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Dear Brothers, I thank all councils that returned their FA5s forms on time. As we move into a busier period of the year, there will be additional forms and requirements to complete. I will be contacting councils in relation to outstanding items such as the SWC1, FA1, and others. Alongside this, work is also underway to support the installation of new council officer teams.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the provincial team who put themselves forward for nomination and election. I am very pleased that all positions have now been filled, particularly as I will be stepping down next December, having completed my three-year term as Provincial Grand Knight.

It is with regret that Province 41 is now operating with two fewer councils. High Wycombe and Stevenage were unable to form officer teams in accordance with constitutional requirements. As a result, many of the brothers have transferred to neighbouring councils to allow them to continue their membership.

Our five District Deputies are currently preparing their visitation schedules for the coming months and will be in contact with councils shortly to arrange suitable dates. Councils should expect at least one visit during the year. These visits are intended to be supportive in nature—allowing District Deputies to observe how councils are operating, offer assistance where needed, and encourage the effective use of the BASICS lists by council officers.

Following the election of Bro Ben Agwunobi to the Board of Directors, his role as District Deputy is now vacant. Province is therefore seeking two brothers to come forward to fill these important positions, and I strongly encourage those who are able to consider offering their service. I would also like to extend my thanks to Bros Rosario Fichardo, Jim Pugh, Sam Uwechue, and Ben Agwunobi for their support at recent rituals requiring the presence of a provincial officer.

As you are aware, Province 41 meetings, seminars, workshops, and training sessions continue to be delivered online. We have made very good progress with attendance via Zoom, which is encouraging, and I hope to see even greater participation going forward. Council members are very welcome to attend as representatives or observers. These sessions provide direct access to Supreme and Provincial officers and offer a valuable opportunity to ask questions, share views, and discuss provincial matters in an open and supportive environment.

I encourage all councils and brothers to make a renewed effort in recruiting new members. We must continue to welcome new brothers, support those who may wish to return, and recognise those who, after many years of service, have been called to their place in our Father's house.

I would also like to remind councils of the importance of holding committee meetings between monthly council meetings. While this practice has not always been consistently followed in recent years, it remains a vital foundation for a well-functioning council. Informal gatherings of officers allow ideas to be shared, plans to be developed, and priorities for the coming months to be agreed. This work should then feed into formal committee reports under the headings of Finance, Welfare, Action, and Membership, which should be shared with the Province or included within council minutes.

Finally, I offer my very best wishes to all brothers as you begin your 2026 term. With God's grace and the goodwill of our members, I look forward to working together to make this year even more successful than the last.

Yours Fraturnally - Tony Borkley Provincial Grand Knight Province 41

What Jesus promises when we are anxious

1. **Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they ?** *Matthew 6:26*

Lord Jesus, thank you for this reminder written into creation itself – that the God who feeds the birds never forgets His children. When worry crowds my mind, please lift my eyes to the simple steady signs of Your care all around me. Your daily provision, one moment at a time. In your name. **Amen**

2. **Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...** *Matthew 11:28*

Dear Jesus, I come to You with any weight I've been carrying – some of it visible, much of it hidden. Thank you for inviting me to lay it all down, teach me to rest in You and not in my own strength. Please bear my burdens for me and help me to form a habit of prayerfully handing them to You whenever they invade my mind. In Your name, **Amen**

