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Dear Brothers and Ladies,

It's a New year

It's like a new Sunrise Of Hope, of Prosperity, of Happiness

It's like a new Beginning ... Of Thoughts, of Words, of Actions

It's like a new Day ... Of Energy, of Strength, of Ideas

It's like a bunch of whole new things... Of Prayers, of Friends and of Love.



Tony Berkeley
Grand Knight Prov23

I came across this little lyric somewhere recently, and I thought that it will be good to share with you as it said a bucket full of things for us all in Province 23. One hears a lot about **HOPE** these days. The Pope even calls it the most important thing to have. It is the one thing one needs when times are bad, and 2012 is predicted to be even worse than the one that's just gone.

The Knights' **HOPE** for the coming year is that we will increase our membership. **P**rosperity is more a material commodity. **H**appiness is something that relies on so many other things that one again **hopes** will come about.

We will certainly **hope** for a new beginning, in bringing back Council 226 which went dormant many years ago. I believe that Slough Council deserve a new beginning and will certainly be focusing my **A**ctions to make this happen. Like the beginning of a new day, I will pray for new **E**nergy, **S**trength and a mind storm of new **I**deas in finding ways to increase the activity of our brothers in all aspects of our Order.

To really make an impact in all the above, one will certainly have to rely on **P**rayers, lots of **F**riends and **L**ove (Charity) from one and every knight in our Province. Let us all **HOPE** that 2012 will be much more productive and successful than the one that has just gone by.

The final activity of all Councils during December, will have been concentrated on making a success of the Nativity Poster Competition. In 2011 we made a marked improvement in the number of schools participating. We have seen an increase of 50% in the number of participating schools, resulting in well over 3500 children producing a poster depicting the reason for the season. Well done for all the brothers and their efforts in making this happen. I cannot promise that our Province will retain the National Trophy currently held by Ascot Heath CE School in Berkshire, but going by some of the posters I've seen so far we certainly stand a good chance — Lets **HOPE**.

Building on the recruitment drives we carried out last year, we hope to have another opportunity of getting new brothers from the majority of our Councils—Lets **HOPE**.

I thank all the Brothers, their wives and families for their good work we achieved last Year. I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the coming months and look forward to meeting with you again socially and to work with you in for a better achievement. ■

Yours sincerely and fraternally - Tony Berkeley
Provincial Grand Knight - Province 23

Having postponed this annual event from September to November, it was with good fortune that our Council 422 High Wycombe had already booked a suitable venue for their own Annual Ladies evening. Bro David Sole, our DPGK recommended the Princess Risborough Golf Club especially recommended for their cuisine.

So this year, Province were invited to join up and make the Provincial Annual Ladies and Chaplains' dinner evening a joint event. Taking advantage of this offer meant that there was a better attendance on the night helping both the brothers and the Ladies to refresh their acquaintances across the Province.

Seven chaplains were invited to the event. Several responded and expressed regret that due to ongoing duties in the Parishes, they would not be able to attend. This included Fr Chris Wheelan from Woodley Reading who normally attended. Fr Patrick Madden from Christ the King in Reading also intended to come, but in spite of submitting his menu choices, was not able to make it due to his father's illness and possibility of being called back to Ireland at any minute. Fr Chris Rutledge (Bracknell), Fr Tom Taaffe (Ascot) and Fr Ken Rimini from Staines were also unable to make this date.

Fr Innocent Abonyi (our Provincial Chaplain) from St Wulstan (High Wycombe) and Fr Willie Strain from St Augustine also at High Wycombe were able to make it on the night. This event is often looked forward to by our Ladies and it was great for all those present to meet on the night. Bro Paul Priestley GK at High Wycombe welcomed all present and invited Fr Innocent to say Grace.



Mr & Mrs David Sole and MC Bro Stefan

The qualities of the venue cuisine and the service were very high standard, and the staff must also



Bro. Tom McGough receiving the Provincial

be complimented. Our Hosts took extra trouble to make an exquisite table arrangement with personal bouquets placed on each lady's setting. Bro Stefan Zachary (DGK Council 422) did an excellent job as an MC, and the speeches at the end of the evening were very enjoyable.

