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Brothers, we are approaching a new era. The Dawn of Face2Face meetings. Some Councils have already launched their first meeting. I would like to herald a voice of caution. Covid has not gone away, we are only beginning to manage it better. Yes, let us return to Normality, but safely. Keep following the Government Guidelines of sanitizing, distancing, and ventilation. Wear masks if needs be.

I have kept Province 30, afloat over the past 18 months, during the Pandemic, and now it is time we prepare to return to some form of normality. Please discuss with your Priests of your intentions.

I have arranged, to Hold our next Provincial Council Meeting, at Botwell, Hayes, in the Upper Room, all being well. We will still be using Zoom, to accommodate those Councils not yet meeting face2face.

Province have visited all Councils many times, over the past months and found that a lot of changes have taken place. Many Councils have fallen below our usual standard.

Brothers, let me remind you, that for Councils to operate properly, you need to have a Grand Knight, and four KEY Officers: Spirituality & Welfare, Membership & Development, Finance & Administration, and very importantly, an Action & Youth Officer. Can you imagine a Ship, sailing without a Crew? That would be a disaster waiting to happen, wouldn't it? Social activity is also very important, it brings the group together.

Reports are just as important; they are meant to inform the Council what each Officer is doing, or proposing to do, on behalf of the Council. Can you imagine, the treasurer not ever telling you what he has done or about to do with the Council funds? Let us get back to using the RITUAL as it meant to be, please. And Grand Knights, must insist that Officers write regular reports each month

Fraternally

Eric Joseph

Provincial Grand Knight Province 30



THE BIBLE SCRIPTURE & THE PROVINCIAL PROJECT 2021/2.

One of the most repeated messages of the scripture and the Catholic faith is urging people to look after the old, the widows and the children. One can see parables and passages in the Holy book repeatedly urging such action.

The Parable of the good Samaritan; (Luke 10: 25-37) In the Gospel (Matthew (25:31-40) For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me,... and again Jesus' teaches: (Matthew 22:37-39) "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself**". "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." (Matthew 10:42). The scripture are full of the Lords' message about what one should do.

Every time I go to Mass ... in the I CONFESS; I repeatedly ask pardon for what I have done and **what I have failed to do.**

One might have heard one ask, who is my neighbour? One can interpret this as being the guy next door, and in the days of the food banks, it may very well be him. But for us Catholics, one's neighbour is anyone who may be in need.



For this year, Province 30 and its Councils has declared 'our neighbours' to be the Street Children of Ethiopia. They do need more than a cup of cold water. For our Provincial project, we have been asked for help by the Comboni Missions in Ethiopia who look after children to provide shelter, education, food, water, help, clothing and lots more. Councils have been repeatedly reminded to fund raise for these poor children.

One 86year old brother is raising sponsorship as he Kayak paddles his way for 86miles on the river. A couple of Councils have already made their donations, but we are now in the last few weeks of the project and all councils need to show they are supporting their provincial project. If they haven't yet organised any fundraising, one could sponsor the Kayak option (Bank transfer details and other means of sending money are attached to the end of this Roundabout). Start collecting any jam jars you've started off or collect any jam jar money from friends and relatives. If you have set up any event you need to collect the proceeds and send the money to myself by the end of September.

£6363 had already been raised through the work of Co984 and the Verona Fathers at the Sacred Heart in Sunningdale. We have promised that early October when the provincial project comes to an end, there will be a second instalment. Now is the time for all the knights in councils to show your support, your love and care for your neighbour. In doing so you will be able to put your hand on your heart and not feel guilty for something you have failed to do, every time you go to Mass, and certainly not lose your reward in heaven.

Tony Berkeley Prov30 Action & Youth.



We remember in our prayers **Fr Michael Fewell** past Provincial Chaplain Prov 30. He was born in Lancashire in 1945. He joined the Claretian Missionary Fathers for England and Ireland, [The Claretian Missionaries at Botwell House](#) in Hayes and was ordained on Moon-landing day on 21st July 1969. He served The Claretians across England and Wales where they had parishes. He was in Hayes a number of times, including Parish Priest from 1995-2002, and Provincial Chaplin from 1998 to 2002. He remained with the Claretians until he moved to the Diocese of Minerva in South Wales in 2002. His Requiem was screened from the Cathedral of St Joseph Swansea and burial was at Morriston Cemetery. ●



Brother Stuart Spicer Co.514 Cranford & Feltham. Bro Stuart joined the Knights of St Columba in 1986 At Council previously known as Co514 Feltham. He lived in Feltham almost all his life and worked for 44years in the Civil Service, the last twenty years as a Welfare Officer for the Veteran's agency run by the Ministry of Defence. In his spare time he became quite an active person at his Parish Church - St Lawrence on the Green, where he served as a Eucharistic minister, as a reader at Mass. He will always be remembered for assisting in picking and dropping off the elderly for Sunday Mass and other driving old parishioners when the need arose. Always active during the Parish Christmas bazaars, selling tickets and raffles run by the church or the Knights. He also assisted in organising annual pilgrimages for the local parish community.

