



The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Faith Family Fraternity

Dear Brothers,

While we were all busy since March, even thru the lockdown occurring. Even then we all had work to do. A new way of communicating across the Order via social media and videoconferencing. Yet still in all of this we have all being guided by our Ecclesiastical Advisor.

Good News

Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, has agreed to take over the role of Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Order.

Many of you will be "shocked" that the news of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP is leaving us. Indeed, His Grace Archbishop Malcolm mentioned it to the Board and I way back in December 2019. But as he said that 15 years is a long time to be Ecclesiastical Advisor. I thank him on your behalf for all he has accomplished with us, not only as a Brother of the Order but rising to be Archbishop and still having time to give us—Thank You. More on this later.

Archbishop Philip, Archbishop of Glasgow will become our new Ecclesiastical Advisor. He has spoken to me of his delight on being able to assist the Order in this position.

We are delighted that Most Rev. Philip Tartaglia Archbishop of Glasgow has taken upon himself this post that place where the Order was founded 101 years ago.

We welcome you Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

I know he will "pen" his introduction in his own way in a future Bulletin.

Council Opening,

I have in this Bulletin an article on the possible reopening of Councils, I say possible because that is what it is. Due to local outbreaks of COVID 19 reappearing we have to be extremely careful in granting permission to re-open Councils. Along with that we need to be guided by the Conference of Bishops in Scotland, England & Wales, also Government Health Departments issuing different details. Please read this carefully, sadly it is not permission to open. Indeed, I do not see at the earliest that we will have Council meetings this year but lets us be positive.

Meetings on Social Media

The more I see of social Media Meetings occurring the happier I am that at least we are discussing things together. These are a new novel way for councils to communicate with Brothers. Please be aware that Brothers who cannot communicate in this way must be sent copy of minutes.

We are well aware that there are issues with Brothers who have no internet or slow internet connection, Telephone them, tell them what is happening, ask for their comments. Do not forget Welfare by phoning the widows of Brothers they also are the Family of the Knights.

FA1

Brothers, Councils that have issues with Filling in/Returning to Head Office the Annual FA1, the following will be accepted in this current year only;

The FA1 will be filled in by Treasurer/Financial Administrator, he will email the form to Grand Knight, copying in Welfare Officer of the Council.

Grand Knight will submit the form FA1 along with the emails as a "paper trail" for confirmation.

FA1 attached to this Bulletin. Thank you.

Council dues

Thank you to all those Councils who have settled or paid portion of their dues. I know and appreciate the difficulties Councils are having, but through you the Order continues to function. While we cannot meet, you can still see, hear and read of all the work the Directors and I are doing.

More Good News,

We are delighted to Congratulate Fr Ryan Black on his Ordination in St Mirren's Cathedral Paisley on the Feast of the Assumption 15th August. May God Bless you and protect you in your priestly life.

Wedding Congratulations to Daineal O'hEarchai and Sarah married in Jersey on Saturday 22nd August. As you are all aware Bro Danny is a Director and lives in Jersey. We wish them both many happy years of married life.

Let us continue with our slogan of Faith, Family, Fraternity;

Faith ; Supporting our Hierarchy and clergy at this difficult time. Indeed, not forgetting our Brothers and families. Possibly we do this subconsciously, which is part of our mental upbringing in faith. Declaring our faith to others. Some of this has been seen by others, Brothers supporting other families in this crisis, neighbours and friends who may not be part of our faith. In so doing it proclaims us as Roman Catholics.

Family; The Family of the Knights, not alone each one of us in the Order have made responsible to look after each other as we are the Family of the Knights.

The Family is the foundation of all of us. From your early days of joining the Order , older members of your family guided you to become a knight, then as you, yourself married and had a family, your wife supported your involvement in the Knights as did your Family, also the other families of the Knights.

Fraternity;

The Order from its foundation always professed the spirit of fraternity. We each and everyone of us profess this each day. By our meeting with other brothers, our selfless thought and action with other Brothers, supporting them, this was evident in the pandemic. (Thank you all) We must continue to be true knights by continuing these 3 Virtues of Faith, Family Fraternity.

Let us not loose sight of our originals of Charity, Unity Fraternity. The extended virtues of Faith, Family Fraternity are a foundation of these virtues. Where do we see all these, in Action, in Welfare, In Membership and in our Youth—the Knights of tomorrow through Faith, Family, Fraternity.

