



The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Greetings Brothers,

Here we are in November 2020, at this time I would now be "past" but due to pandemic I remain in office until next Supreme Council meeting in October 2021 in Liverpool.

In this, the month of November, **month of the Holy Souls**, we remember those Brothers their families and Clergy who have gone to their *Eternal Reward*. Please Pray for them.

Lend a Helping Hand during Lockdown

We are delighted to again join with SPUC to assist all by "Lending a Helping Hand during Lockdown". This I would ask all Brothers across the country, in all councils to print out the poster, give it to your Parish to put in a prominent place.

We need to help all Brothers, their families, their neighbours and friends in this Pandemic for however long it takes. Please use the information letter and flier attached.

His Grace Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow and Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Order

"Lend a helping hand during Lockdown is a very worthy goal of this partnership initiative of the Knights of St Columba and SPUC, and it reflects the broad theme of social friendship and openness to the other in Pope Francis' latest Encyclical, Fratelli Tutti.

I hope that this initiative will bear fruit for the Order of the Knights of St Columba and all for those who look to the Order for assistance during this pandemic".

Membership of the Order

I am aware as is the membership team of their issues recruiting new men into the Order at this time.

New Brothers still need to be initiated, that rule has not changed, like Full Knighthood this can be done via videoconference and later in a parish Mass. Also, I would point out that it may be possible for councils to arrange with their chaplain a weekday mass where men can be initiated or full knighthood can take place along with council installations or Provincial installations. Please read the Membership Bulletin.

"Christmas Truce"

Recently Rt. Rev John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley commented to *The Times* on the fact of having a Christmas Truce for all people across the island who are in lockdown due to resurgence of pandemic.

We, as always will be promoting "Keep Christ in Christmas" via our Spirituality and Action programme, I believe that this year we should embrace the call for that Christmas Truce.

Perhaps we could even make people aware of what Christmas is all about, not the idea of; it's a happy holiday, not the idea of a spending spree (to be paid back over the coming year) but to put Christ back into Christmas.

Faith, Family, Fraternity

I need to remind all brothers that the theme of Faith Family Fraternity was adopted by the Board at its meeting in March 2020. Indeed, the then Ecclesiastical Advisor, Archbishop McMahon was delighted that in the "Centre" of it was the **Family** as this is correctly where it should be, we have strived to keep this theme in front of all Brothers during this terrible pandemic.

We through our works in every way be it Praying our Faith with our Family at home, in Church with others or indeed via video conference, we must keep this in mind, along with Fraternity.

Fraternity, is the cornerstone of the foundation of our Order, we must continuously practice this with all our Brothers, families and Clergy. Again, I reiterate that the most recent erection of a University Council was initially formed because of young men looking to be fraternal in their approach to each other. We across the Order must practice fraternity especially in these times and indeed always.

I end this month with those thoughts to remember and to put into practice.

Fraternally

Bertie

ACTION AND SOCIAL

Again, a large percentage of the country are adhering to lockdown rules at this time. Whilst I understand it is very frustrating not to be able to meet on a face to face basis we must pray that it will end soon the health and wellbeing of our brothers is paramount to our Order. We as a committee have been meeting over this period and trying to come up with new ideas we hope you have enjoyed the ones so far. I would like to thank all our leaders and responders to our October Rosary we have had an excellent turnout once again, by the time you receive this we should have had our GND draw which takes place at Head Office on the 29th of October it will be overseen by our Immediate Past Supreme Knight Bro Charlie Mc McCluskey with other independent people. The results will be posted asap it will also be live streamed on Facebook.

Each year on the eve of the Supreme Council the Apostolate committee invite a prominent ProLife Speaker to address our members and families on a topic relevant to the day this, is known as the Jack McArdle Lecture. This year the lecture continued online on the 21st October and we were delighted to welcome an eminent ProLife individual to speak to us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gordon Macdonald who is the CEO of Care Not Killing and has been a tireless fighter against the insidious campaign to introduce euthanasia into our country for kindly agreeing to do our Jack McArdle Lecture

Moving forward the Apostolates committee are streaming in November a series of Action talks they will be held on Tuesdays we are delighted to have secured four excellent speakers.

Tuesday 3rd November John Deighan SPUC

Tuesday 10th November Directors of the John Foster Home our National action Project

Tuesday 17th Sister Rosanne Reddy Sisters of the Gospel of Life

Tuesday 24th November Caroline Hutton Aid to the Church in Need

We hope as many people as possible will attend and it will be streamed live on Facebook.

Looking towards Christmas already we have our usual campaigns we would ask you to support.