As is customary at this event, it was the night to present the winners of the Provincial Trophy for 2011. Brother Tom McGough our Staines Council 568 excelled yet again in their support of the Provincial Project. They were responsible for collecting a very respectable nine hundred pounds towards the Thames Valley Hospice and the Meadowside Care Home. ■



Some of the other guests during evening speeches.

Sharing the Bread of Life

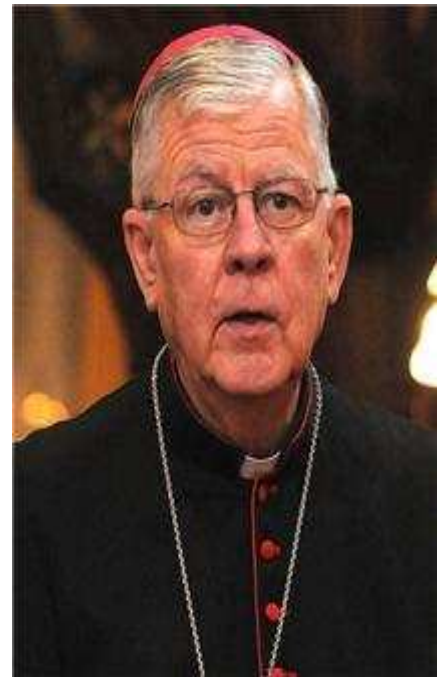
Bishop Crispian has published a very important publication which will be of interest to all Ministers of Communion and many others interested in what the Bishop has to say on this important subject. The document is called

Sharing the Bread of Life -
for Communion and Mission: a document on the Eucharist can be found on the Portsmouth Diocese Website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/sharing the bread of life](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/sharing%20the%20bread%20of%20life).



In the introduction the Bishop wrote : " We (at the Diocesan Pastor Council) have attempted to deal with the central importance of the Eucharist, whilst, at the same time, considering certain practical points which arise in the Eucharistic life of our communities. The Document, therefore, follows certain Progression :

- Who are we when we come together for worship and what does this mean for us ?
- How and why do we participate in the Eucharist ?
- Why is Sunday—the Lord's Day—so important for us ?
- Why is Mass on Sunday the high point of our spiritual lives ?
- What is the place of the weekday Mass ?
- What happens when the priest cannot be present ?
- Do we always have to have Holy Communion ?
- How do lay Ministers of Holy Communion help us to share the Bread of Life ?
- What is the proper place for Eucharistic devotions ?
- And finally, what is the force of the words of dismissal *Ite Missa est?*
- *Do we have a real sense of what it means to be sent out ?*



In conclusion the Bishop said " I am very grateful to the small team who has helped me put these thoughts together and I commend all that is written here (link to the full document)

[http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/userfiles/sharing the Bread of Life document final.pdf](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/userfiles/sharing%20the%20Bread%20of%20Life%20document%20final.pdf) to your study, your reflection and your prayer."

Bishop Crispian Hollis
2011

2012 DIARY DATES REMINDERS

 JANUARY	Tuesday 10th Co.590 Council meeting - 8:00pm St Joseph's Bracknell Saturday 14th SAPGK meeting at St Augustine Euston 11:00am
 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 14th - Council 590 Council meeting - St Joseph's Bracknell 8:00pm Monday 20th - Province 23 <u>OFFICERS</u> meeting - St Francis Ascot 8:00pm
MARCH	Monday 5th - Province 23 Council Meeting 8:00pm High Wycombe Saturday 10th - Supreme Knight Open day for Southern Provinces Venue TBA Monday 13th - Council 590 monthly meeting—Bracknell 8.00pm
APRIL	Monday 10th - Co.590 Monthly meeting—st Joseph's Bracknell 8.00pm
MAY	Monday 23rd - Province 23 <u>OFFICERS</u> meeting - St Francis Ascot 8:00pm Sunday 13th May - to be confirmed—Annual Provincial Walk 14:00hrs At Virginia Water—in aid of the Hospices.
JUNE	Monday 4th - Provincial Council meeting Our Lady of the Peace Reading Sunday June 24th Lyford Mass—St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY & FEBRUARY



