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### PGK END OF YEAR REPORT 2021

Brothers, May I take this opportunity to wish you all ***a Very Happy and Holy Christmas.***

In three months' time, I will be handing over the reins of Province 30 to Brother Tony Berkeley, your new PGK Elect. I hope you will all rally behind him and give him your full support. I will also have completed 50 years' service in the Order.

I hope I managed to give you of my best, during my brief stay as your PGK. I must admit that I enjoyed your company. I had a very fulfilling and invigorating 24 months, and I enjoyed every moment of it, especially zooming around the province, and meeting new Brothers, while all the time learning about your Councils. It was quite an experience. Thank you.



Many Councils have reverted to meeting face to face, and I am worried that we may not be taking adequate precautions. Please remember that the Virus is still here, and in some places it is rife. Keep taking your precautions and follow the guidelines. I still have control of the zoom license, if any Council needs to continue their meetings on zoom, you only need to ask, but remember I can only attend ONE zoom meeting at any one time; so please give me plenty of notice.

We have 3 Vacancies at Province (Spirituality & Welfare, Secretary and Social) In order to have a smooth and efficient running Province, we need you to apply for and fill these posts, by the end of the current year.

Gracious and holy Father: Give us wisdom to perceive thee, diligence to seek thee, patience to wait for thee, eyes to behold thee, a heart to meditate upon thee, and a life to proclaim thee; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. St. Columba pray for us. ●

*Fraternally*  
*Eric Joseph*

**Provincial Grand Knight Province 30**

# GEORGE MARRIOT FUND

The frequently asked questions : Who is/was George Marriot ? What is the fund about ?

Bro George Marriott was a CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT who was a member of both the Windsor Council (Co.301) and also a member of the Catenians. A real gentleman. He was Grand Knight of Province 23 1972-1974 and his prominence led to him becoming the KSC Finance Director in the 1980s, a post which he held for several years. Hard working and well respected but humble man. The George Marriot memorial fund was set up by Thames Valley Province 23 in the early 1990's as a suitable reminder of his notable contribution to the KSC and local charities. The aim was to provide a fund to help vocations to the priesthood and to provide identified clergy with some financial funds towards their training and expenses. When Province 23 was amalgamated with Province 30 the Fund was transferred to Westminster Western who adopted the same custom and arrangements. A provincial subcommittee was set up to manage the fund.

Broadly speaking the fund was there to help Seminarians (or priests) with their studies and other expenses while preparing for their ministry. Councils would annually donate £50 or other affordable amounts, each year to ensure the work of the fund can continued. An exemption from donation was built in to enable councils to opt-out if their council's financial holding required it.

Any Council asking for support for a seminarian would be required to formally submit an application outlining the background for their claim, to explain to the committee where/how the donation would be used. Over the years, sums of money ranging from £300 to £500 had been awarded. This year Co165 Hanwell submitted a request for assistance for Fr Richard Augustine Oduor pursuing a three year advanced studies in Sacred Liturgy at the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo, Rome.. Fr Richard wrote "I am, appealing for your consideration with financial support that could help me in the current academic year.

Based on the contributions made by councils in the past 12months, the fund committee agreed to donate £400 to Fr Richard, and the money has been forwarded during the month of December.

Councils are encouraged to keep the fund on their meeting agenda from April onward, as they discuss and prepare their budgets for the coming year. Thank you. ●

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR *Communications*



Hello Brothers

I recently sent emails to the three Provinces (11, 29, and 30) asking for different details.

WPGK Brother Eric of Province 30 is the only one that has responded so far.

What does that say about my position as the director of the region.

Just a reminder that a council must approach the Provincial Grand Knight with any issues they have in their council.

