



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

PROVINCE 41 - WESTMINSTER

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Brothers, Rev. Fathers, Widows, family and friends, it amazing how time flies. One time, there were three Provinces who never communicated with each other much, but during the last 12-month, they never stopped contacting each other via email, phone, WhatsUp, and in some instances by letter. We were all drawn together as part of the reshuffle and merging of many provinces of the Order. I got to know many of you quite well, in fact I have never generated so many emails in such a short time, not even when I, as a business manager in British Airways looking after over one hundred and twenty-seven stations on the international computer network!

Yet here I am, nearing the end of my first year as Provincial Grand Knight of a 3-in-1 Westminster Province41, having had the pleasure of meeting and working with so many Brothers in the Order, attended two Supreme Councils, at both ends of the British Isles, tidied up some of the inherited councils that had stopped functioning many months/years before, and being honoured to oversee a Province that is so active on so many fronts. Despite the aging membership, we can still show that adopting a strategy of minimum effort for maximum gain, can still achieve a significant program of work in our parish communities as can be seen from the contributions sent to me for this edition.

Alas work goes on, and as the Nativity festivities approach, I am having to think about what is coming down the line, after the Christmas trees have been thrown away or wrapped up for next occasion and the decorations stored in many attics to be recycled next year.

Being an ONLINE province, most of our meetings are on Zoom, and organising an online election is not easy, especially as I could be one of the turkeys on the ballot paper! Then all the councils have got to be reminded that they too must prepare nominations for their oncoming elections.

All that aside, I must thank all the Grand Knights and their teams, of my eighteen councils who have had to put up with me chasing, prompting and coercing so that I can achieve a good standard on so many fronts.

In fact, I am so proud that we have achieved so much in our first year together. We are in a better state and can get even much better in the coming year. We must also remember those brothers that have passed away during the last few months and pray for their reward in heaven. At the same time, while welcoming the new recruits, we need to find more replacements and the work of increasing our membership never stops. I wish you and your families a cheerful Christmas and a great new year. 

*Yours Fraternally - Tony Berkeley*

*Provincial Grand Knight Province 41*



# *Lost a Battle but not the War.....*

The second reading vote may well have gone against the wish of many in the country. For who watched the debate on the BBC Parliament channel it was easy to take in how strong and emotional the arguments were, for and against Bill. However, although the bill was passed, was only the second reading, and it will now go to the House of Lords and will eventually go for the third and final reading where it could well be a completely different story when the vote is taken.



I understand from an MP who was in the House on the day, that often members vote one FOR the bill just to enable it to go the full process, ie, it will encourage further debate, in both houses, and when it comes back for the final reading, after it may well be amended in committee, it will then fail the final hurdle and will not pass into law. A number of MPs actually stated this kind of manoeuvre when they stood up to speak. One needs to remember there were 46 did not vote or abstained so the vote may well be different in the final stage.

The Portsmouth Diocese newsletter issued the following article, which I think is interesting enough to be shared, as it highlights the Catholic stand on this issue, so far and still gives us hope that eventually the bill will be defeated. **Find out how your MP voted :** <https://news.sky.com/story/how-did-your-mp-vote-on-the-assisted-dying-bill-13262957> **and let him know so next time he will vote NO.**

## **Statement about the Assisted Suicide Bill**

Following the decision of MPs to vote in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at the Second Reading on 29th November, Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, said: "We are disappointed that MPs have voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill progressing through parliament.

We believe that this bill is flawed in principle and also contains particular clauses that are of concern. We ask the Catholic community to pray that members of parliament will have the wisdom to reject this bill at a later stage in its progress. In addition to being opposed to the principle of assisted suicide, we are particularly concerned with clauses in the bill that prevent doctors from properly exercising conscientious objection, provide inadequate protection to hospices and care homes that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide and allow doctors to initiate conversations about assisted suicide.