As a knight, over the years he hardly ever missed a meeting and was always willing to take on office when ever this was required of him. He served for many year as a Spirituality and Welfare officer and for the last few years he was the Action and Youth officer, always keen to represent his council at provincial committees and Provincial council meetings. He was a keen radio listener, enjoying old musicals and popular hits of the 70 and 80's. He continued to play an active part in his council until his illness made it difficult even to join in Zoom meetings. Co514 will definitely miss his contribution when Covid-19 restrictions are over. Brothers from his and other councils and provincial officers formed a guard of honour as he was taken away to his resting place. . ●



Bro Francis Waddington GK Council 267 The Brothers of Sudbury Council 267 were saddened to hear of the death of their Grand Knight on June 19th following an operation for a heart valve replacement. Francis grew up in Sudbury and was a member of the choir at St George's Church. He was well aware of the Knights - His father was in the Knights, as were three other family relatives. He eventually moved away because of his job and settled in Sussex. After his father died his mother lived alone, but she suffered from failing health and, having retired early, Francis returned to the family home. He re-joined the choir at St George's and in 2016 he joined the Knights. Since joining the Knights he became Action Convenor and then in 2020 he took over the position of Grand Knight. During a difficult period, when all the meetings were on Zoom, he worked hard to keep the Council together when very few were able to cope with Zoom meetings. Francis was very active in everything he did. He was fully involved at St George's – on the Parish Finance Committee, a member of the SVP, a choir member and as Grand Knight. Apart from this his interests included the railways – in particular the Swanage Railway – as well as bird watching and National Trust outings. He did all this despite having to go for dialysis treatment three times a week which he never complained about. He will be missed by the Knights and the Parishioners of St Georges. May he rest in Peace. ●



Bro David Dennis Thames Valley Council 984 recently lost one of it's long serving brothers who was formerly part of the Staines Co 568. The funeral was held at the South West Crematorium , Hanworth on 21st July. Born in Fife August 1942, he worked for most of his life at BA, retiring Baggage Manager, David worked with KSC colleagues Tom McGough and Peter Vermeulan at Vermeulans Garden Centre near Stanwell. He was always involved with the welfare and social aspects of the council helping to organise the regular monthly socials for the brothers and their wives. He was an active parishioner at St David's Stanwell before moving to nearby Ashford. Although not in good health in recent years due to heart problems, he was of a quiet and gentle nature keen on his council's membership. His wife Maureen who he married in 1979, has the support her sons and their families who live nearby. A Memorial Mass will be arranged in the Holy Rosary Church, Staines in September when Covid rules are relaxed and more people can attend the service. ●

WHATS IN A BACKPACK

At one of the recent meetings, when urging that council to find something to support, for example a modest number of BACKPACKS for Mary's Meals ... somebody asked **"What does one put in an Backpack?"**

Since its launch in 2005, The Backpack Project has captured the hearts and imagination of people of all ages, with thousands of supporters filling bags with educational and hygiene items for children receiving Mary's Meals in Malawi.

Getting involved in The Backpack Project is a great way to recycle used school bags, uniforms and education supplies. A filled backpack provides a wonderful gift to an impoverished child and encourages them to excel at school.

The **500,000th** backpack was recently handed out during a Mary's Meals visit to Junior Primary schools Chigubudu and Ngabu, in the south of Malawi.

If any council is at a loss deciding on a project, the simplest run-of-the-mill project, requiring minimum effort and maximum gain is the Backpack project. Two councils, (Whitton and Thames Valley) possibly more, have actually done this. It's a project where you work with your schools and your parish.

This is a project that ticks so many boxes that one cannot but have a go at a modest number of bags to start with - say 50 or 100 backpacks is not that difficult. All that is needed is a **CAN-DO attitude**. Such a project will show off the Knights in their parish - and believe it or not, the parishioners do most of the logistics. The project will help unite the brothers in council, because a mostly all council brothers will get involved in managing donated items, keeping an eye on items in short supply, packing the bags and different areas of the project. It is a popular project for at least three reasons, it is mostly a **RECYCLING project**, the items don't have to be new, but good enough condition, and many families have most of the items to give away as their children grow out of them, it can be a project **by the CHILDREN for the CHILDREN** who are less fortunate than many.