It was nice to have the face to face meeting recently but as the new virus is spreading faster then before it is better to go back to Zoom meetings. ●

**Bro Rosario Fichardo Regional Director Region 7**

# CATHEDRAL MASS. for deceased brothers.

**F**or some brothers who may not even heard of this grand event which comes round every November, three Provinces, previously formed part of the SAPGK (Southern Area Provincial Grand Knights) committee, organised an annual Westminster Cathedral Mass in remembrance of Brothers in their provinces who had passed away the previous twelve months. This as well as the Aylesford annual pilgrimage, used to be discussed and coordinated by the committee, and formed a very important part of the Action and Spirituality elements of the three provinces.

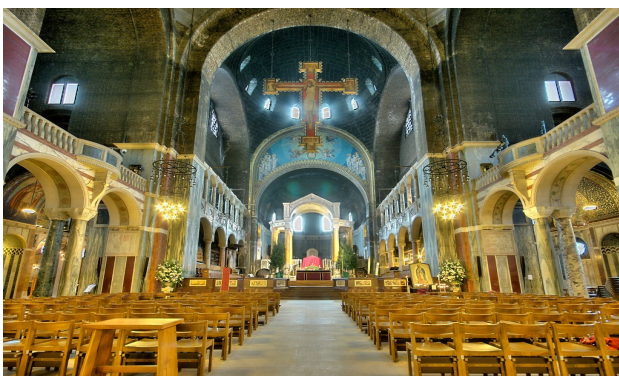
Provinces took it in turn to organise the event. The 'To-Do' list included planning and lining up the resources, booking the event with the Cathedral Presenter, as well as inviting and booking hierarchy, parish priests and chaplains to con-celebrate. Work started very early in the year to ensure that the clergy checked their diaries and confirmed if they were able to be part of the event.

Whichever province was in the coordinating seat, would organise the Mass, pay the stipend, liaising with all the relative participants, such as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, inviting members of the KSC board of Directors, compiling the list of the brothers from the three provinces, who had passed away the previous twelve months, preparing the mass sheets for the day as well as compiling and arranging the printing of memorial cards for deceased brother, arranging welcomers on the day for brothers and their families and a lot more.

The event would be well publicised across the Order and the provinces of the Southern United Kingdom, Knights, relatives and friends as well as a good number of red collars from the Order's Board of Directors looked forward to the event. Councils and Provinces brought their banners which were often processed up the middle aisle at the start and end of Mass.

Two of the Provinces' key people who organised this year's event, Bro John Boniface and Bro Roger Khan put in an extra effort this year to ensure that the event took place in spite of and in line with Covid-19 rules, but when the day came, they were really disappointed and sad to see that just the Deputy Supreme Knight and just one other director who managed to show up, although a number of directors do in fact live well within the catchment area. Attendance by brothers in general was also poor. All this contributed to the FAQ on the lips of many, Was the disbandment of the SAPGK committee affecting this event ? Further question asked ..... Is it worth continuing organising such a high profile event showing off the Order in the top cathedral in the country, when there was such a lack of support?

I can nearly hear loads of reasons why one or the other could not be there. Some reasons may well be valid and respectful. There is the fact that the membership is shrinking and getting older and the journey alone can be very taxing. The time chosen for the event may not suit others who have to travel long distances, some brothers may have family reasons and so on. So the important question is "Do we plan the event again going forward?" Several councils and most Provinces already hold requiem/remembrance masses in their local area, so we still are remembering those who just passed away last twelve months, and all the brothers who passed away before then. Maybe council GKs can add this to their meeting agenda? ☺







## 2020/2021 provincial project



Left to Right Bro Lindsay Meerabux & Tony Berkeley Prov officers, Fr Julio and Bro Gordon Ellis Co984 Thames



DPGK Province 30 presenting Fr Julio the first instalment of £6363 of a total of £9419 raised through the Provincial Project 2020/2021 in aid of the Street Children of Ethiopia through the Verona Fathers and Comboni Missions, in Awassa.

Fr Julio wrote :

Dear friends, I have forwarded the picture to Madzia. She will be delighted to know about your generosity.

As I said this morning the present political situation of Ethiopia is very uncertain, we pray that peace may prevail.