We ask that these voices be heard in the next stages of the Bill to strengthen the deep concerns about this proposed legislation. We have expressed the view, during this debate, that genuine compassion involves walking with those who need care, especially during sickness, disability and old age. The vocation to care is at the heart of the lives of so many people who look after their loved ones and is the sign of a truly compassionate society. It is essential that we nurture and renew the innate call that many people have to compassionately care for others. It remains the case that improving the quality and availability of palliative care offers the best pathway to reducing suffering at the end of life. We will continue to advocate for this and support those who work tirelessly to care for the dying in our hospices, hospitals and care homes." **Unquote.** ☺



# New Member of Honour at Cockfosters

Dear Bro Tony, please find enclosed a photo of our new Co 500 Chaplain and Member of Honour, Fr Pascal Sullivan CCN, receiving his Certificate of Membership from Bros John Ward (GK) and Jim Pugh Past PGK P29, following the annual Mass for Deceased Brothers at Christ the King, Cockfosters (attended by 12 brothers and widows).

We welcome, Reverend Brother Pascal to our Parish.

Thanks to Bro Rodney Newton Secretary/DGK Cockfosters South Herts.



## Blessing of Graves

Blessing of graves during November is the private remembrance visit to our loved ones - departed. Thanks to Bro Tom Jones GK Co528 Hemel Hamstead for photos taken at his parish blessings which was attended by approximately 100 people. The Knights provided the flowers that Family members place on their loved one's graves after they are blessed during a short service. As part of their community Action program the Council have been organising this for several years now with only a break due to Covid. Fortunately luck was in with the weather. The Priests are from the local Parishes attended, on the left is Father Kim Addison and on the right is Father David Cherry. Similarly Co984 Ascot also carried out the ceremony, this year organised by our new Priest in Charge St Francis Ascot, Fr Phillip Harris who did the blessing. Ascot community uses a number of different cemeteries, therefore there attendance was much smaller at St Michael's cemetery in Sunningdale. ☺



KSC Collar purses— A new source has been established in Jerusalem the Palestine Conflict Transformation Centre.

Now available from Co.344 Bro Alex Rugg for £25 plus £1.00 p/p.

Contact : <[alexrugg@msn.com](mailto:alexrugg@msn.com)>

# Looking after Housebound & Carehome brothers.

It was with great pleasure that on 2nd November officers of Council 500 Cockfosters, (GK Bro John Ward, Secretary, Bro Rodney Newton and Warden, Bro Jim Pugh, presented Bro Geoffrey Pearson (82) with his Golden Jubilarian medal, certificate, letter from the Supreme Knight and Travelling Card.

As a young man, he once tested what the thought to be a vocation to become a Benedictine monk before returning to 'civvy street' and becoming a chartered accountant. Bro Geoffrey has chronic mobility and hearing problems, but nevertheless retains a keen interest in the Council and the Order, keeping in touch by Email as necessary. ☉



## Knighthood degree at C0267 Sudbury

Bro John Lynn Provincial Action and Youth officer carried out the formal ceremony of elevating Brother Patrick Lyama, Bro Joseph Lyons and Bro Edmond Bayor, three council brothers in good standing who had served their standard Membership Degree to reach the next level of full Knighthood Degree at Council 267 Sudbury.

The ceremony was carried out in the Council chamber at St Georges Parish hall during the council monthly meeting. Bro John and Bro William Byre the Council Grand Knight congratulated the Brothers and recognised the abundance of enthusiasm on the occasion and in the in this council, with plans to recruit further new members at St Georges in the coming months. ●



**FORMS**— M1 and M2 are now available through Province41 Website : [www.province41.co.uk](http://www.province41.co.uk) as councils go forward recruiting new member in their own parishes.

**THE SILVER JUBILEE AWARD** - Recognising our brothers who have served 25years or more.

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



# Remembrance Mass at Westminster



On the 17th of November we held our first ever joint Memorial Mass for deceased brothers at Westminster Cathedral under the banner of Province 41 Westminster. The Memorial book was updated to include lists of brothers who passed away at all the three past Provinces and invites went out also to other Southern area provinces who wished to join us to remember those who had gone before us. We were honoured to be joined on the occasion by our new Supreme Knight Bro Michael Akinrele and the Deputy Supreme Knight & Communications Director Bro Sean Smith. Our Provincial Chaplain Fr Phillip Baptist concelebrated High Mass accompanied by the Cathedral Choir. It was great to see so many brothers and some family and widows in attendance as well.