Keep Christ in Christmas posters we will look to do what we did with the Easter poster get it sent out in a pdf file and people should be able to print them off. I know that in Wales our churches are closed so please e-mail copies to your friends and families, Parish Priests.

Keep Christ in Christmas stickers THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STICKERS LEFT IN Head office if you require anymore; Please contact head office

Reverse Advent calendar probably now more than ever is the time we should be really pushing this as the need will be greater during this pandemic.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING FROM OUR CRIB

We are launching a new initiative for December what we are asking is for at least 23 Brothers or councils to live stream on Facebook their nativity scene. We would like you to do a short reading and maybe if you feel or allowed to sing a carol if you cannot sing maybe play a recording. We already have 6 days covered please let me know which day you would like to take. Also, it doesn't matter if we have more than one person sharing the more the better.

Please stay safe and God Bless

Harry Welsh, Supreme Director for Action and Social

SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

COVID-19

As the four governments of our Nation introduce new measures of lockdown rather than have one set of policies for the UK, they have made it more confusing for the general public, we each have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe.

Bishop Larry Duffy the Bishop of the Diocese of Clogher has put it far more elegantly than I would have when he said "The restrictions call us to personal responsibility; to comply with public health and hygiene requirements and to look out for the needs of others. So many are doing that on the frontline and in our schools and public services. In fighting this contagious virus, all of us need to do the same in whatever walk of life we are in.

"As Christians we are all especially called to serve each other, to be Christ to each other in every situation. Saint Teresa of Ávila, whose feast we celebrate today, puts it well:

'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.'

Please Brothers remember to stay in regular contact (once or twice a week) with all of our Brothers, Widows and Clergy, I thank those who have been doing this, if you have not I ask that you start to make the calls. No one should be forgotten.

"May the God of love bless you all and keep you close now, and in the days and weeks ahead."

October Rosary: My thanks to all those who helped to facilitate the Monday evening Rosary, in particular I thank all those who joined us on Zoom and on Facebook, as I was told many years ago 'The family that prays together stays together'.

"Fratelli tutti" (All Brothers)

In His holiness Pope Francis new Encyclical he encourages us to practice to fraternity and social friendship. This 98-page document it inspires us to love one another a God loves us.

Opened by a brief introduction and divided into eight chapters, the Encyclical gathers – as the Pope himself explains – many of his statements on fraternity and social friendship, arranged, however, "in a broader context of reflection" and complemented by "a number of letters, documents" sent to Francis by "many individuals and groups throughout the world"

'Fraternity is to be encouraged not only in words, but in deeds. Deeds made tangible in a "better kind of politics", which is not subordinated to financial interests, but to serving the common good, able to place the dignity of every human being at the centre and assure work to everyone'

A Summary can be found at

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/fratelli-tutti-pope-fraternity-social-friendship-long-summary.html>

Remembering our Deceased Brothers and family.

This year has made it difficult to organise Mass's for our deceased Members of the Knights family, those that have are strictly limited to numbers, my suggestion would be to hold a Mass in a church that has live streaming, so Brothers who are unable to physically attend can join together on line.

Our new Ecclesiastical Advisor Most Rev Philip Tartaglia PhB STD Archbishop of Glasgow, will say a Streamed Mass for us on Saturday 21st November at 10am the link to the live stream is <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-andrews-cathedral> please join us.

Lend Helping Hands during Lockdown.

In this joint initiative with SPUC The Knights of St Columba is a family, a community, and, amidst all our work to serve others, it's important we are there for each other too in these unprecedented times. Doubtless, you will already be looking out for brothers and their families who may be experiencing great difficulty at this time. I strongly encourage you in such vital, Catholic, charitable work. In addition, please see the flier enclosed: Lend a Helping Hand during Lockdown. You might like to consider asking local parish priests to put this poster on their church noticeboards and to use the wording on the poster in their local newsletters. The "Lend a Helping Hand" helpline number goes straight through to Charlie McCluskey, Immediate Past Supreme Knight, and his team at the SPUC Scotland office, who are making sure this project runs smoothly. If it is a member of the Order requires assistance this will be redirected to myself I will help by asking Provinces and Councils to assist locally.

The number to call is 0141 280 8738 or email charlie@spucscotland.org

God Bless and keep you safe

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Dear Brothers,

Columba Magazine

We are due to start working on your next edition of Columba Magazine. This will be out to you all in early December.

If you have any articles, news stories, obituaries that you would like added please have these to us at columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk by **November 6th 2020**.

