good message of Christ. There are some that just publish specific prayers, some that explore aspects of the Bible, some that invite youngsters to get involved in developing their faith, so the web is not all bad, and if anything I find it a gift and a big benefit both to my faith and beliefs.

For those who are very involved in their parish, buying nice things for their church has become not just easy, but affords a wide variety of nice vestments, statues, repository items and even sanctuary items for the priest to use at Mass. I for one have found good retail suppliers in Poland, Spain and Portugal which I used in the last year or so.

For those who are responsible for sacristy logistics, altar wine, candles, hosts, incense etc., one finds that not only is there a lot of choices on the internet, but one can compare prices and often increase purchasing power and costs benefits.



But the reason I decided to write a few lines is to bring to every one's notice the services that are now available on the Net. There are a great choice of Masses – every day – at all the hours of the morning and evening. The thing I find really good that I and my wife can go to Mass every day and at a different church every day if we wished to. There are some fantastically lovely churches in England and Ireland, chapels, parish churches, oratories, cathedrals, basilicas, you name it, it's there for you to go to Mass at.

Apart from the church's building and sanctuaries, the other thing I really enjoy is the priest saying Mass. Some just run through the service in close to twenty minutes, some others have their own style. [I came across one priest in Ireland that took his guitar to the lectern and at the chosen time played and sung to his own hymn!].

I really enjoy some of the homilies, many of them are very enlightening, others like the Polish Priest at St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip who gives a great homily and relates to the missing congregation as if it was a full church. Another priest who excused himself for interrupting the service to go to the sacristy and adjust the volume!

Apart for a great choice in Mass services, there is also online Stations of the Cross. The one I really like is the Holy Rosary. Here again is a great choice in style and prayers, some with hymns. I find it useful that following the Mass service I go straight to the Rosary section and pray the rosary and one usually can do both in one hour, not much to offer God especially these days of extreme virus infections and deaths, and especially when one has not got that much to do all day in self isolation.



As I am the webmaster for the Province, my Council and my Parish, I have built all this into the relative websites I look after, and I invite you all to click on the link below:-

ST FRANCIS ASCOT www.stfrancisascot.co.uk

PROVINCIAL WEBSITE www.province30.co.uk

COUNCIL 984 WEBSITE www.Council984.co.uk

There is no age excuse for not trying to look at one of these websites. Claiming that you are not a techie, does not work, all you need to do is to type one of the above website URLs in the search field, and there it all is.... Move your cursor/pointer on **churchservices.tv** for Mass services or choose **ROSARY** or **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. Go on try it now! ®

All our Yesterdays!

A time to remember.

The photograph below was taken at the Installation of Provincial Officers in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayes on Sunday 24th April 2009.

(Thank you to Bro Martin Cook for supplying the photograph)



Provincial Officers 2009

Back row l-r: Bros. Bertie Grogan, Mario Barreto, Reg Abrahams, John Collins, Peter Oliver.

Front row l-r: Bros Martin D'Cunha, Martin Cook, Will Gallagher, Michael Bagness, Julien Melville and Jim Keating.

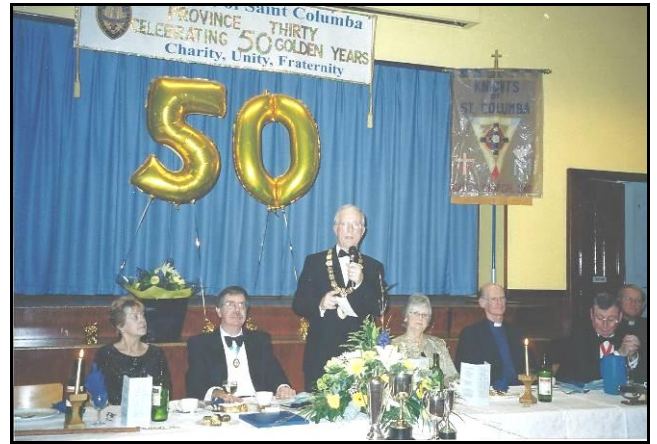
This photograph below was taken c.1994-1997 in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayes. Can anybody remember the occasion and who is the unnamed Brother, (back row next to John O'Brien)?



Back row l-r: Bros Lars Fletcher, Steve Jordan, Chris Allman, Fr Jim Kennedy cmf, Chris Fletcher, Hugh Carville, ?? , and John O'Brien.

Front row l-r: Michael Bagness, Terry Mann, Finbar Lehane, Jim Keating, Tony Brennan, Ian O'Leary and Tom Hayes.

