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Dear Brothers, Reverend Fathers, widows, families and friends,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying summer. The *Roundabout* is a few days behind schedule — my brief holiday gave me a chance to rest before diving into a flurry of council events: meetings, installations, funerals, fundraisers, and even a 100th anniversary! Not bad for a PGK who once said he wouldn't travel much... I thank my provincial team who were able to help.

These busy weeks have been truly uplifting. They reflect how active and enterprising our councils continue to be. Since the last issue, we've recruited ten new Brothers and elevated several more to full Knighthood. It's a hopeful response to the losses we've faced, and a sign that Province 41 is rebuilding with heart.

Our Prayers List reminds us of those we've lost — steadfast Knights whose example we must carry forward. That's why we're encouraging ROTATION: asking long-serving council officers to consider stepping down, making space for others. Training and induction seminars began in April and will continue through the year. Leadership in the Order doesn't require a university degree — only commitment, compassion and a little time.

Several councils have participated in the tour of St Edmund Campion relic— One of the English Forty Martyrs. A huge thanks to Bro John Lynn who has led the relic visits for 25 years and continues to do so with grace and dedication. Eleven councils have also joined up and are preparing to receive the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret of Scotland this September. Well done to all - I am so happy that Province 41 have shown such a zeal.

I'm also proud to report that ALL our councils paid their HO membership and their Provincial dues on time. Thanks to finance officers and Grand Knights. I'm also happy to report that councils were able to help nineteen brothers pay through our SW4a Special Needs support. No Knight should be lost for lack of funds.

Bro Henry our Provincial Membership officer will be getting in touch with all councils, to find out how well your brothers are in using Wifi and other media tools, to ensure we can improve on our joining up to our online meetings, seminars, and communications. Please help him by completing your response promptly.

The Roundabout is your Newsletter. Don't feel left out if your council did not feature by shouting from the hilltop about something they've done. This is your newsletter, use it by telling everybody how active your council have been!

As summer unfolds, may we continue to serve our communities with energy and compassion. Remember the motto: **Action is the Engine of your Council** — so let's keep it running smoothly, and if it's conked out - give it a service and tune it before the next issue of the newsletter. ☺

*Yours Fraternally - Tony Berkeley Provincial Grand Knight Province 41*

# What you're missing.....

## Why Wi-Fi Matters — A Message to Our Knights



Many of our Brothers, especially those in their 70s and beyond, still feel hesitant about using Wi-Fi and modern technology. But in today's world, staying offline can mean missing out—on connection, convenience, and community.

More and more communication now happens online. Video calls, messaging, and even council updates are shared digitally. Without Wi-Fi, it's harder to stay in touch with family, friends, and fellow Knights. A simple Zoom call can bring loved ones—and fellow Brothers—right into your living room.

Council meeting attendance has dropped to around 40% of council brothers across many areas. That's a concern, here are talks about having VIRTUAL COUNCILS NOW. But it's also an opportunity. Joining

meetings online means you can take part from home, even on cold, wet evenings. The more you Zoom in, the more confident you become. It's easier than it looks—and once you've done it a few times, you'll know all the little tricks.

Wi-Fi also opens the door to vital services. Booking GP appointments, ordering prescriptions, accessing news and financial updates—it's all quicker and easier online. And let's not forget the fun: streaming films, listening to music, reading e-books, or joining hobby groups. There's something for everyone.

Getting started doesn't have to be expensive or complicated. Many internet providers offer free routers and simple setup. You don't need super-fast speeds—basic broadband is enough. Most people already own a smartphone, tablet, or computer that can connect to Wi-Fi. And help is always nearby. Sons, daughters, grandchildren, neighbours—even fellow Knights—are often happy to lend a hand. Sometimes, all it takes is the courage to ask. Personally, I now book my doctor's appointments online, request repeat prescriptions, and have them delivered to my doorstep—all without leaving my chair. It's convenient, efficient, and empowering.

Wi-Fi isn't just about technology—it's about staying connected, informed, and involved. For the Knights of St Columba, it's a way to strengthen our unity and ensure every Brother has a voice. If you haven't yet taken the leap, now's the time. You're not alone—and you're more than capable.