Thank you.

eColumba

eColumba was later coming out this month, this was due to events that were being advertised being cancelled, which had to be pulled and then new articles found. We hope that you have all enjoyed it. **Please send us anything you want advertised for the December Edition by 20th November.**

National Website

New sections of the website are still being produced and now a whole new section is being added to the Members Area. Please do check back regularly to see new things. We have also added the "Lend a Helping Hand during Lockdown" to the Latest News. Please do check it out. The Poster is available from this section of the Website.

Zoom!

Earlier this year the Media Committee looked a various different pieces of video-conferencing software when it became apparent that the Board of Directors would not be able to travel and meet face-to-face.

We looked at Skype, IMO, WhatsApp Video, Microsoft Teams and Zoom. We found that Zoom was the best platform for us as a Board of Directors.

As time went on during the pandemic we looked at whether this was possible to scale up for the Order and found that it was.

When the decision was made at the recent Board of Directors Annual Reports with the Provincial Grand Knights that face-to-face Meetings were postponed once again we contacted Zoom to find out the cost of procuring 25 Zoom licenses, one for each Province, as well as 2 more for use by the Board and the Supreme Knight.

After striking a deal the hard work started! We had to ensure that Provinces and Councils knew how to Zoom. So last month we held a Zoom training Seminar every evening and 3 more at the weekends to ensure that we covered all the Provinces.

If you Province has not contacted you about joining your Zoom Training Seminar then please do email your Provincial Grand Knight and cc media@ksc.org.uk into that email. We would like to know who wants to be able to use this facility and who doesn't! (Everyone should)

As such from 1st November 2020 all Council and Provincial Meetings will now be held on Zoom.

We are (at time of writing) adding a new "How to Zoom!" section to the Members Area. This will show you step-by-step how to arrange and schedule Meetings, How to send out invites and what can be done once your Meeting has started.

In mid-November we will back this up with a PDF guide on How to Zoom! which will be emails to all PGKs and GKs.

Sincerely & Fraternally

Sean Smith, Supreme Director of Media

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

As I write, we are now witnessing the emergence of different areas of Coronavirus restrictions in addition to differing preventative rules dependant on where in the country we may live.

It is difficult to recruit under these conditions, however there are avenues we can utilise.

We are beginning to host a greater number of virtual events. The weekly National Rosary for example is an event to which we can invite prospective gentlemen. Here they can witness at first hand both the spiritual and fraternal aspect of just one instance of what we do as Knights of St Columba, when we pray together.

Many Provinces in November will still be holding your annual deceased Brothers Mass.

For those of you who are having these Masses, why not see if they can be streamed online?

If this can be done then we can advertise these events and invite prospective new members to join us virtually as we pray together for our deceased Brothers.

I know that Province 1 and Province16 are holding these Masses on 21st November and 7th November respectively.

Details of times and access will be made available. It would be fantastic to be able to recruit new gentlemen as a result of these Masses.

At the PGK's virtual meeting on 3rd October we presented KSC facemasks. Can you please let me know how many of these you would like. These are reusable and cost £5. We can wear them whenever we are able to attend Mass in our own Parishes.



In a change around Bro Danny O hEarchai joins the Membership Team and Bro Steve Ferris joins Media . It has been great working with Bro Steve over the last year and I'm looking forward to working with Bro Danny.

On that note Bro Danny shares some thoughts with us.....

Dear Brothers,

Its wonderful to return to the National Membership Committee, following a busy, yet much changed, 12 months serving the WDSK Bro Harry Welsh on his Action and Social committee. Bro Brian Henry and I return to 'work' looking for new ways to entice gentleman to join our great Order. Of course, it's been a lean year recruiting wise, for obvious reasons. We have to evolve and look for new ways to go the extra mile and seek out new Brothers. I'm sure you have been, for those able to, stewarding and helping out at your local churches. Use this opportunity to recruit! Wear your collars, welcome those Mass goers with a cheery smile and exchange numbers. Can they help Serve God by helping you? It has certainly helped in my own Parish, Jersey. We look forward to Welcoming in one new Brother, Sam Rowell, on 26 October. My own Council is using this opportunity to have a 'private' Mass which we'll also elevate 3 Brothers to Full Knighthood, Install the Officers for 2020 and present a MOH certificate to a newly ordained Priest! May as way take full opportunity for the chance to gather! Of course, we have less restrictions in Jersey, but we still have guidelines to adhere to and all ceremonies are compliant with the Government of Jersey advice. Can your own Parish do something similar?

We must use the technology available to us. Zoom, social media, emails even. I had never used Zoom before lockdown, we all had to learn.