A sincere thank you for your generosity.

Kind regards - Fr Julio Ocana - PP Sacred Heart Church Sunningdale.

## From around the Councils.....

When our Action Convenor, urged us to do what we could to ensure the target for the Provincial Project would be reached by September I realized there was some potential in my undertaking a sponsored Kayak paddle - a pastime I took up 5 years ago. I would try to complete 86 miles on the water by the time of my 86th birthday in September.

A short camping trip to Ringwood enabled a 6 mile paddle on Christchurch Harbour. A week at Hereford clocked up another 40 miles on the River Wye. I was well on the way! Another notable weekend trip to Somerset meant another 13-5 on the Kennet & Avon canal. 24 miles in Cornwall - R. Looe, sundry paddles on the Thames and R. Wey and a final push on the Exeter Ship Canal ( we really went there to sing at the cathedral) meant I reached my target the day before my birthday. I am so grateful for the generosity of friends, relations

Bro Gordon Ellis - Spirituality & Welfare - Co 984 - Thames Valley

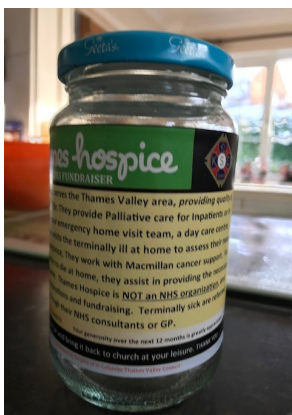
# PROVINCIAL PROJECT 2022

**At** its provincial council meeting on 7th December 2021, Province 30 adopted the provincial committee winning project THAMES HOSPICE, as the provincial project for the coming period January to October 2022. All councils of province will be required to fundraise in the coming ten months. The average target to be raised compared with recent past projects is £10,000, a sum which can easily be reached.

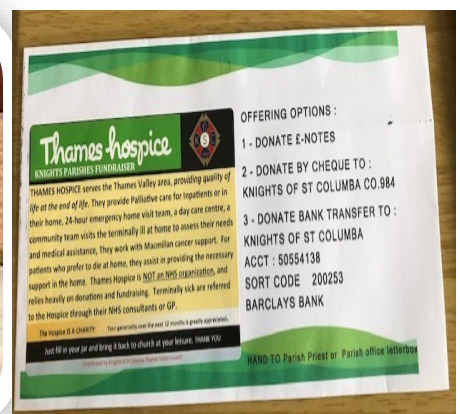
This may sound very ambitious, but in reality it is not at all difficult to achieve. The easiest way is the famous JAM JAR method. 50-jars per council can be distributed amongst the council brothers, not just those that come to the meetings, ALL brothers, with exception of brothers who are in care homes. That works out that an average council of 10-Brothers, each Brothers accepting 5-jars, one he keeps for himself, and 4-jars he needs to find friends/relative/people in the community, to accept in support of the Thames Hospice in Maidenhead. If every jam-jar holder donates 50pence per week, by October, he/she would have collected £20 in each jar, or formula of  $5(\text{jars}) \times £20 \text{ per jar} \times 10 \text{ Brothers} = £1000$ . Its not really that difficult even in times of Covid-19 lockdown etc. This method does not need a parish advent charity heading, although if the Parish supports the project, finding volunteers to take a jar becomes easier.

Councils are not necessarily required to accept the JAM JAR method. Councils may decide to do their own fundraising in many other ways, such as organising a walk, running events, setting cake sale, bingo night, quiz nights etc, many of these require a lot of effort and might struggle to raise the £1000 target per council, so discussion at council and careful planning are essential. Council meetings each month, needs to discuss the progress being made and funds raised so far. The Grand Knights are urged to work hard to get council to get excited about the Provincial project and fired up about achieving their council target.