**Getting Started Tips for Brothers - Ask for Help:** Family members, neighbours, or fellow Knights are often happy to guide you. **Use What You Have:** Smartphones, tablets, or laptops—most devices can connect to Wi-Fi. **Start Small:** Try joining one Zoom meeting or a brother to have an online face-to-face chat.... It serves to build your confidence up. Confidence grows quickly.

An Easy way-in .... Why don't you consider zooming in to one of the Rosary groups currently running.... You don't have to do anything but log-on. Also if you are housebound, unwell and don't feel like going out, why not ask your Grand Knight to set up a Zoom access. Councils are already using council-meeting participation on line and three councils stopped F2F council meetings, and now do it online each month. - IF THEY CAN DO IT - WHY NOT YOU ? !! ☉

# ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Pilgrim of Hope - weekly Rosaries Thursdays 7.30pm

Zoom 895 3351 1576 Password 856705

Province 41 Fatima Devotions Rosary

Mondays to Friday 1.30pm

Zoom flyer codes available from the website

Www.Province41.co.uk or you can ask to have flyer to your email weekly.

Its only a half hour - just doing what Our Lady asked us to do. ☺

## Co982 WEMBLEY



On Saturday 14th June Co 982 Wembley organised a fundraising JHOLLOF night at the parish hall of the Holy Martyrs Wembley. The event was to raise funds for the renovation of the Parish Hall and contributes to the efforts being made in the parish to improve their hall and meeting facilities. The event was very well attended including guests our Supreme Knight and his good wife Bro Rosario PRD and Bro Tony Berkeley PGK , The council expects to have raised made considerable amount for this worthy project. ☺



A letter of appreciation was received by the Parish Priest at Wembley Fr Ofere, Fr Chima and Bro Sam Uwechue GK Co982 Wembley from the Chaplain of the Wormwood Scrubs prison in Hammersmith following their visit to the prison.

Council 982 together with their parish Priest have visited the prison making a presentation of gift items to the prisons, and helping the inmates with their participation in bible studies,

In addition, for those prisoners who came forward, they were able to carry out 1-to-1 sessions and to share their thoughts and reflections.

Bro Sam commented .....“During the 1 to 1 sessions, one experiences an outpouring of emotions by the prisoners.”

The council will continue to visit the prisoners and to be of help in anyway they can moving forward. ☺



# Province 41 Training program

## Promoting Training Across All Fronts.

Since last Roundabout Province 41 has delivered an training workshop - Seminar to all the six **Provincial District Deputies** who will be visiting each council within the coming months, unless they have done so already. The workshop covered the basic standard that needs to be adopted on top of the standard visit report. Grand Knights are welcome to stay back after the meeting and chat the District Deputies - this helps from eating away your monthly meeting time.

A comprehensive induction course have been delivered for **nine new Grand Knights** who were taking office for their first year of three year rotation window. This was very well received and helps the Grand Knights understand the Basic Standards of running a council, knowing whats expected, helps their confidence and performance, and shows that taking office is not rocket science.

**Finance and Administration officers** have also availed themselves from a workshop that helps them to understand the importance of their office. One needs to have a basic knowledge of how to handle and report money matters , and the course helped in identifying the Basic requirements of the office—and more so the areas set down in the Constitution and Rules of the order about getting it done right.

Since last April Province 41 brothers have been made aware of the need for Rotation and that GKs and officers will who have served their terms will need to give other brothers a chance. In the coming months there will be **an opportunity for all brothers** who consider stepping forward, or are aspiring to do the GK job to join a workshop/Seminar to accustom themselves to the requirement of the job. Nothing is very difficult if you know what you need to do.

Rotation will also apply to other brothers in office. **Seminars will also be made available**, to give confidence to come forward and be more involved in the work of their council. If you are interested and want to find out more, please chat with the PGK ahead of joining the Seminar. ☺

## New brothers.....

Recruitment is top of the list for councils in Province41. We were blessed in July at being able to enrol a number of new brothers. Provincial Officer Welfare Bro Sam Uwechue and Bro Henry Ibekwem, Membership met at the Parish of St Bernadette, Co399 Uxbridge to welcome Bro James Reed to council. We are hoping that the council can attract more brothers in the coming months. •



# P41 Installation

Province 41 installs its officers for 2025/6.