After Mass, our guests and group Brothers and wives, walked across the road to the only nearby restaurant providing Lunch. It was a pleasant event, the restaurant was a little crowded, but still enjoyed by all. On behalf of Province 41 I thank the Supreme Knight for his thank you letter, confirming the pleasant occasion was well received ☺

Tony Berkeley - PGK P41

## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

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Worthy Provincial Grand Knight Brother Tony Berkeley

Province 41 Westminster

08/12/2024

Dear WPGK Brother, Tony and Province of Council Brothers,

My Dear wife and First Lady, Abosede and I want to extend our belated and sincere thanks for the invitation to your Mass for the Deceased Brothers, Family, Widows and Clergy of your combined Province 41 Westminster on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.2024.

It was a great event with more Brothers in attendance and Past PGK's etc that I can remember. Well done. I hope your planning for future masses goes from strength to strength.

Thank you for the honour bestowed on us by your invitation. We are sincerely grateful by the attention and care that you gave us so wholesomely at the Mass and at the wonderful reception thereafter. God Bless you all.

We want to wish you and your Brothers well for the future development of the Province and also to wish you all a Holy and Happy Christmas and Happy New Year in advance.

With Prayers and Sincere and Fraternal Regards

# Hospice support.....



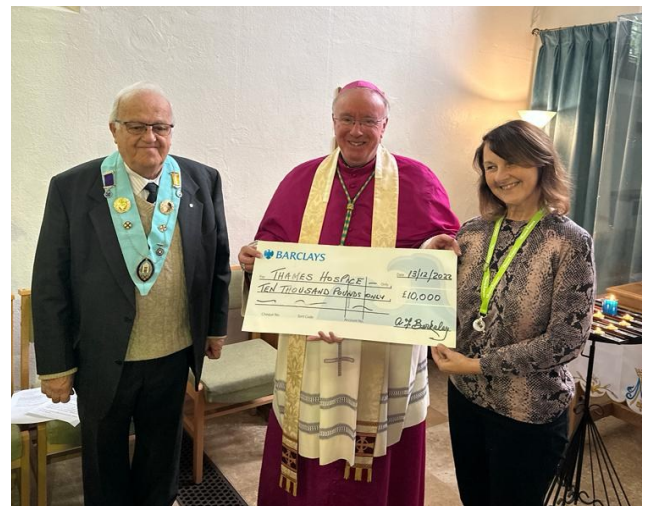
Paul Hogwood Acting Grand Knight Council 422 High Wycombe presenting this year's local project donation to South Bucks Hospice.

During the Assisted dying bill debate, the importance of palliative care the hospices provide was very evident. Hospices rely on fundraising to continue to exist. Unfortunately due to the recent Employers' National Insurance Contribution TAX increases [NIC] Hospices are having to cut nursing staff to keep going.

I am very happy to learn about all the different councils that are fundraising for a Hospice, in our Province. Co422 High Wycombe, who already contributed over £1150 to the current Provincial Project, North London Hospice, on November 28<sup>th</sup>, they presented a similar cheque for £1150 to South Bucks Hospice. I am overly proud of High Wycombe, because they only have THREE active brothers plus a number of other household members too, but in spite of this they are so well connected with at least two different Parishes, they regularly organise an annual Sponsored Walk, the proceeds of which is then split between their own project and the Provincial Project. South Bucks Hospice is a day hospice that supports patients living with threatening illnesses by providing specialist palliative care on an outpatient basis. They help people at any stage of their diagnosis adjust mentally, physically, psychologically, socially, and emotionally to their condition, stay well, and cope with any health and care needs at home, wherever possible.

A bit of background — Council 422 is one of the councils of Province 23 where I was a PGK several years ago.... Council 422 as well as Co514 Ascot - later to become Co984 moved over to Province 30 bringing with them a very healthy fundraising streak, and also the George Marriott Fund. £10000 was raised for Thames Hospice two years ago. My hope is that all our councils could strive to emulate this background. Number of brothers in council is not what counts here, but how well connected with the local community is so important, together with a drive to help those less fortunate than ourselves is what matters. Well Done High Wycombe, keep it up. ☉

Tony Berkeley Deputy GK Council 984 Thames Valley.