The hospice can be reached on **[www.thameshospice.org.uk](http://www.thameshospice.org.uk)** and if you ask for Ms Alison Evans head of Community and Events on **hospice number 01753 842121** she can mail you a small cross selection of handouts and glossy magazine **plus a fundraising plastic banner of the hospice** which you can use for advertising and promotion. Province can supply 50 jam jar labels for £12, money you can then reclaim from money raised. The Jars you have to find yourself, but that's the least of the problem provided you start in earnest and adopt a Can-Do attitude. Some people may prefer to contribute Pound Notes, or will write a cheque (payable to KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA) or may prefer to donate through a bank transfer. If you require some **specially prepared envelopes** with all details on such donations, please contact Tony Berkeley DPGK Province 30 who can send you the envelopes. The project starting gun is now ready to set the project off..... So please do not drag your feet, get going, because time lost will mean more than 50p per week into the jar to raise £20 per jar. Remember Province 30 provincial project is the top fundraiser on the horizon. •



Donations Jam Jar



Donations envelope

# YOUR PROVINCIAL TEAM

The December Provincial Meeting elects the Provincial Grand Knight for the coming term. Bro Eric Joseph our current Worthy Provincial Grand Knight had announced that he intended to stand down come the end of March 2022, after having served one year more than he had volunteered for due to the Covid circumstances. Bro Tony Berkeley was proposed, seconded and elected to take over when Bro Eric Joseph finishes the current year's term.

The provincial team has already been running without a dedicated **Spirituality and Welfare** officer for a number of months after Bro Dennis Barry stood down due to health reasons. There are also a number of vacancies on the provincial team which need to be filled up for the start of 2022 term.

Bro Tony's election means there will now be a vacancy for **Action and Youth** and a **Provincial Deputy Grand Knight**. There are also vacancies for **Provincial Social Secretary** and Bro Eric is seeking to find a replacement for **Provincial Chaplain** who also stood down after several years of excellent service to Province.

The provincial ship cannot sail without a crew, and now is the time for brothers in council to step up and volunteer to fill the vacant jobs. We are fortunate enough to have some experienced brothers who may well have served as provincial officers before, who under the circumstances may wish to consider to come an extra mile and help complete the team.

A provincial officer's job is not rocket science, does not require a university degree, or a managerial qualification. It does entail a commitment to follow the requirement of office. This is nothing mysterious, it is laid down in the handbooks which form the portfolio or the job description of what the main duties entail. Most of the work is done on line and via the telephone between meetings. We are now well versed in ZOOM technology, and most meetings will be taking place on-line, with a cup of tea on the desk, which cuts out travel and late night driving in cold weather. New provincial officers are always taken care of by the Provincial GK and other senior officers on the bench, and do not need to worry about a learning curve, as help will always be around.

We always speak about **WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD**. Well the LORD is calling brothers to go and work for Him in the provincial vineyard. I am confident there are enough brothers in councils who can fill one of the current vacancies and Bro Eric Joseph or Bro Tony Berkeley (PGK elect) are waiting to hear from those of you who are ready to serve. The sooner volunteers come forward, the sooner we can work with them on an induction program that will help to hit the ground running, so to speak, come next April when they receive their blue collars. ☺

Tony Berkeley

Prov30 Provincial Grand Knight elect.