*The Installation Ceremony and Quarterly Provincial meeting held last June.*

At the first Provincial Council meeting of the new term, Province 41 Westminster marked the occasion with the formal installation of its Provincial Officers's team. The gathering took place at Christ the King Church, Cockfosters, and we are especially grateful to Bro Jim Pugh for his invaluable support in coordinating arrangements and liaising with Fr Pascal Sullivan.

Following the celebration of Mass, the installation ritual was conducted with all the Brothers lined up in solemn unity. Although Fr Philippe Baptiste was unable to concelebrate due to commitments within his own parish, we were blessed to have Fr Pascal step in and lead the service with grace and generosity.

Province 41 is one of the larger provinces in the Order, comprising nineteen councils. It is vital that we maintain a full complement of officers - faithful workers in the vineyard - who can help guide and support our mission throughout the year.

After the ceremony, we moved to the parish's excellent hall for our quarterly Provincial Council meeting. I extend heartfelt thanks to all the Brothers who attended the installation, and to the councils who sent representatives to the meeting that followed. Your presence and participation are deeply appreciated.

Thank you all,  
**Tony Berkeley, PGK**





# New brothers.....



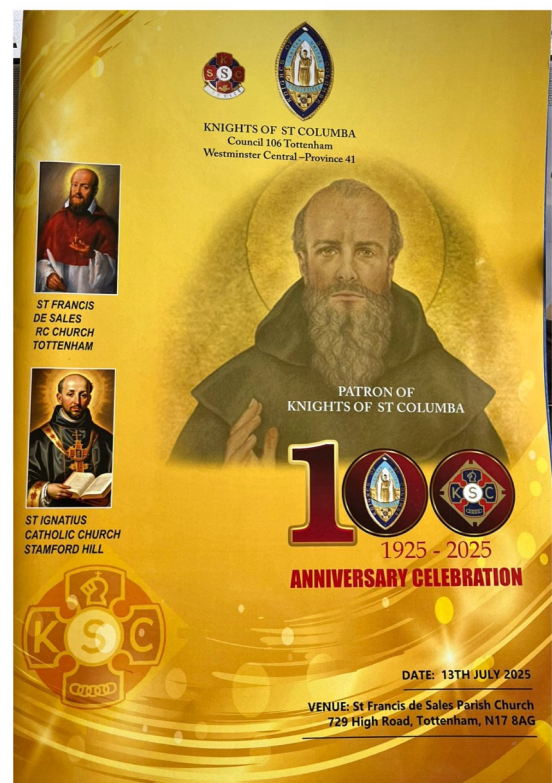
More New Brothers—this time at Co 637 Hoxton Square - London. Bro Henry Ibekwem our Provincial Membership Officer was able to assist in the enrolment of three new brothers. We welcomed Bro Timothy Osuhon, Bro Fernando Bedoya and Bro Anthony Edozie at mass at their Parish Church of St Monica Priory. We celebrated adding our new brothers to the fold, and look forward to get them involved in the good work this council has planned in the coming months. Well Done to Bro Dale Steward the Grand Knight and his membership team for their recruitment success. ☉

# New brothers.....

And Yes, more new brothers... Sunday the 13th July **Co106 London North** Celebrated their Council's centenary. A great event to be remembered. The celebration was well planned by Bro Mayomi Elesheku, chair of the 100 year planning committee and GK Bro Chidi Odili Mass at 11.00 right across the road from Tottenham Hotspurs stadium at St Francis de Salle Parish church.

Mass was concelebrated by Rev Canon Shaun Lennard, the Episcopal Vicar for North London, and Fr the Parish Priest Fr Lucuy Claros. After the Homily, the brothers of the council were installed, and straight after the new membership enrolment ritual welcoming Bro Anthony Okadogbo and Bro Killian Kebbie. Guests of honour Supreme Knight Bro Michael Akinrele and Provincial Grand Knight Bro Tony Berkeley.