Fraternal regards,

Bertie



ACTION AND SOCIAL

This excerpt is taken from the Bishops conference of England and Wales. Catholic Social Teaching is often described as the 'jewel in the crown' for Catholics. At this time when communities are coming together to act in solidarity to battle the spread of COVID-19, Catholic Social Teaching would seem more relevant than ever.

Churches are closed, friends are separated, the elderly and vulnerable are self-isolating – some away from their families – and the rest of us are on lockdown to protect the herculean efforts of the NHS as the virus reaches its peak in the UK.

Professor Jim McManus is Director of Public Health for Hertfordshire and has been helping guide the Catholic Church's response to COVID-19.

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"The 'soft skills' we need as a society are the things we need to practice. So 'horizontal subsidiarity' absolutely comes in. It is derived, theologically, from a duty we owe one another in justice – as fellow creatures – and we should follow that."

Q: Catholic Social Teaching is often described as the 'jewel in the crown' for Catholics. What can we do with CST in mind during the COVID-19 pandemic?

I mean, I can't do my job without my faith. And for me, Catholic Social Teaching is up there as one of the biggest guiding sets of principles. We may not be able to be in churches, but we can still live by these principles. And they all stem from our dignity as human beings – sharing a common creation from God. And if you take that principle, then we owe one another a number of duties in justice.

The first thing Catholic Social Teaching would tell us during Coronavirus is to care – care for the vulnerable, care for the weak, support those who can't look after themselves and can't get their own shopping, things like that.

The second thing is that Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we're all in this together. So the Catholic Social Teaching principles of solidarity and the Common Good are things we can reflect on.

So... stemming from our common dignity, care for the most vulnerable. Look to the Common Good in solidarity.

Now, Catholic Social Teaching would also say we have a duty and a right to participate. Let me explain. There's something important here... I think we have a duty to participate. And you've heard the S-word 'subsidiarity' knocked about a lot. People often think that decisions should be made at the lowest level. But that's not the only, and sometimes even the main, point about subsidiarity.

There are two things about subsidiarity we need to remember in this crisis. The first thing is that we make decisions at the lowest level possible – so that's local authorities, local councils. They will be looking for volunteers. What can you do? What skills have you got that will help us through this crisis? Talk to your local volunteer bureau.

But there's an important bit of subsidiarity that we often neglect – it's often called 'horizontal subsidiarity' – the skills of good citizenship. The skills we learn of participating, of helping one another out, of good behaviour, of pro-social behaviour. This is the time when these networks of skills and goodwill are most needed. The 'soft skills' we need as a society are the things we need to practice. So 'horizontal subsidiarity' absolutely comes in. It is derived, theologically, from a duty we owe one another in justice – as fellow creatures – and we should follow that.

Harry Welsh
Director Action & Social

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Dear Brothers,

Columba Magazine

By now you will all have received your Columba Magazine for the Autumn Edition. This edition was held back so that we could include the Ordination of Fr Ryan Black. As you will know Ryan has been submitting articles to Columba Magazine for some time so we thought it better to honour his ordination by including this great event in one of our Magazines and we chose the edition closest to his ordination.

eColumba

eColumba was distributed in Early August but again was held back, this time due to waiting for content to arrive. Please Brothers if you are having any sort of event, no matter how big or small, that you would like Brothers to know about then please feel free to contact us. Please also ensure that eColumba are sent to your local Parish Secretaries or Parish Priests for display in local Churches.

National Website

We continue to add and also update pages in the Members Area. This is so that all the pages look the same. Once this has been completed we can then look at adding the following aspects to the website –

Languages – we can publish the entire website in various languages (French, Polish, Spanish, etc).

Mobile Optimized – this is so that we can view the website on mobile devices (e.g. phones and tablets) is a much more user friendly way.

Search optimized - we can now look at updating the search function on the pages so that things are easier to find.