**The Place to call for all sorts of help, when you think you have exhausted all avenues, it may be a good idea to have a chat with AGE UK.**

**Café & restaurants cup of tea or a cooked meal, Day Centres, Exercise and physical activity, Foot care, Handy person services, Home help, IT training courses ,and Social activities.**



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# Day to remember at Co.163 HANWELL

Storm Darragh did put the dumpers on some of the football matches weekend 08th December, but nothing was going to stop arrangements to deliver acknowledgement certificates to a number of Brothers at Co163 Hanwell. Our Worthy Supreme Knight Bro Michael Akinrele braved the wind and rain that brought down trees and flooded football pitches to make it to Hanwell in time for the big presentation, but regrettably the IPSK Bro Harry Walsh and the DSK Bro Sean Smith could not make it in time due to train cancellations. The ceremony after the 12:00 Noon Mass celebrated by Fr Christiano Braz Parish Priest at Our Lady and St Joseph in Uxbridge Road, Ealing was followed by a small reception when Bro Steven Pound, Bro Brian Rodrigo, Bro Joseph Cho-Shee-Lam and Bro Rosario Fichardo were all presented with Silver Jubilee Certificates for having served 25years in the Order, Bro Denis Barry was presented with his Golden Jubilarian certificate for his 50years in the Order. Province 41 is developing into a very dynamic province where things are happening all the time. Well done ! ☺



## Recent words from wise people....

### Pope Francis & Barack Obama.

@ Pontifex...**29Nov** - Awaiting God is an important part of our journey of faith. Each day, the Lord visits us, speaks to us, reveals Himself in unexpected ways, and He will come again at the end of life and time. The Lord therefore urges us to stay awake, be vigilant, and persevere in waiting. ☺

@BaralObama ... **6 Dec** - At this year's Democracy Forum, I spoke about pluralism – the idea that in a democracy, we all have to find a way to live alongside individuals and groups who are different from us. So we commit to a system of rules that helps us peacefully resolve our disputes. ☺





# Come all Yea faithfull....Mary calling

Wherever Our Lady appeared, her message was to "Pray the Rosary every day". In the December bulletin from Glasgow, Bro Barry Johnston says about The Spiritual Bouquet, "Brothers we will continue, but we need support for this. Could you invite family and friends to join us ..." In fact Spiritual Bouquet gets around 25-30 brothers zooming at 7.00pm. I am proud that on several occasions Province41 had five brothers there.

Mairi - The Secretary to the Order also transmits Province 41 Zoom flyer for the Monday-to-Friday rosary to all the councils. Because of the time-slot (1:30pm), this version is only possibly convenient for brothers who do not work and are possibly enjoying an after lunch shut-eye. We do get the occasional brother who does join us from time to time, but there are mostly only about 6-8 brothers who are regulars.

I hoped more and more can possibly listen to what Our Lady is asking of us and possibly try to join the Fatima Devotion Monday/Friday 1:30pm rosary sessions on Zoom.

There is a circulation address listing which goes out every Wednesday to those who wish to receive the Zoom contact flyer every week in the mailbox, and possibly use it as convenience allows, but anyone could get the log-on details for this online rosary from Council984 website [www.province984.co.uk](http://www.province984.co.uk) or even from the Provincial website [www.province41.co.uk](http://www.province41.co.uk) or from the parish website [www.stfrancisascot.co.uk](http://www.stfrancisascot.co.uk). The opportunity is there - come and see and if you like it, maybe we could increase the devotion to Our lady a wee better.

**Here are the current and next Zoom flyers as a taster to attract you to become a regular !  
Subscription is FREE .... And in joining may also win you some heavenly benefits !!**



St FRANCIS FATIMA DEVOTIONS  
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP  
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm  
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary  
As requested by Our Lady  
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW  
MON 9th DEC - FRI 13th DEC  
ZOOM ID 826 4614 5839  
PASSWORD : rosary



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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 4th Wednesday 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 404 WILLESDEN GREEN St Mary Magdalen, St Peter Avenue Willesden Green NW10 2DD last 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