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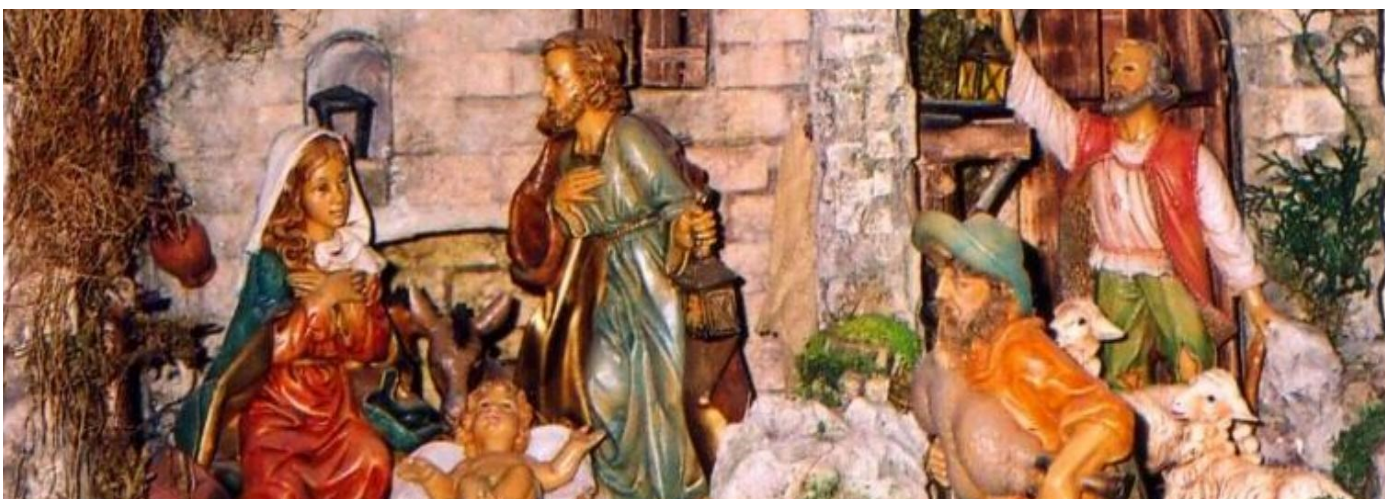
St Francis of Assisi invented the crib when he used live animals to create a nativity scene in his cave and today in Italy, cribs ('presepi') are a serious business, as common as Christmas trees are here. In December you find them everywhere, in every church or public space, and in private homes, families will be busy building their own. Those on public display usually have very elaborate backgrounds, incorporating ruins, water features and other elements of the countryside. They often show local Italian landscapes in the background.

In Britain the Christmas we know today took shape in Victorian times, when the rowdier celebrations of earlier periods were toned down into a quieter family-focused festival. Queen Victoria and her beloved Albert, with their nine children, played a big part in these changes. The Christmas trees Albert popularised from his native Germany in 1840 rapidly caught on, as did decking them with lights and presents. Victorian children's presents were usually quite modest, such as sweets, nuts or oranges, although wealthier kids might hope for a gift echoing the latest technology, such as a toy train. 'Christmas Box' tips to servants and tradesmen were left until 26 December, hence called 'Boxing Day'.

Many other now-familiar elements of Christmas also originated in this period, including printed Christmas cards, Christmas crackers, and eating turkey (instead of the traditional goose) and Christmas pudding. Even 'Santa Claus' and his reindeer sleigh first came here from America in the 1870s.

Most Victorian families went to church at Christmas, and the words of many popular carols such as 'Good King Wenceslas', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'O Come All Ye Faithful' are Victorian. Better-off people also provided gifts or Christmas feasts for poorer neighbours a tradition promoted by Charles Dickens' 1843 'Christmas Carol' Scrooge story. Parties for tenants' children were an annual Christmas event at mansions of richer families.

Reminiscing about my early years, the crib (presepiu) was usually shaped from paper mâché and left to dry and then painted with thick wallpaper glue and left to dry. When completely dry, it was painted rock-brown with splashes of green and yellow and artificial moss glued on. Kids used to save their pocket money to buy the figurines (pasturi) that were then added to the home made crib. Wheat seeds used to be laid in saucers on cotton wool, kept moist in a dark cupboard (which made them grow white) which was used to decorated the crib on the dining room sideboard. Many would have their own stories to tell, differing customs from across the nations but nothing like what we are used today. ●





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

**Prov 14 - Mrs Jean Gallagher** wife of past PGK who passed away this December.

**Prov30. Pray for Fr Duncan Adamson** our past 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** under palliative care at home, looked after by Thames Hospice.