Mind your P's and C's

For quite some time we have noticed that material has appeared with the wrong capitalisation. And we are all guilty of this. So in an effort to combat this we are asking that these simple rules in this simple guide be followed :-

B – Brother not brother

Bishop not bishop

C – Church not church (names of Churches are Capitalised also)

Council not council

D – Diocese not diocese

H – Holy not holy

Homily not homily

M – Mother not mother (of God)

Mass not mass

P – Parish not parish

Parishioner not parishioner

Pilgrimage not pilgrimage (same for Pilgrim)

Priest not priest

Province not province

R – Region not region (when they are with us)

S – Saint not saint (only when a Saint's name comes after) – can be shortened to St.

W – Wives no wives (they are just as important as Brothers!)

Knights Talk

We have continued to release more of our Knights Talk videos on our Facebook page. This series is about Catholic Social Teaching. You can take part on Zoom by emailing Head Office and requesting the login information (only the first 100 can gain entry) otherwise you can catch it on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KofSC>

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Sean Smith, Supreme Director of Media

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Churches, The Clergy & The Future

Although it's only for a limited number of people, at least our Churches are 'open' again for Mass.

It's very difficult in these COVID-19 times to interact as we would normally, yet at least we've been allowed the graces received by being able to attend Mass.

I'm sure, like me, you all had that feeling of joy at being able to celebrate this great sacrament once more.

This makes me reflect on just how hard it must have been in the penal times with Mass outlawed and having to be celebrated in secret.

.....and why do I reflect so.....

One of the main purposes for the formation of our Order was (and still is) to 'assist the Clergy in helping them carry out their sacred ministry'

Our Priests in times gone by faced punitive penalties of imprisonment or worse.

Although such is not the case in this country any more it is still a difficult role to perform, although it must be a very rewarding one.

It is such a great delight therefore when 'one of our own' takes Holy Orders.

A member of the KSC in Province 1,

Fr Ryan Black was ordained by Bishop John Keenan in Paisley Diocese on the Feast of The Assumption, Saturday 15th August 2020.

We, of course, as an Order are not claiming to have been the catalyst in any way!

However, I hope that being a member of a Catholic lay organisation such as the KSC, who do such good work for the Church and the community, has given him comfort that his decision has been the correct one.

We wish him every grace and blessing in his vocation.

This is a **fantastic** membership story that we can relay to prospective members who may be thinking of joining our organisation.

Now that we have the ability to attend our Parishes again for prayer and for Mass, this gives us the opportunity to talk to interested gentleman about our Order.

Priests like Fr Ryan are the future of our Clergy.

Why not use Fr Ryan's story to help ensure the future of our Order?

Please don't hesitate to contact either Membership or Head Office if you'd like any posters to be sent.

If we're not on a noticeboard we can't be noticed!

These can be individually designed to suit your own Parish or local area.

Bro Brian Henry
Membership & Development Director

SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

Some Good News:

Young Member of the Order is Ordained Priest.

We congratulate Fr. Ryan Black on the occasion of his ordination to Priesthood on the 15th August in St. Mirin's Cathedral Paisley, by Bishop John Keenan. Fr. Ryan joined the Order as a teenager before being called to the priesthood and has been studying at the Scots College seminary in Rome. We all assure Fr. Ryan of our continued prayers and support.

We also congratulate our Brother Director Daineal O'hEarchai on the on his marriage to Sarah on 22nd August in Jersey, we wish them a long and happy marriage, may you both be blessed in your union together. The preparations have been fraught with problems due to Covid 19 with limited numbers permitted in the church but it has made them stronger in their commitment to each other.

Covid-19: It is now compulsory to wear a mask in shops, on buses and in Churches.

But what mask gives you and others the best protection, the N95 mask is proven to be the best as it is close fitting with no gapping between the skin and the mask. Although these should be left for the frontline health workers.

- Social distancing and good hand hygiene is the most effective approach.
- Basic surgical masks and cloth masks provide little protection against airborne particles, as smaller particles can still get through gaps.
- Incorrect mask use and reusing single-use masks can increase, rather than decrease your risk of infection.
- Higher-grade medical masks such as N95 respirators are single or limited-use, and need to be fit-tested to work correctly. They are designed for those in prolonged close contact with infected patients and supplies are very limited, so should be saved for frontline health workers.

Read more: <https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/face-masks/article/face-masks-where-to-buy-them-and-how-to-make-your-own> - Which?