3. **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.** *John 14:27*

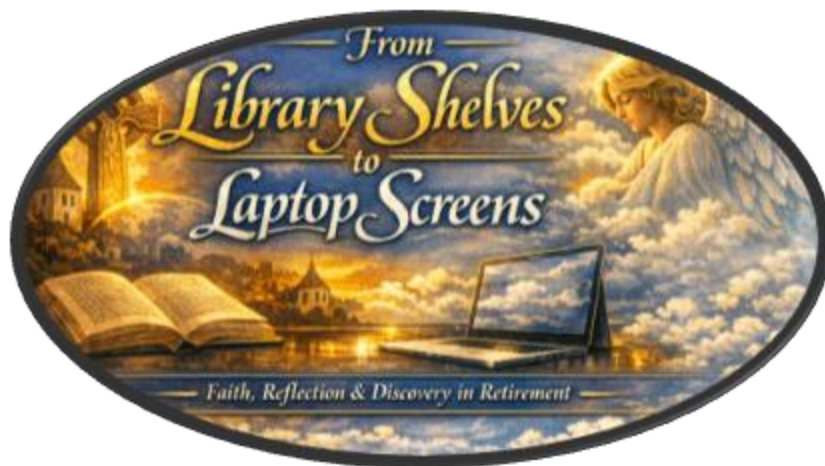
Prince of Peace, your peace is a gift I cannot manufacture on my own, thank You for offering it freely, even when my heart feels troubled. When I am afraid, help me to remember Your words – you are my peace. You are mightier than anything else going on in my life and You hold every moment. In Your name, **Amen**

4. **In this world you will have trouble; But take heart! I have overcome the world.** *John 16:33*

Lord Jesus, You never promised a trouble-free life, but You did promise Yourself – and that is enough. When anxiety rises and the world feels uncertain remind me that You have already overcome every power that threatens my peace. Strengthen my ear with courage routed in Your eternal victory. Help me to walk forward today with confidence in Your unshakeable live. In your name, **Amen**

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From Library Shelves to Laptop Screens

Like many men in retirement, I read fewer books and newspapers than I once did. That doesn't mean I've lost interest in the world — far from it. I've simply adapted. These days, my laptop often replaces the local library, opening doors to learning and reflection in new ways.

I never imagined that a small screen could offer access to so much: news from across the world, history, science, music, faith, and ideas — all just a few clicks away. It can be fascinating, and occasionally overwhelming, but it keeps the mind active and curious.

One of the things I enjoy most about the internet is how easily it leads you off course. You may start by looking up the weather or reading a headline, only to find yourself drawn into something entirely unexpected. In that way, it mirrors an old-fashioned library visit — except the shelves never end.

It was during one such quiet wander that I came across a YouTube video titled *"Your Guardian Angel."* I wasn't searching for anything spiritual at the time, but the title caught my attention. I decided to listen, and I'm glad I did.

The presentation was calm and thoughtful, touching gently on themes many of us reflect on as Catholics: guidance, conscience, protection, and the hope that we are not facing life's challenges alone. The message was reassuring rather than forceful — encouraging reflection rather than instruction.

What struck me most was its tone. In a world full of noise, urgency, and anxiety, it felt good to pause. Retirement offers us more time for such reflection, if we choose to use it well.

I would gladly recommend this video I drifted into, to anyone who enjoys thoughtful listening. It can be found on YouTube by searching *"Your Guardian Angel"* or via the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bgfKG_Frao

The internet, of course, contains both rubbish and treasure, and discernment matters. But every now and again, we come across something that quietly informs, comforts, or inspires.

Perhaps that is one of the gifts at this stage of life: the chance to continue learning and reflecting from the comfort of home. The library may look different now, but curiosity — like faith — does not retire; it simply finds new paths.

Even in retirement, discovery continues. This reflection reminds us that moments of grace can still be found in unexpected places — sometimes just a click away. ☪



Across the country, local charities — including food banks, youth initiatives, and services supporting the elderly and vulnerable — depend heavily on the generosity and leadership found within parish communities. The Knights of St Columba local council, working closely with their parish priests and parish groups, are uniquely placed to help coordinate and support this vital work.

This is one of many reasons why councils should be organising their sub-committee between Council meetings. In this way you can be taking an active and visible role in **working with their parishes to support local charitable needs**. By organising events, raising awareness, and bringing people together, councils can help strengthen parish life while responding directly to the needs of the wider community.