The event was well attended by other brothers from the nearby councils and Provincial officers. Following the service, as one would expect, community and guests were invited to the parish hall for lunch and drinks. ●



# *Long service medals....*

## Honouring Our Long-Serving Brothers: A Call to Action.

Too often, we overlook the quiet dedication of those brothers who consistently give their time, energy, and heart to the work of their council. They're the ones who always step up — the dependable few who carry much of the load. And yet, there's a risk that we begin to take them for granted. "They always do it," one might say. "Why should I get involved?"

Well, it's time we changed that mindset.

Recognising long service is not just a nice gesture — it's a vital part of sustaining fraternity and showing appreciation. The Order provides two formal ways to honour this commitment:

**The Jubilee Medal** for 25 years service & **The Gold Jubilarian Medal** for 50 years service.

Responsibility for ensuring these awards are given doesn't fall to one person alone. The **Membership Officer** should be aware of who's due for recognition — but so should the **Grand Knight**, who ultimately carries the responsibility.

That's why the Good Standing Order list (*GSO list*) must be part of your working folder and reviewed regularly, especially around **March and April**, when new terms begin.

I'm encouraged that some councils have recently taken action — but others still haven't. At **Council 984**, we take pride in caring for our brothers. In recent weeks, we've made presentations of both the Jubilee and Gold Jubilarian medals:

**Brothers Robert March and Peter Reid**, who both joined 25 years ago, were honoured with their Jubilee medals during the **Edmund Campion relic tour** at St Joseph's church, in Bracknell. Unfortunately Bro Peter Reid was unwell and another opportunity will soon come.

**Brother John Lynn** received his Gold Jubilarian medal at the **open-air Mass at Lyford** — during the annual pilgrimage at the site where St Edmund Campion was captured, a fitting tribute to his half-century of service, and all the work in organising the annual pilgrimage.

These moments matter. They remind us of the strength and continuity of our brotherhood. Let's make sure every deserving brother receives the recognition he's earned across all our councils. ☺





# *Farewell to key brother*

## **In Loving Memory of Brother Paul Porter (R.I.P.)**

On Monday 16th June, the funeral of Brother Paul Porter was held at the parish church of The Most Precious Blood and St Edmund, Edmonton. The church was filled to capacity, a testament to the love and respect Paul inspired in his community. Nearly thirty Knights formed a moving guard of honour, reflecting his deep connection to Council 248 and the Order.

Paul passed away at the age of sixty-five, following a recent period of hospitalisation. His loss is deeply felt by all who knew him.

### **A Life of Service and Strength**

Paul joined the Metropolitan Police in 1980, during the challenging period of the Broadwater Farm riots. His imposing stature and commanding voice were matched by a compassionate heart. He played a key role in mentoring young officers, especially in handling anti-social behaviour with firmness and empathy. After three decades of service, Paul retired in 2010.

### **Community, Family, and Faith**

A passionate rugby enthusiast, Paul became a referee for local junior teams, bringing fairness and encouragement to the pitch. He married Carol in July 1986, and together they raised Matthew and Hannah, later becoming proud grandparents.

In retirement, Paul poured his energy into fundraising for St Edmund's Primary School, helping finance a school extension and the refurbishment of the parish centre. During the COVID pandemic, he lifted spirits by running community bingo sessions — earning the affectionate nickname "Bing Bong" — and was a regular presence at parish barbecues and quiz nights.

Paul was a steadfast supporter of both the parish priest and the Knights of St Columba, embodying the values of fraternity and service.

### **A Legacy That Lives On**

Though Paul is no longer with us, his legacy continues. His family is committed to raising funds for new equipment at St Edmund's Primary School, and the school has honoured his memory by establishing the annual Paul Porter Prize, awarded to the best student — a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much.

On 15th June 2024 I was privileged to present Bro Paul Porter, Secretary at Co248 Edmonton with his Meritorious Medal for his continued hard work at his council.