**Next cycle of Provincial meetings.  
Logon Online Zoom meetings details nearer the dates.**

## Provincial Officers' Meeting

29th January 2025 8.00pm ONLINE ZOOM SESSION

## Combined Provincial Committee Meetings - Online

**FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT:** MONDAY 10th February 2025 ZOOM ONLINE 8:00 PM

**WELFARE & SPIRITUALITY :** TUESDAY 11th February 2025 ZOOM ONLINE 8:00PM

**Provincial Council Meeting on 15th March 2025 - Winter ONLINE ZOOM MEETING.**

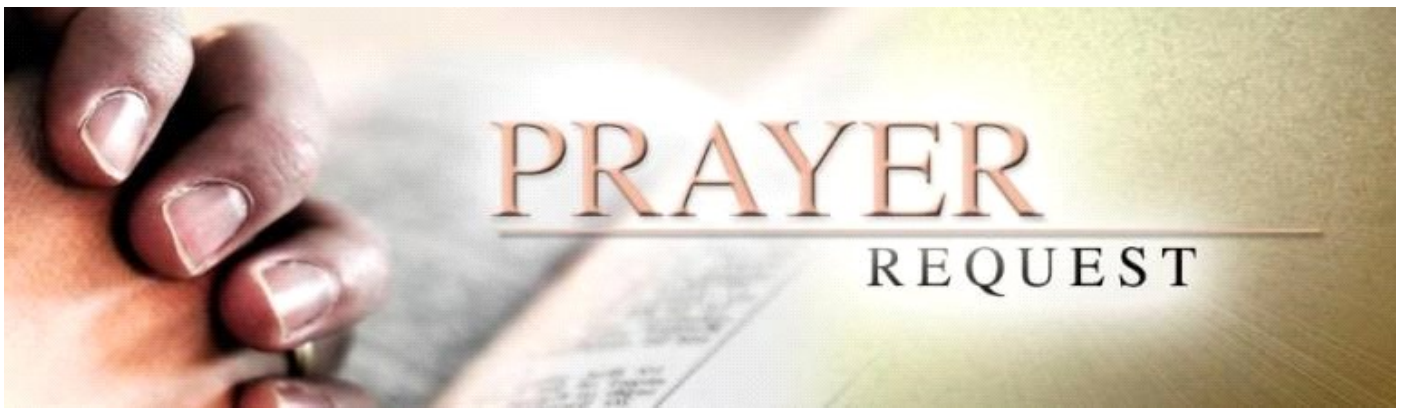
Representation is required by every council for Provincial Meetings.

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

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**THE SILVER JUBILEE AWARD** - for brothers who have served 25years or more - check your brothers out and make arrangements.



**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.**

**Co.500 Cockfosters Bro Peter Mitchell eyesight and mobility problems; Prayers for Eugene Mgbemere, Robin Baines-Holmes and Martin Sherlock (son of our widow), All suffering neurological disorders; David Santamaria recovering heart surgery, Geoffrey Pearson, Joe O'connor and Ron Woolner all housebound brothers. Our Finance officer's wife Linda Quilter and Heather Webb wife of our PDGK, Mark Webb (Multiple Sclerosis). Please remember two of our widows, recently departed, Sheila D'Sousa RIP, Elena Bartram RIP.**

**Co163 Hanwell Jason Fichardo (Bro Rosario's Son) who is not well and needs care. Bro Denis Barry recovering from fall, Bro Joe Lam awaiting operation, Bro Finbar and his wife Peggy under treatment, Bro PJ Gillian whose wife passed away.**

**Co261 Palmers Green Pray for Bro Desmond O'Reilly our Provincial Finance officer who is receiving chemo treatment. .**

**Co320 St Albans. Lorraine Ahern WGK wife still at Hillingdon Hospital recovering from fall.**

**Co.399 Uxbridge Bro Cleverly [RIP] Who passed away recently.**

**Co.422 High Wycombe Mrs Anne Robertson Recovering from virus infection. Bro Chris Edwards [RIP] Anniv. Widow Francilla currently in care home. Bro John Hall suffering spinal problems. Anniversary Bro B Jemmett, Bro F Toole, Bro C Fecher and Bro O Byrne.**

**Co.267 Sudbury Bro Julian Melville who is unwell.**

**Co.295 Harrow Bro John Keane who is in hospital following an accident.**

**Co.984 Thames Valley Bro Jon Duus Jensen [RIP] recently departed. Ex Bro Lindsay Meerabux Prov Membership Officer, in Hospital for cardiac bypass. PGK's family members Myriam Psaila and Marcell Borg both receiving treatment.**

### 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  
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