Faith in Action - When a Catholic council leads a charitable initiative, it does more than raise funds. It fosters fellowship, encourages participation in parish life, and offers a powerful witness to faith lived in practice, one can call this **KNIGHTS IN ACTION**. Such activities help unite parishioners of all ages and backgrounds around a shared purpose rooted in Christian charity and works well in promoting the Knights and recruitment.

Visible acts of service also speak beyond the parish walls. They show that the Church remains present, compassionate, and engaged with real human needs, living out the call to love our neighbour with dignity and generosity.

Simple and Effective Initiatives - Many Province 41 councils are already organising successful events, often using simple ideas that bring people together. These include parish coffee mornings, cake sales, seasonal events such as Advent or Lenten lunches, and sponsored walks or family activities rooted in prayer and fellowship.

Community outreach initiatives — including food-bank collections, clothing drives, and school-uniform appeals — provide practical help while strengthening links with parish schools and local organisations. Social evenings, such as quiz nights or shared meals, also build fraternity while supporting worthy causes. Involving young people, guided by council members, helps nurture a lifelong commitment to Catholic service.

Getting Started - Effective charitable action does not require large numbers or complex planning. Councils' committees are encouraged to begin by inviting their parish priest and other active groups in their parish, identifying local needs, and choosing one achievable event. Clear promotion through parish notices and announcements, along with visible identification as a Knights of St Columba initiative, helps build trust and engagement. Publicly thanking parishioners afterwards reinforces gratitude and community spirit.

Every council, regardless of size, can make a meaningful contribution. Through faithful service, cooperation with our parishes, and a shared commitment to charity, we can continue to strengthen parish life and ensure that our mission of service remains active and fruitful.

PROVINCIAL ACTION COVENOR

DOUBLE COUNCIL INSTALLATION AT EDMONTON

At the end of each year, every Province or Council, chooses a new leader, known as the Grand Knight, along with other officers. These new leaders officially start their roles on 1 April the following year. Each year, the organisation asks that these new leaders are formally welcomed and installed to office in a public ceremony, ideally at church and in front of the local community

This year, Province 41 is well underway with these ceremonies. On 18 April, two councils from north London worked together with their local church to hold a joint ceremony. It took place at St Edmund's Parish in Edmonton, after the 6.00 pm Mass.



The church service and ceremony were led by Fr Sean Power, the Parish Priest from St Monica's in Palmers Green, and Fr Gerry Onyejuiwa, from St Edmund's. The priests were happy to participate in the installation and to present awards above Bro Rosario Fichardo, a past regional director represented Province on this occasion. The event was very well attended by brothers from both councils.

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In addition to welcoming the new officers, the two councils also used the occasion to celebrate important milestones.

Awards included the enrollment of a new member who was welcomed into the Knights. Then there were a number of presentations to various brothers.



As mentioned Bro Emmanuel Osuchukwu officially joined the Knights and was presented with his membership welcome pack.

Bro Maxwell Fernandez received a Golden Jubilee Medal to mark 50 years of service.

Brother Joseph Duru received a Silver Jubilee Medal for his 25years service.

Bro Peter King received a Meritorious Medal for his contribution to his council.



The awards ceremony was organised by Bro Louis Appiah, the newly elected Grand Knight for Palmers Green, alongside Bro Cyriac Maliakhan, the Grand Knight for Edmonton.

There was a great reception afterwards in the church hall where brothers were able to meet and welcome the Priests, parishioners, friends and families of the church community from both parishes,

Winning entries

Easter painting competition

This year's Primary Schools Easter painting competition attracted fewer entries than usual. Many schools were understandably reluctant to add extra activities for pupils during the holiday period, and this was reflected in the number of schools taking part by the closing date. That said, the standard of work was impressively high, as you can see from the shortlisted winning entries below.