Brother Paul will be deeply missed, but his spirit lives on in the community he helped build and the lives he touched. ☺ Tony Berkeley PGK P41







**We pray for those in our families, friends, brothers and larger communities, who are sick, housebound, or in hospital and for those who care for them.**

**Co261 Palmers Green - Pray for Bro Desmond O'Reilly is receiving chemo treatment.**

**Co422 High Wycombe - Pray for deceased Brothers Peter Campbell, Rev Tom Feighan Brother Cyril Verling. Also housebound brothers Geoff Pilkington, John Hall, Dennis Burrows and widows Francille Edwards in a care home and Anne Robertson.**

**Co500 Cockfosters - Pray for Brother Mitchell just home from hospital; Bro Ron Woolner RIP recently deceased ; Bro Joe O'Connor now in a care home ; Bro Geoffrey Pearson, housebound ; Widow Eileen Sherlock and her son Martin who is unwell ; Linda Quilter Wife our Finance Officer who is unwell.**

**Co295 Harrow - Pray for Bro John O'Brien receiving hospital treatment ; Bro Jim Quin recovering from broken bone.**

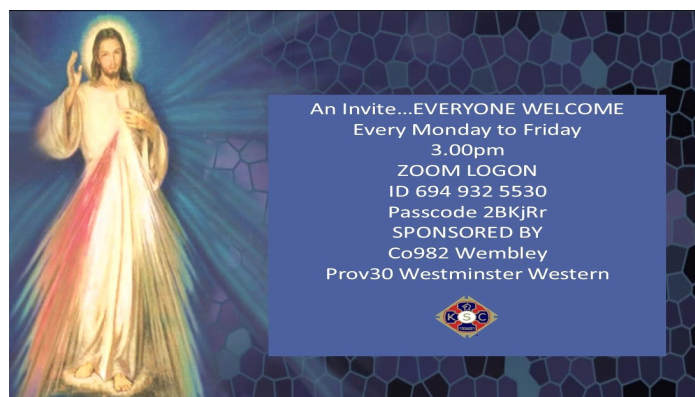
**Province 45 Council 11 - Pray for Bro Terry Conneely RIP - Past Action & Youth Director who passed away recently.**

**Province 12 Pray for Bro John Campolini, Past Director, PPGK Soutwark who is seriously ill in Lewisham hospital.**

**Co984 Thames Valley - Pray for Bro Brian Lynch housebound and unwell ; Bro Percy Borg and his wife both unwell in a care home ; Bro Peter Reid who is undergoing treatment ; Pray for Sheila Webster RIP widow of PGK Co984 who passed away in June.**

#### **ZOOM FATIMA DEVOTION - PRAYER GROUP**

Council 984 Thames Valley run a Fatima Devotion prayer group that prays the Rosary every week day at 1.30pm. A flyer for each week showing the ZOOM ID & PASSWORD. Is available at [www.council984.co.uk](http://www.council984.co.uk) select 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.



#### **Roundabout Distribution**

A reminder to Grand Knights. This issue has been forwarded direct to all the officers in the Provincial Good Standing order listing and others on external distribution list. Please forward Roundabout to all other Brothers of your Council who are not 'online' and any other persons who may be interested. Due to administration costs and cost of postage, printed copies of Roundabout are not being produced, Tony Berkeley – Editor

The Editor welcomes contributions  
for the next issue of Roundabout  
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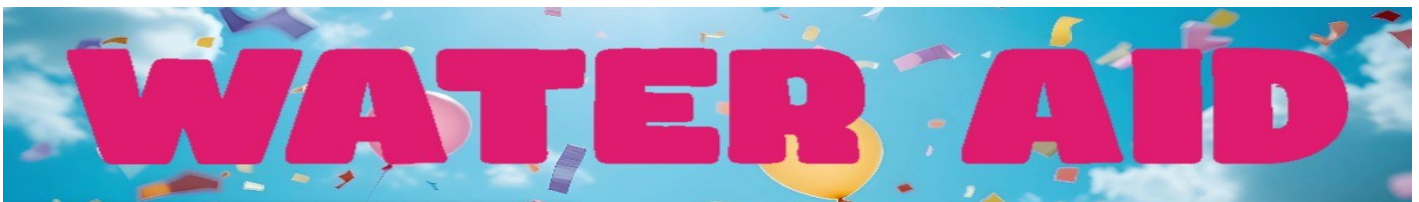
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# Monthly Council meetings for Province 41 councils will be .....