Council 301 Windsor & Maidenhead
Council 590 Ascot & Reading
Council 422 High Wycombe

Council 568 Staines

Council 593 Didcot

Joseph Fernandes (Jan)
Peter Reid (Jan)
Bryan Hill (JAN) &
David Sole (Jan)
Charles Tabona (Feb) &
Peter Vermeulen (Feb)
Cyril Verling (Feb)



The Supreme Knight will be visiting the Southern Provinces and getting to meet the local Brothers.

The Southern Area Provincial Grand Knights will be looking forward to welcome The Supreme Grand Knight on his first ever Annual Visit to the South of England.

This is an opportunity for ALL brothers to come and meet Bro Ron Lynch at Ascot or Hayes (Venue to be agreed)
On Saturday 10th March 2012.

Christmas Dinner - Co301

As is customary, Council 301 Windsor and Maidenhead invited the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) from both Windsor and Maidenhead parishes to their key event at Christmas, to share seasonal good at last year's Christmas Dinner Evening.

The event was held at St Marks Parish Hall in Dedworth. Every year Windsor Council also invite the Provincial Grand Knight Thames Valley, Bro Tony and Eileen Berkeley to join them, in the celebration, a great opportunity to meet the Brothers of Co.301 and their wives who took great trouble in organising the event.

Mrs Angela Murphy the President of UCM and the ladies together with their husbands and friends ran a super raffle with dozens of prizes. The proceeds were shared equally between the UCM charity and the KSC National project this year, Save the Saveable Children of Sudan, which runs under the umbrella of Aid to the Church in Need. The event raised £117 for the Knights project. ■



Mr Percy and Lillian Borg Treasurer of Co.301 and some of the UCM ladies on the night.

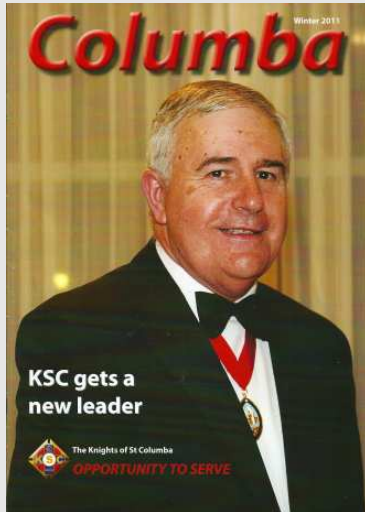
Schools Nativity Competition

The 2011 School Nativity Competition was successfully launched in 12 schools in the Province. For the first year, Co.301 Windsor was involving two new school in taking part. Co.590 has added St Margaret Clitherow to the four schools that participated in 2010, and Co.422 High Wycombe again involved five schools in taking part in this annual competition.

The overall number of children participating is therefore growing each year. This year it is estimated that over 3600 across the Province entered the event. Councils are currently collecting the top six A4 posters from both the 5-7year old and the 8-11 year old at each of the schools.

The Provincial Council meeting on the 5th of March will be selecting the two top posters from each of the schools and submitting these to the Knights Head Office, where they will be judged together with all the other entries from across the United Kingdom.

The Ascot CE Junior school will be returning the National Trophy - which was won by the school last year, so that it can be polished and made ready for the next winner from amongst all the entries this year when the winner will be announced at the April Board of Directors/ Provincial Grand Knights conference in Glasgow. Province 23 hopes that we can score the double by winning the cup again this year. ■



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The Winter 2011 copy of the Columba Magazine is now available and can be obtained online by clicking on the link provided in the poster.

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If Councils do not have enough spare copies to place in their parishes please contact province23@hotmail.com to arrange for an increase in the copies mailed to you or to place an additional order with Head Office. . ●

Your prayers requested for.....

