

WEST SURREY CIRCLE MEETING MINUTES

Opening & Prayers	<p>The 1043rd Meeting of West Surrey Circle was opened by Brother Christopher Lowther, President, at approximately 1930 hours on Tuesday, 2nd March 2021. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Brother Tony Fisher and there were in attendance 22 West Surrey Brothers and two Visiting Brothers: Brother Tony Sadler, Duchy of Cornwall Circle and Salisbury Circle and Brother David Shields IoW Circle and Stirling Circle.</p> <p>Prayers for the sick are required for Peter and Elinor Scully, John and Eileen Loader, Aries and Bunny Carvahlo, Ian Robertson and Christopher Smith.</p>
Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Tony Byrne and Christopher Smith and our permanent apologies.

Minutes	The Minutes of the 1042 nd Meeting were accepted and signed. No matters arising to report.
Notified visits (via Zoom)	<p>Ian Robertson 16th February, London Central No2 Circle.</p> <p>Winchester Circle 4th Feb. Chris Lowther and Tony Fisher Bournemouth Circle 11th Feb. Chris Lowther, Tony Fisher, Peter Attridge and Pat Quigley. Andover and Fleet Joint Meeting 24th Feb. Chris Lowther, Sam Parkin, Ian Robertson and John Hughes.</p>
Correspondence	<p>Bro Secretary advised that he had received the following correspondence:</p> <p>22nd Feb. From Bro Roger Lillie. Update on Association matters Jan: details of the 22nd Feb. From Bro Roger Lillie. Report to Province on GBNC Meeting</p> <p>23rd Feb. From Gill Board. Details of CATENIANS WORLDWIDE INTERCESSORY ROSARY hosted this month by the Brothers of Zimbabwe on Saturday 30th January.</p>
President's Correspondence	No report of any correspondence.

Officer's Reports

Membership	<p>Walter Noronha reported no changes to the membership which stood at 33 and no potential newcomers. He was waiting for things to open up again to begin targeting his Parish. He had received the latest Catenian leaflet for promoting the Association though Bro Tony Sadler said that it was not correct and he should get in touch with Roger Lillie to clarify the issue.</p>
Province	<p>Colin McDonald had nothing to report since the Provincial Meeting on 16th January other than that Province had now found a new Secretary, Bro Roland Cise.</p>

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Treasurer	John Power reported that currently Circle Funds stood at £7836.99 of which the President's Charity total was £3040 and a sum of £90 for the upcoming St Patrick's evening.
Welfare	<p>Paul Sudell reported that he had spoken to Peter Scully's daughter who said that Peter had been moved to a nursing home where he would stay for about 6 weeks. He was otherwise as well as could be expected. He had also spoken to Peter McWilliam who was doing well. Chris Lowther had spoken to Chris Smith who was much better now that his pacemaker had been adjusted.</p> <p>John Power reported that Roy Owen had had a fall but fortunately he was only shaken and is now OK.</p> <p>There were no other changes to report on the welfare list.</p>
Charity	Pat Quigley said there were no changes to report on the Benevolent and Bursary funds but he said that he now had access to the forms on HQ's website and these had been downloaded and were available for Brothers when required.
Social	<p>Tony Fisher reported that the Hogs Back virtual tour and tasting event took place on the 24th of February. He and Tina and Shane and Genine Leslie took part and had a great evening though there was too much to drink!</p> <p>The St Patrick's Day celebration event on 17th March is coming together now and details are on the website thanks to Jim Manderson. A bingo session was being planned which should be something different to enjoy. All monies raised for the event will go to the Portsmouth Diocese charity for Bamenda in Africa.</p> <p>Tony said there was a likelihood that Circle would be able to meet at the Golf Club in July. Dates were being looked at for the President's Mass and lunch and a BBQ in late summer.</p> <p>Tony said that IoW Circle had floated the idea of a register of common interests across Circles as a method of maintain and growing contacts and asked if Brothers in West Surrey would wish to put their interests on a register. Bro David Shields in attendance from IoW said it could also be used as a facility for mentoring within professions and skills and be a way of encouraging younger members. Chris Lowther said that there are lots of talents within the Circle proposed and maybe they could be shared by having a 15 minute talk at the end of a meeting on a particular topic. He volunteered to do one at the end of next meeting on life on submarines.</p>
Press & Publicity	See website for latest reports. www.westsurreycatenians.org .
President's Report	<p>Chris Lowther said that he was planning to attend Basingstoke Circle on 15th March, Salisbury Circle on 18th March and Portsmouth Circle on 22nd of March and invited Brothers who would like to join to let him know.</p> <p>He reminded Brothers of the Annual Conference in May and the need to sign up for the online events.</p> <p>Chris informed Circle that he had been informed by Bracknell Forest President that their Circle was being wound down. We have our joint meeting with them in August and he suggested we could have it at the Golf Club though it was their turn to host the event. Bro</p>

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	<p>George Reid said that we should leave it to Bracknell Forest to decide how they wanted to arrange their last meetings and he would be happy to attend their venue whether it was a regular meeting or a ladies evening. Bro Ian Robertson said it would be good to ensure we have our joint meeting if it was our last and to show our support and we may also get some new members.</p> <p>Chris said that at our next meeting in April he would announce the Officers for next year and there was continuity through to March 2022 which was good but thereafter we need to have a succession plan and must give this some thought.</p> <p>There was nothing to report on the President's Charity.</p>
Council	<p>The next Council Meeting was to be held on Tuesday 9th March at 7.30pm via Zoom.</p>
AOB	<p>Bro Tony Tunstall had raised the issue of our widows and whether we are up to date with all and the wellbeing. The current widows are Noreen Murphy, Hatsui Boyd, Carol Byrne, Pat O'Neill and Marjorie Rex. We are in touch with all but Marjorie Rex and Tony would try and find out about her.</p> <p>Bro Tony Sadler invited Brothers to attend the Duchy of Cornwall Circle Meeting next Tuesday 9th March which would be followed by a talk by Fr Robbie Low on "Evangelism - for the shy, the hesitant and the incompetent." Tony said that Fr Robbie's previous talk to Catenians was exceptionally well received by all who heard him speak.</p> <p>Chris Lowther said there was a Council Meeting that evening and Council Members would not be able to attend but other Brothers may wish to.</p>
Closure	<p>Bro Peter Attridge called the names of the Brothers in attendance.</p> <p>Bro Chris Lowther closed the Meeting with prayers followed by the Loyal Toast.</p>

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