COUNCIL 106 NORTH LONDON at : St Francis De Salle 729 High Road London N17 8AG On the 3rd Thursday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 163 HANWELL at : Parish centre 52 Uxbridge Road Hanwell W7 3SU On 2nd Tuesday of the Month 8:00pm  
 COUNCIL 248 EDMONTON at : St Edmunds Croyland road N9 7EB On 2nd Tuesday of the month 8.00pm  
 COUNCIL 261 PALMERS GREEN at : St Monica Parish Stonard Road London N13 4DJ On 3rd Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 267 SUDBURY at : St George's Hall 970 Harrow Road Sunbury HA2 2QE On 2nd Wednesday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 295 HARROW DISTRICT at : All Saints Kenton Road Harrow HA3 0UG On 2nd Tuesday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 320 ST ALBAN Ss.Alban & Stephen Parish, 14 Beaconsfield Road, St. Albans, AL1 3RB. On 2nd Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 399 UXBRIDGE at: Parish Hall 160 Long Land Uxbridge UB10 0EH On 1st Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 422 HIGH WYCOMBE : OnLine & St Augustin 24 Amersham Hill High Wycombe HP13 6NZ 2nd Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 500 COCKFOSTERS & S Herts at : Christ the King 29 Bramley Road London N14 4HE On 1st Thursday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 528 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD at : St Joseph , St Johns Road Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1NR On 2nd Thursday  
 COUNCIL 572 ENFIELD at : Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George 42 London Road Enfield on the 2nd Monday of month.  
 COUNCIL 616 STEVENAGE at : St Joseph's Hall Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ On first Tuesday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 637 HOXTON SQUARE at: 19 Hoxton Road N1 5NT Hackney London On 1st Thursday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 963 YEADING at : St Raphael Hall Morrison Road Yeading UB4 9JP On 2nd Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 970 WHITTON at : Presbytery 123 Nelson Road Whitton TW2 7RB On 2nd Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 982 WEMBLEY at : English Martyrs Chalk Hill Road Wembley HA9 9EU On 2nd Monday of the month.  
 COUNCIL 984 THAMES VALLEY meets Zoom On-Line On the first Monday of the month at 12:00 Noon



One does not need a Big Council to be able to get a project planned and executed - all one needs is a Charity, a plan, and a community willing to help out. Co984 Thames Valley only has six active brothers, but this year they have been able to raise £3048.55 towards Water Aid.

The Jam Jar charity plan works time and time again. The current 200+ jam Jars have been soaked and cleaned and re-labeled to rerun the last five project which added together come close to £25,000 towards the Street children in Malawi and Ethiopia, the Thames Valley Hospice, North London Hospice and now WaterAid .

Bro Robert Marsh at Bracknell, Bro Gordon Ellis at st Francis and Bro John Lynn at Maidenhead, three different parishes did all the hard work of raising the £3048.55—thank you brothers well done Brothers. ☺

Bro Robert making the appeal at Bracknell hit the jackpot, one of the congregation related how she had actually collected water and walked miles with a bucket on her head.

## Next cycle of Provincial meetings.

**Logon Online Zoom meetings details nearer the dates.**

**Provincial Officers' Meeting 30th July 2025 8.00pm ONLINE ZOOM SESSION**

**Combined Provincial Committee Meetings - Online**

**FINANCE & ADMIN - MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT:** MONDAY 12th August 2025 ZOOM ONLINE 8:00 PM

**SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE - ACTION & YOUTH :** TUESDAY 13th August 2025 ZOOM ONLINE 8:00PM

**Provincial Council Meeting on 13th September 2025 - SUMMER F2F MEETING. At Northfield.**

Representation is required by every council for Provincial Meetings.

The Grand Knight and/or his council officer or a delegate is duty bound to attend.