The photograph below was taken at the Golden Anniversary Dinner 2003 in Botwell Social Hall, Hayes.



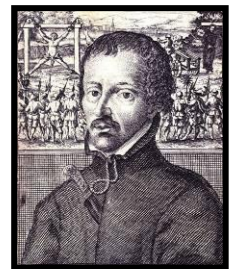
l-r Mrs Pauline Grogan, PGK Bro Bertie Grogan, Supreme Knight Bro Tony Doherty, Mrs Mim Doherty, Prov Chaplain – Fr Tony Brunning & BAR Bro Will Gallagher.

Please send me copies of any 'historical' KSC photographs (with details) if you would like to share them and I will reproduce them in Roundabout, space permitting.
Michael Bagness – Editor.

St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage

an update from Bro John Lynn.

I have cancelled Lyford Grange (28th June) and as all events at Stonor Park (21st June) have been postponed this looks like a no go. Until the bishops give us the all clear for attendance at Mass there is no way we can contemplate carrying the relic between churches.



To date myself and Bro Tony Berkeley have not printed any booklets. The last remaining date on this year's schedule was for brothers to assemble at Tyburn Convent for the final Mass on 26th July - if we get the all clear by then.

The fallback option is to have a mass in late October when the actual 50th anniversary of the canonization of the Forty English Martyrs takes place - 25th October. ©

Works of Art in a 1000 pieces!

How one brother spends some of his time in isolation!



Eiffel Tower!



Vatican City!



In the Jungle!

Installation of Provincial Grand Knightwith a difference!

*from Bro Mike Bagness – Editor
also Charter Council and Provincial Secretary*

On Friday 17th April, Brother Eric Joseph was installed as Provincial Grand Knight of Province 30 by the Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan.

Congratulations Brother Eric!

This was a first for Province 30 as the installation was carried out 'on-line' using the ZOOM application.

Brothers, during the next few months this is the way forward for our meetings, particularly our Provincial Committee meetings where, as you may remember, I asked in the last Roundabout for comments and suggestions on how to improve our attendance to which I had no responses at all!

With proper commitment we could include Provincial Officers and Provincial Council meetings in our programme.

On-line meetings are also recordable; this would simplify replaying the meeting for the secretary to prepare any minutes that may be required. (I have been advised, like many others to stay at home for at least 12 weeks.)

All the current Grand Knights and Provincial Officers in Province 30 are 'on-line', let us all make a real effort to enhance this technology and maintain and improve our communications with each other for the Good of the Order and of the Province.

Communication between us is so vital. From a secretary's point of view I would appreciate it if when you receive an email you at least respond just to say you have received it even if it does not require a more detailed response.

If each council could appoint a brother, not necessarily the Secretary, to deal with communications, then I am sure we could improve our contact with each other 100%.

Brothers, I appreciate that with meetings on-line we lose the one-to-one contact and the personal approach, but rather than have no meetings at all this is a good alternative. I ask all Grand Knights and Officers to please give this some serious thought and let us move into our new millennium with confidence for the future. ®

NB. Thank you to Bro Tony Berkeley who prepared some briefing notes on the ZOOM system which have been circulated to Provincial Officers and Grand Knights. ®



On the lighter side!

Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, 'I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent.'

'Thank God,' said an elderly nun at the back. 'I'm so tired of chardonnay.'

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house.

She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, 'Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!'

The husband said, 'Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?'

'Doesn't matter,' she said. 'Just get out.'

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

A Polish immigrant went to apply for a driver's licence.

First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test.

The optician showed him a card with the letters 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

'Can you read this?' the optician asked.

'Read it?' the Polish guy replied, 'I know the man!'

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

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The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

Church Bulletins!

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences with all the BLOOPERS actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
4. Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
6. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
7. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
8. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.
9. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

Dates for your Diary

ALL DATES AND EVENTS SHOWN BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION DEPENDING ON THE ISOLATION PERIOD.

MAY	6 th - Provincial Officers meeting - BY ZOOM
JUNE	2 nd - Provincial Council meeting.
JULY	20 th - Provincial Committee meeting.
AUG	5 th - Provincial Officers meeting
SEPT	1 st - Provincial Council meeting
OCT	2 nd - 4 th - Supreme Council meeting. 19 th - Provincial Committee meeting
NOV	4 th - Provincial Officers meeting 15 th - Westminster Mass for Deceased Brothers - 10.30am.
DEC	1 st - Provincial Council meeting