The cost can vary from a little as £4 up to the high end at around £30, when looking at masks they should be at least a triple layer. Fines for not wearing a mask do vary depending on where you are in the UK

Exceptions – This differs in England, Scotland and Wales please check your governments guidance.

As we see further outbreaks around the UK, we must remember that keeping ourselves safe is paramount, we cannot always rely on others to keep us safe, wear the mask to protect others and keep your distance to protect yourself, remember it can take 10-14 days incubation period before you show any signs of the COVID virus.

Remember to Pray for those who have contracted the Virus and for those who have died from it, also remember those working in the health service who put themselves on the line every time they go to work, ask God to keep them safe for their families.

Sean Mulligan
Spirituality and Welfare

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE
READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE OFFICER HANDLING YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE MATTERS IN YOUR PROVINCE / COUNCIL

Worthy Brothers, at the point of writing this bulletin piece our Scottish Schools have been opened for about 2 weeks. By the time you receive this bulletin our England and Wales schools will be opening.

Brothers have you written your School's to remind them again that they can still complete the Easter Painting competitions? Have you collected from those who advised you before the Summer term closure of school that they had some entries for collection? Please action this without delay.

Brothers in Scotland have you collected the Prayer and Essay Competition from those schools who had already confirmed that entries were ready? And Brothers in England and Wales are you gearing up to collect from your Schools? Those Brothers who were affected by Covid-19 and had not submitted all the competitions at the point of receipt last September 2019 to their Schools and partner organisations? Kindly submit them to your schools without delay or if you did submit them to your Schools back in September 2019 then please remind them so that they can still enter and have a chance of being selected among your Council, Provincial and National winners. No time like the present Brothers please.

1) **Easter Scene Painting**-Closing date is now 30th October 2020. Ensure your entries reach Head Office by the closing date please.

2) **The Prayer and Essay** Competitions original closing date is 3rd September 2020. Closing date is now 30th October 2020. Ensure your entries reach Head Office by the closing date please.

3) **Million Minutes**-Celebrating Our Young People Award for age 11yrs – 25yrs. Opening in 2021 awards. Please look on our website and see the Youth Facebook post for updates, also please keep an eye on their website <https://millionminutes.org/awards-2021> for when the awards open again for 2021.

My comments for September 2020 follow: Kindly keep in touch with your School/College/Parish/Youth Groups/Diocese Youth Chaplain or Coordinator contacts by email or phone or post items to them. They are expecting it. Our competition items can be sent to our Young People by email from their School/College/Parish/Youth Groups/Diocese Youth Chaplain or Coordinator. We have so many promotional outlets that some of us are not using. Please try some if not all the suggestions sent out in the Bulletin and Youth items sent out please. Expect direct communication with the Provincial and Council Youth Officers with fuller ideas and information. Competition dates, rules and Poster for the 2020/2021 Competitions will follow in September 2020.

Faith – Let us share our faith with our Young People at every possible opportunity. We had the Virtual Zoom Seminar and we shared our faith with those who attended. We have the Hinsley Hall, Leeds Seminar booked for next Year in July 2021. Hinsley Hall is another opportunity to share our faith with our Young People. Brothers let us promote it.

Family – Share the Youth events and Competitions with our own families and also with the family of Brothers in your Council and in your Parishes.

Fraternity – Our Fraternity is one of the 3 tenets that bind us together as Brothers of the Order of the Knight of St Columba. Let us then be true to each other and show our fraternal love for one another in helping each other.

May God bless you and keep you safe as we pray for better times. Please stay safe.

Fraternally,
Michael Akinrele
Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

OBITUARIES

Form SW3 received at Head Office In July & August 2020

Co.	Prov,	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov,	Name	Date of Death
210	12	James J. Maye	19/06/2020	188	21	Michael Lord	20/07/2020
411	14	Anthony Rickard	15/07/2020	320	29	Patrick Cahill	09/05/2020
232	14	David Wills	13/05/2020	531	38	Patrick McDonald	22/04/2020
426	10	Julien Bridgeman	15/08/2020	531	38	Patrick Thurlow	14/05/2020
184	18	Matthew McKiernan	13/05/2020	267	30	Paul Turnbull	29/06/2020
338	38	Michael Kinsella	04/07/2020	110	21	Thomas Crowne	04/07/2020

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM,
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE,
AMEN