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

**Co.422 Bro G Courtney RIP** whose anniversary occurred last October.

**Co.422 Bro J Sweeney & H Morgan RIP** whose anniv occurred last November.

**Co.422 Bro C Edwards RIP** whose anniversary occurs December.

**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.

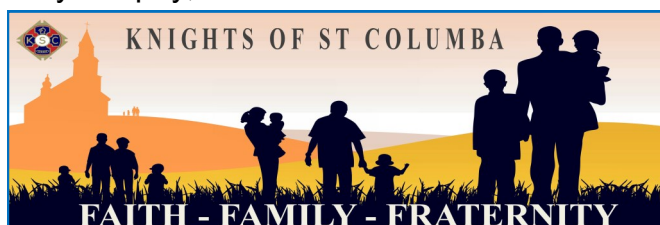
**Co.982 Victoria Okafor** wife of Bro Godwin.

**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.

**Co.948 Housebound Bro/s** Douglas Lyn-Cook, Nicky Murphy, Felix Okosi and unwell.●



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## P R O V I N C I A L



### CASH

#### PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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

September	1st	Co.163	Mario Barreto TKT 107
	2nd	Co.399	Eric Joseph TKT 153
October	1st	Co.243	Stephen Pound TKT 161
	2nd	Co.970	Bertie Grogan TKT 163

The November & Christmas extra winners will  
Be published next issue Roundabout due to  
Councils 243 - 963 and 982



## **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. The provincial officers for **Finance - Membership - Spirituality & Action**. 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.

### **Provincial Officers meetings**

Will continue to be on-line via Zoom.

### **Provincial Council meetings**

Will probably be face-to-face, but subject to government and Headoffice as applicable at the time. If restrictions continue, meetings will be on line via Zoom, on dates shown below.

### **Scheduled dates are:**

17th - 21st Jan Provincial Committees 8.00pm  
2nd Feb Provincial Officers 8.00pm  
1st March Provincial Council 8.00pm

### **Council meetings**

Prior to Omnicron ovarian infections now spreading fast, councils were getting back to F2F wherever circumstances allowed. However in a fast moving world where rules change overnight councils will be able to liaise with the Provincial Grand Knight about continuing Zoom meetings. The rota list below shows when council meetings are scheduled for.

<u>Council</u>	<u>Current meeting day/time</u>
163 Hanwell	4th Wednesday
243 Hayes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday – 8.00pm
267 Sudbury	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7.00pm
295 Harrow D	4th. Monday – 8.00pm
399 Uxbridge	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 13.00pm
422 High Wycombe	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday – 8.00pm
514 Cranford & Feltham	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 8.00pm
948 N Harrow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 8.00pm
963 Yeading	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 8.00pm
970 Whitton	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 8.00pm
982 Wembley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 3.00pm
984 Thames Valley	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday – 12 noon

**Pope Francis**

**Twitter 23rd Nov 2021**

Love rejoices in seeing others grow and suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love makes the heart leap; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion. ●



### **The oldest known prayer to Our Lady is “Sub tuum praesidium confugimus”**

An ancient prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in fact, the oldest known prayer to Our Lady for intercession. The oldest known version of which is found on an Egyptian papyrus from the 3rd century. This prayer is used in Litanies to the Blessed Mother and as a concluding prayer to Compline (a service of evening prayers forming part of the Devine Office of the Christian Church, traditionally said (or chanted) before retiring for the night) and a partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite it.

*We fly to thy patronage,  
O holy Mother of God;  
despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.  
Amen.*



## JOB VACANCY

PROVINCE 30 is looking for workers in the vineyard of the Lord. This is a job offer you cannot turn down. Our Lord says that we are his hands and his feet. How can anyone say NO to our Lord who through the KSC is asking you to do some work for Him?

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](mailto: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 :

DEPUTY GK ; ACTION & YOUTH ; WARDEN

SPIRITUALITY AND WELFARE ; SOCIAL SECRETARY

## THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE

[www.province30.co.uk](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 February 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**  
KNIGHTS PARISHES FUNDRAISER



**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.

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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