All you need is to place a few lines in the Parish newsletter, saying that the Knights of St Columba backpack project aimed at assembling 100 backpacks requires (**mention some** of the following items...) New/second-hand backpacks, Children's t-shirt, shorts, girls skirts, spoons, note-books, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, pencil-bags, crayons, a tennis ball, toothpaste, toothbrush, bars of soap, hand towels, a plastic cup, footwear - flip-flops, used trainers... and place a box in the entrance to the church for people to drop items in. Keep it going.... Week after week ask for 2-3 different items you are short of and keep going. You will need somewhere to store the items as they come in, such as cardboard boxes from the supermarket to be able to store the items separately as they come in.

If you are short of some items, try asking the local shops if they can help out for charity, or if you cannot get any, go to Google and look at what's available for reasonable prices. I will have a few leaflets and instruction handouts to help you make a great success of the project, just contact me any time. ●



Never too old to start !!

Five years ago, a year after I lost my dear wife Vivien, I had no experience of canoe/kayak paddling. My daughter, Fran, suggested I accompany her and family on the May meet of the Canoe Camping Club at Hereford. I had recently bought a VW camper van.

My intention was to explore the area - view the Cathedral with its Mappa Mundi etc. In practice I spent most of the week sharing/trying various modes of paddling, including a disastrous attempt on a Stand Up Paddle board ! While still living on the Isle of Wight I had admired what appeared to be a leisurely pursuit in Sandown Bay.

However the bug bit deep - and, as I can paddle without knee problems once seated in a boat, I soon acquired my own kayak and joined the local Windsor and District Canoe Club (Olympic Mallory Franklin is a member !) My daughter, who is a real expert and my mentor and support, encouraged me to join a group attempting to paddle the rivers and lochs of the Great Glen across Scotland. That was quite an experience - sadly curtailed by bad weather at Loch Ness. Alas, no sighting of the monster.

Now, moved by the plight of orphaned and abandoned children on the streets of Ethiopian cities, I have decided to give my paddling a purpose and embark on a sponsored paddle to raise some funds. I intend to cover at least 86 miles on the water by my 86th birthday in September. I am already well on the way - 54 miles on the last count - and hope to improve on that substantially on a trip to Cornwall in August.

The peace and tranquillity of paddling on rivers and canals, with attendant wildfowl, has proved to be a wonderful relaxation, although hard work at times - going upstream against the wind, and an opportunity to get away from lockdown problems. I shall never forget the take-off of a heron as it metre ahead of me as I emerged from under a weeping willow. I hope to continue paddling as long as there is someone to help me in and out of my boat - and in the friendly Canoe Camping Club there is no shortage !

Bro. Gordon Ellis. - Council 984 Thames Valley •



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

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

Some of our **Councils** also have websites which one can look up - Looking at the successes of others and endeavouring to emulate their successes, is a compliment. **Council 422 - Council 984 - Council 982 - Council 514** are some, may need updating, but nevertheless they do point out what can be done. •

PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

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

July 1st Co.163 Rosario Fichardo (68)
 2nd Co.514 Council ticket (139)
August 1st Co.163 Mrs Hibberd (84)
 2nd Co.243 Peter Costley (92)



Prov30. Pray for Fr Duncan Adamson our Prov Chaplain who is recovering from surgery.

CO.514 Bro Stuart Spicer passed away since last issue.

Co.984 Bro David Dennis passed away since the last issue.

Co.267 Bro Francis Waddington passed away since the last issue.

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.163 Mario Barreto recovering from eye surgery.

Co.514 Bro Peter Mbanu who is unwell.

Co.984 Bro Brian Lynch who is unwell.

Co.984 Mrs Letita Drewitt widow of Bro Drewitt. Who passed away since last issue.

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

Co.295 Bro Desmond Kellett - in Hospital.

Co.422 Bro Geoff Pilkington who is housebound.

Co.984 Maureen Dennis getting over bereavement of **Bro. David RIP**

Co.422 Bro David Sole S & W officer recovering at home.

Co.963 Bro John Hibberd suffering health problems.

Co.982 Mrs Maria Akunnaya Okezue RIP mother of Bro Chika Okezue

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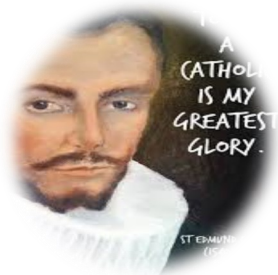
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From around the Councils.....