Let's try and embrace what we have at our fingertips and use all our charisms to enable us to hope for a brighter future, Serving God. When my Brother Directors and I next meet, Bro Brian will present to them our proposal for a new, Order wide available, shirts, tee shirts, and fleeces. All to be ordered by either Provinces, Councils or the individual Brother via a central booking system. A nice a simple process and gives us an instant 'brand' to which we can call upon to aid in our recruitment. We have the posters, business cards and infrastructure in place (with thanks to the Media department), now let us all take it on and use it to our full potential. We all have a part to play to ensure the Knights of St Columba are to continue Serving God by Serving Others. If each Brother invites just one gentleman to join, our Order is doubled in size! Good luck Brothers!

With my kindest fraternal regards,
Danny O hEarchai - Director.

Keep safe Brothers.

If you would like to become a member of the Membership Team ,please contact us on membership@ksc.org.uk

'Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter'

St Padre Pio

Bro Brian Henry, Director, Membership & Development.

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, it was very good seeing the 16x WPGK's or their representative who attended the Zoom Meeting Saturday 3rd October 2020. Can I ask you to kindly ensure that you share what was emphasised to you from the Youth Report with your Provincial Youth Officers and Your Province at large? Can I further ask that you share the entire Youth report with your Province with all the ideas to be actioned. God Bless you all.

By now you will all have disseminated the fantastic news given at the Zoom Meeting and emailed to all about our Young People's success in the CUCT - Catholic Young Writers Award. Congratulations again to Joint winner Vyvian Ogenna Okoro of Our Lady and St Chad Academy. Well done Co.184 Wolverhampton in Province 18 Birmingham for promoting it to one of their school. One of the runners up places was awarded to Timi Akinrele of Dartford Grammar. Again, well done to Co.200 Bromley in Province 12 Southwark for promoting the award to Council Brothers for **family** to take part. This shows what we can do when we promote our own KSC and our partner organisations competitions. Keep it up Brothers in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Re: KSC Youth Competitions

Extended 2019/2020 x 3 competitions all close 30th October 2020, date to arrive at Head Office- **Easter Scene Painting, Prayer and Essay Competitions. Good Luck to all.**

New Competitions for 2020/2021 Posters and Rule sheets with dates have all been sent out to you and can be downloaded from the KSC Website. Any problem, then contact me please?

Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades
4 to 7 years of age. 5th February 2021

Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades
7 to 11 years of age. 5th February 2021

Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades
7 to 11 years of age. 7th May 2021

Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades
11 to 14 years of age. 7th May 2021

Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades
14 to 18 years of age. 7th May 2021

Prayer Composition: Primary Grades
7 to 11 years of age. 24th September 2021

Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades
11 to 14 years of age. 24th September 2021

Prayer Composition: Senior Grades
14 to 18 years of age. 24th September 2021

Essay Writing: Secondary Grades
11 to 14 years of age. 24th September 2021

Essay Writing: Senior Grades
14 to 18 years of age. 24th September 2021

My comments for November 2020 follows: Can I respectfully ask you to action the below and give me a feedback?

Can we ask our Archdiocese/Diocese if we can place our Competition, Competition winners information on the Archdiocese Diocese Website events page and also into their Diocese newsletter?

Can we ask our Diocese Education Commission to respectfully place our competitions on their Website, in their Monthly PDF magazine sent to Schools and Governors?

Can we ask our Diocese Education Commission to promote our Youth and Young Peoples competitions direct to our Catholic Schools, Academy's and Colleges?

Can we ask our Parish Priest and webmaster to respectfully place our competitions on their Website, and place a notice weekly monthly in the Parish Newsletter?

Can we all display copies of winners in our Parishes, in our KSC Provincial Monthly Newsletters whilst adhering to GDPR rules?

Faith – Let us keep our Young People involved in all our faith inspired youth competitions and seminars. **Family** – Involve your children/grandchildren, extended family and friends in our youth comps. **Fraternity** – Let us be true to each other and show our fraternal love for one another in helping each other in carrying out our Youth work.

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

Michael Akinrele, Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

OBITUARIES

Form SW3 received at Head Office In October 2020

Co.	Prov	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov	Name	Date of Death
500	29	Tony Flach	16/09/2020	150	1	Henry McKinney	25/06/2020
572	29	Richard Collison	02/09/2020	150	1	Robert McGuire	26/06/2020
18	2	Charles Newport	06/10/2020	248	29	Kenneth Shaw	28/09/2020
270	10	Edward Caldeira	15/08/2020	499	14	Leslie Burgess	30/09/2020
248	29	William Murphy	26/09/2020				

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