1st Leon Co163 Hanwell



2nd Sara Anna Co163 Hanwell



3rd Caoimhe Co970 Whittonl



4th Joshua Co163 Hanwell



5th Egnizee Co163 Hanwell



6th Kacper Co970 Whitton

PRAYER REQUEST

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 as well as prayers for those recently departed.

Co.500 Cockfoster: Bro Peter Mitchell, Geoffrey Pearson, Ron Woolner (RIP), John O'Connor (Care home), Eugene Mgbemere and Mrs Linda Quilter (Chronic neurological problems, Martin, son of widow Mrs Eileen Sherlock who has a chronic disorder.

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

Co261 Palmers Green Pray for Bro Desmond O'Reilly, Bro Sean Cuttle and Bro Peter McBride both receiving chemo treatment, Bro Bob Stocking who is unwell, Bro Greeta Mackin who is in intensive care, Bro Peter white, who suffered a fall.

Co616 Stevenage – Bro Robert Dove PGK who is recovering from stroke,

Co295 Harrow Bro Jim Quinn, Bro John O'Brien, Bro Manuel Rodrigues and his wife both unwell and Bro Pat Fogarty.

Co984 Thames Valley including High Wycombe Bro Brian Lynch housebound and unwell, Bro Percy Borg who passed away recently and his wife who is unwell in a care home, Bro Michael Umoetuk who is suffering back problems, Mrs Francilla Edwards (RIP), Fr Danny McAvoy PP Bracknell who is receiving treatment.

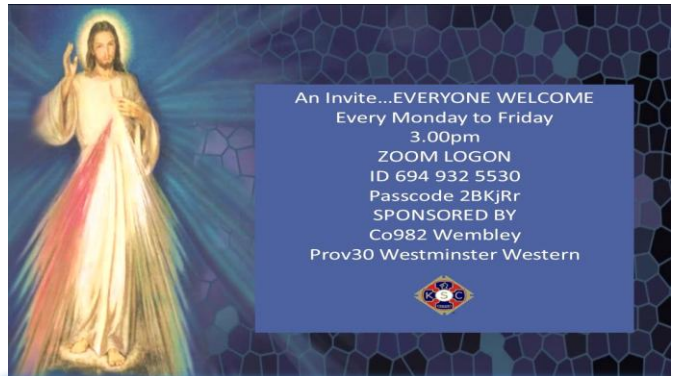
Co572 Enfield – Prayers for Bro Ben Agwanobi PPGK P41 and his family who are grieving the loss of his mother who passed away recently.

Co320 St Albans Lorraine Ahern GK's Wife recovering from a fall, Bernadette Smyth recovering from a fall.

Co267 Sudbury Bro Julian Melville and his wife both unwell.

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 select 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.



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
Which should reach him by
20th June 2026
Opinions expressed in articles
And letters are those of the authors only

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 500 COCKFOSTERS & 5 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 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

CYCLE OF PROVINCIAL MEETINGS

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS -

Next quarterly meeting Wednesday 22nd July—Online at 8.00pm Zoom details to follow

All provincial officers please mark your diary and ensure you can attend.

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS Next Quarterly meetings are as follows—

Finance & Action Monday 11th May— Online at 8.00pm Zoom details to follow.

Membership & Welfare Tuesday 12th May—Online at 8.00pm Zoom details to follow

These meetings are for the council officers listed on the day, and their GK— Every council needs to be represented

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING—Next quarterly provincial council meeting is on:

Saturday 13th June Face-to-Face at Northfield—10:00 Mass followed by Meeting in the Hall at 11:00—13:00

This meeting requires that EVERY Council is represented by the Grand Knight or a delegated council officer.

All brothers are also invited to attend as observers.



KSC Collar purse— A new source has been established in Jerusalem at the Palestine Conflict Transformation Centre. Its another way of helping out in the suffering people are going through with the conflict in Gaza and the West Bank. Purses are now available from Co.344 Bro Alex Rugg for £25 plus £1.00 p/p. **Contact :**
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