St Edmund Campion



The 2021 St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage

With the progressive relaxation of the Covid restrictions allowing larger numbers to attend mass this years the St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage is

rescheduled to start on Wednesday 1st September , the final mass will be at Tyburn Convent on Sunday October 24th at 4.00pm.

The Relic of St Edmund Campion will be carried between the churches in the Thames Valley following a similar route that Campion took after being arrested at Lyford Grange near Oxfordshire and then transported along the Great West Road into London and subsequently martyred at Tyburn on December 1st 1581. Among the masses will be one at Stonor where Campion had his printing press where he produced his famous Bragge. Also there will be a Mass in the Barn at Lyford where Campion hid in a priest hole in the Grange.

The actual pilgrimage schedule will be published in a booklet that will be available to councils shortly. The schedule will also be available on a link to the Province 30 website. This year due to Covid there will not will not be an opportunity for individuals to touch the relic but it will be displayed at each of the Masses.- **Co984 John Lynn.** Pilgrimage organiser

Council 243 Hayes

has been suffering badly in trying to continue to operate after the loss of Bro Michael Bagness (RIP). His great contribution to the Council and Province left a great hole, difficult to fill. On top of this our Grand Knight Bro Peter Chidwick also asked to be relieved of his duties, to enable him to look after his sick mother, who regrettably has now passed away. A council relies on key brothers to function, It cannot do so without a Grand Knight and his main officers Finance, Membership, Spirituality and Action. In our case with a considerable number of housebound brothers, we really required a helping hand from Province, who appointed a Caretaker Grand Knight to help work on a plan to get back to normal business. Covid did not help, as some brothers without ZOOM facilities >>>

Council meetings in Province 30 via Zoom.

Provincial meetings.

Sept 7th	Provincial Council	8.00pm
Oct 18th	Provincial Committees	8.00pm*
Nov 3th	Provincial Officers	8.00pm

NB *Committee meetings will be on different evenings one for each of the four key offices of council. The provincial officers for Finance - Membership - Spirituality and Youth will contact you days before the meetings to remind you to appoint your council representatives for each portfolio.

Council	Current meeting day/ time	Proposed meeting date Subject to change
163 Hanwell	4th Wednesday	25 AUGUST
243 Hayes	2 nd Monday – 8.00pm	9th August
267 Sudbury	2 nd Tuesday – 7.00pm	10th August
295 Harrow D	4th. Monday – 8.00pm	23rd August
399 Uxbridge	3 rd Sunday – 13.00pm	15th August
422 High Wycombe	1 st Monday – 8.00pm	2nd August
514 Cranford & Feltham	2 nd Tuesday – 8.00pm	10th August
948 N Harrow	2 nd Thursday – 8.00pm	12th August
963 Yeading	3 rd Tuesday – 8.00pm	17th August
970 Whitton	4 th Tuesday – 8.00pm	24th August
982 Wembley	2 nd Sunday – 3.00pm	8th August
984 Thames Valley	1 st Monday – 12 noon	2nd August

Pope Francis

@Pontifex
July 18th 2021



Only a heart that is not taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved, that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. ●

>>> could not even join our meetings which continued regularly with a handful of brothers who could Zoom in. We are in no way unique, there are a couple of other councils who are going who are going through the same dilemma of not being able to replace key officers in council. One cannot rely on the Caretaker appointments for very long - what happens next ?

Bro Michael Hourihan Treasurer ●

Blessed Mother Mary never stops protecting Her children...

I have many testimonies that prove Mother Mary as our refuge, and the repeat times my prayers were heard, something I will never forget.

In 2018 I was driving from Abuja to Benin City in my car with two armed police security officers. As we approached the city, after 6 hours of driving, I opened the windows and sunroof for some fresh air. Within minutes I heard gunshots from armed bandits in the surrounding forests. I recall calling on Mother Mary to help me. While security officers engaged the bandits, suspected kidnappers, I repeatedly prayed for Mary's help, as the area was notorious for ambush, ransom and killing.



I pray the Rosary daily as part of my morning prayers before starting my day. I also pray the Archangel Michael prayer and Our Lady of Perpetual help in the course of the day but especially when I'm travelling. A few minutes before our ambush, I had said a short prayer asking Mary to protect all in the car. I miraculously escaped being hit by any bullet. Our car was not hit but an empty bullet-shell was found in the car the next day. I believe that Mother Mary left the empty bullet-shell to remind me of Her miraculous protection which saved me and my police security officers.

Background of my next testimony.

In 2010, I resigned my professional career in finance and banking software in the UK to become a politician in Nigeria. I was driven to make this drastic career switch because I was keen to contribute and provide quality representation for the people in Nigeria. I was voted into office as a legislator in April 2011.

