

WEST SURREY CIRCLE MEETING MINUTES

Opening & Prayers	<p>The 1042nd Meeting of West Surrey Circle was opened by Brother Christopher Lowther, President, at approximately 1930 hours on Tuesday, 2nd February 2021. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Brother Tony Fisher and there were in attendance 23 West Surrey Brothers and no Visiting Brothers.</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 Christopher Smith and our permanent apologies.

Minutes	The Minutes of the 1041 st Meeting were accepted and signed. No matters arising to report.
Notified visits (via Zoom)	Ian Robertson 12 th January, Reading Circle. Chris Lowther and Mike Robins 8 th January to Dhaka 370 Circle Meeting. Chris Lowther attended a joint meeting in Australia – details to follow.
Correspondence	<p>Bro Secretary advised that he had received the following correspondence:</p> <p>25th Jan: details of the CATENIANS WORLDWIDE INTERCESSORY ROSARY hosted this month by the Brothers of Zimbabwe on Saturday 30th January.</p> <p>29th Jan: email from HQ giving an update on the new Docusoft database for Secretaries, and the new Docusoft Members Portal.</p>
President's Correspondence	No report of any correspondence.

Officer's Reports

Membership	Walter Noronha had nothing new to report. He said that he was looking forward to discussing Membership ideas and issues with Roger Lillie at Council next week.
Province	<p>Colin McDonald had attended the Provincial Meeting on 16th January. There were no Minutes to circulate as there was no Secretary appointed yet. There were a couple of points he noted.</p> <p>Firstly, on Membership, Roger Lillie was talking to younger members for ideas and the feedback was to use projects as a tool for recruiting and Salisbury has had some success using this method. Secondly, Jersey Circle had proposed a Province wide Charity be adopted such as Bamenda, a Portsmouth Diocese Charity, giving more visibility to Catenian charity work as well as being a worthwhile cause. It was agreed this would be discussed at Council.</p>

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Treasurer	<p>John Power reported that currently Circle Funds stood at £7600.38 of which the President's Charity total was £2910. A sum of £1615 has been remitted to Mary Help of Christians RC Primary School in Paarl, W Cape, South Africa so the total raised to date for the 20/21 Charity is £4525 and again thanks to the Brothers for their support.</p>
Welfare	<p>Paul Sudell reported that he had spoken to Mike Robins on his move to his new flat. Mike was unsure whether his Wi-Fi would be good enough to join in the meeting but his attendance today was testament to the strength of his signal. He had also spoken to Bro Peter McWilliam who was in hospital last week with back and blood pressure issues but was now at home recuperating which was positive news. He had contacted Peter and Elinor Scully last week and they had celebrated their birthdays both of which were in January. There were no changes in their situation which was reassuring. Finally, he had been in contact with Cecil D'Ancona who was doing OK but gets tired easily.</p> <p>Chris Lowther had also spoken to Peter Scully and had a good chat. Peter reported that he and Elinor had both had their COVID-19 jabs. He spoke with Chris Smith who was going to Southampton next week to have his pacemaker reset and to see his Consultant. Chris Smith said that he had been in touch with Hatsui Boyd who was doing fine and pleased to report that her two sons were staying with her.</p> <p>John Power reported that Roy Owen was fine. He will be in contact with the Loaders and report back.</p> <p>Peter Attridge reported that Terry Hiscox was doing OK.</p>
Charity	<p>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.</p>
Council	<p>The next Council Meeting was to be held on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm via Zoom.</p>
Social	<p>Tony Fisher reported that the Hogs Back virtual tour and tasting event takes place on the 24th of February. Full details are on the WS website. Tickets are selling fast and few remain.</p> <p>A St Patrick's Day celebration event on 17th March is being planned. It will be on similar lines to the Christmas event but with a green theme. It will be discussed at Council next week.</p> <p>He advised that the visit to the Mill at Sonning was obviously still on ice and the deposits were being held.</p> <p>The Coffee Shop continues to be held every Monday at 11.00 am on Zoom.</p> <p>Chris Lowther said that he planned to hold the President's Mass in the summer followed by lunch at his house in Alton providing restrictions are lifted by then.</p> <p>Tony Calway said that on Saturday 30th January he joined in the Catenians Worldwide Intercessory Rosary hosted this month by the Brothers of Zimbabwe. He thought it was really very good and he would recommend Brothers joining the next Rosary on 27th Feb hosted by Malta Circle.</p>

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Press & Publicity	See website for latest reports. www.westsurreycatenians.org .
President's Report	Chris Lowther gave a brief update on the President's Charity. He said that Mary Help of Christians RC Primary School in Paarl would re-open in mid- February with a new management team following Patrick Lewis' dismissal. The school was trying to regain accreditation and he was in contact with the management team. He was awaiting information on projects to get involved with at the school but no monies would be released until he was advised and reassured of valid and worthwhile projects to contribute to.
AOB	No matters raised.
Closure	Bro Peter Attridge called the names of the Brothers in attendance. Bro Chris Lowther closed the Meeting with prayers followed by the Loyal Toast.

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