Bro Finbarr Lehane (Prov 30 Past Director) Who is recovering from treatment.

Bro Dennis Burrows & Henrietta (H.Wycombe Co.422) who are unwell.

Dorothy Pregel (H.Wycombe Co.422) who is unwell.

Clare Lagan (Daughter of GK Reading Co416) who is unwell.

Mrs Margaret Oakland (Widow Ascot Co590) who is recovering from illness.

Mrs Pam Wilson (Wife of Bro John Wilson Staines Co.568) who passed away recently.

John Priestley (Brother of GK High Wycombe Co.422) who is unwell.

Mrs Nasim Kent waiting kidney transplant.

Bro Tony Brennan (SDir and Co.163 Hanwell) who died on 8th December 2011

Heather Deighton (Mother in law of Brother I Richards H.Wycombe Co.422)

who suffers with Alzheimer's.

Mr Percy Borg (Windsor Co.301 Treasurer) who is currently unwell.

Fr Ken Rimini (Co568 Stanwell Parish) who is recovering from treatment.

Emilia Avery-Sequiera (H Wycombe Co.422) who is recovering from a stroke.

Joe Leonard (Co422 parishioner Our Lady's Parishioner) Rheumatoid arthritis and in Hospital.

Fr Tom Feighan (Co422 MoH PP St Augustine High Wycombe) who is very ill.

Wanda Wheeler Co422 Sister Bro Stefan) who is unwell.

Maria Wilkinson (Friend of Co422 High Wycombe) who is not well.

Henry Mooney (Friend of Co422 High Wycombe) who is sick.

David Williams (Friend of Bro John Osborne Prov Treasurer) who is in poor health.

Maureen Dennis (Wife of Bro David Dennis Co568 Staines) who is seriously ill after a fall.

We do of course have in mind all of our Brothers, friends and families who have their own crosses to bear at this time with health problems and are coping or at this time do not want to be named explicitly as needing our prayers. ●



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The Editor welcomes contributions for the next issue, which should reach him by Friday 17th February 2012. Opinions expressed in articles and letters are those of the authors only. All comments and feedback is very much appreciated.



JANUARY DECEASED BROTHERS

<i>Council 194</i>	Rev P Triggs	Bro JJ Palmer	Bro FT Barnes
	Bro WJ Costello	Bro H Barnes	Bro G Hunt
	Bro J Costello		
<i>Council 226</i>	Bro C Burke	Bro C Canavoni	Rev. Cantwell
<i>Council 301</i>	Canon Twomey	Bro P Quinn	Bro J Donnelly
<i>Council 416</i>	Bro JOR Palmer	Bro J Wearing	
<i>Council 422</i>	Bro B Gemmett	Bro H Morgan	
<i>Council 568</i>	Bro JT Franke		
<i>Council 593</i>	Bro T Lee	Bro D Reading	



FEBRUARY DECEASED BROTHERS

<i>Council 194</i>	Rev P Hobart SJ	Bro PT Falconer	Bro TC Malony
	Bro PJ McDonagh	Bro T Renshaw	PSK Bro F Mildner
<i>Council 226</i>	Bro J Creed	Bishop Parker	Bro E Deecan
	Bro T McEvoy		
<i>Council 301</i>	Bro GJ Carter	Bro J McCord	Bro E Murphy
	Bro JJ Donnelly		
<i>Council 422</i>	Bro C Fecher	Bro O Byrne	
<i>Council 568</i>	Bro J Barry		
<i>Council 590</i>	Bro T Hicks		
<i>Council 593</i>	Bro D Tumber		

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
 And may perpetual light shine upon them
 And may they rest in Peace - Amen

Every effort is made to cross check the list of deceased brothers in every Council. Should you be aware of any Brother who is missing in the above months, or any other month of the year, please contact Tony Berkeley Prov GK or Bro David Sole Prov. Spirituality & Welfare Officer.
 Thank you.

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