In November 2018, at election I represented my constituency and was elected the following year. I was abducted from my home in Eme-Ora State, by same people who had murdered the policeman who had accompanied me the previous trip. Prior to breaking into my home, the policeman who accompanied me on the trip was murdered whilst asleep in the staff quarters. The kidnappers shot through the windows in my bedroom, living room and kitchen trying to gain access. As soon as the kidnappers broke into my home, they pointed their guns at me. I could only pray to Mary to save me. I was immediately handcuffed and covered in double black balaclava and whisked away to an unknown destination.

For 37 days, blindfolded and under inhumane condition in a dark very small toilet with no light and no proper ventilation, I just kept praying to Mother Mary to help me. After 24 hours the handcuffs were painfully unbearable. I was struggling to breathe because of the balaclava blindfold covering my face. I prayed to Mother Mary to please give me some relief, and barely finished praying when one of the kidnappers came and poked me with the nozzle of his gun and said I hope you will behave yourself and not try to escape. He then unlocked the handcuffs and moved the balaclava up above my mouth and nostril and ensuring I was blindfolded. I had no food for about two days but was forced to eat by the third day. I remembered that I had a Rosary in my pocket as there was always a rosary in sight in my homes. On the third day I pulled out my rosary and prayed 15 decades continuously every time I feared for my life, and kept praying to Mother Mary to protect me.

On the first day, I was able to use my rosary beads un-noticed, as I wasn't served breakfast. But that didn't last and on the third day, I was challenged about the rosary, but when I explained, the guard said "that's right continue praying, you will need lots of prayers to get out of here." I continued to pray 15 decades repeatedly and the rosary beads became my companion, my source of sanity and hope.

In captivity I was convinced that Mary was there with me all the time. I prayed for my handcuffs and balaclava to be taken off, and there was an immediate answer to my prayers. Despite the blindfold, there was a piercing, sharp bright ray of light, and next morning at breakfast, a bee flew into the toilet where I was being kept, barefooted, with no shirt for 37 days. I prayed that I don't get stung, especially as medical help wasn't available. By the time I finished my prayers, I could feel an object under my left toe, as I sat on the toilet. Without thinking, I pressed my toe down and it turned out that I had crushed the insect. I got my rosary and prayed in thanksgiving for Mary coming to my rescue.

I was sad and concerned for my family in the UK, my aged mother in Nigeria and relatives and friends. I asked Mary to tell my wife that I am fine and that She is looking after me. After my release, my wife told me that she heard my clear and real voice telling her that I was okay. I was in tears and said that those were the exact words I had asked Mary to communicate to her. My mother in Nigeria was likewise at peace.

After three weeks in captivity I had a feeling that God and Mother Mary were with me. Still scared, I started to notice that my kidnappers were becoming friendlier, one actually assured me that I will not be killed, but >>

>> should keep praying. He said that I was different from previous abductees, he said that they had decided that I should not be killed as they planned assassinating me when they captured me. Now they decided to use me as a hostage.

After 37 days on 2nd March, following negotiations for my release, I was set free, abandoned at night in the middle of a forest, and I still wonder how I managed to get out of the forest, that is another story.

Nothing to do with my abduction, an election scheduled for 2nd March was postponed until 9th. I only had 2 days to campaign but to the glory of God, I won the election with overwhelming victory.

I was sure that praying the Rosary faithfully and asking Mother Mary for help and protection was surely the reason why I was able to get out unharmed. The Rosary is a powerful weapon to protect us. At Fatima, Mary promised that her Immaculate heart was our refuge, and in our prayers to God we should always ask for God's mercy through the Immaculate heart of Mary. A simple message that I feel saved me in the end. ●



While in captivity

Bro Michael Ohio-Ezomo Co.295 Harrow & District

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THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE

www.province30.co.uk

When was the last time you looked at the website ? We are currently updating the contents and adding bits and pieces, photos and other information. You can get access to the Provincial minutes and also you can click on the Rosary Prayer group link from the front page. If you have a minute, check the website out. The webmaster welcomes any comments, corrections or ideas you may wish to see.

ZOOM FATIMA DEVOTION

PRAYER GROUP



Council 984 Thames Valley run a Fatima Devotion prayer group that prays the Rosary every week day Monday to Friday at 1.30pm. A flyer is produced for each week showing the ZOOM ID & PASSWORD. Any one interested can check these access details by looking at www.stfrancisascot.co.uk select newsletter and drill down to look at the week's flyer and the access code - come and see, or Email 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 18th October 2021

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. Tony Berkeley – Editor



KSC Council 984

Sponsored Kayak paddle

In support of KSC Provincial Project

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