



# The Bulletin

## The Memberships' Mail-Shot

### SUPREME KNIGHT

*Greetings Brothers,*

We are delighted with the national Vaccinations taking part across the country. The progress is fantastic and will hopefully give us all a respite from this pandemic. We Pray to God that soon we will be able to meet physically to carry on the work of this great Order.

There is so much to do, catch up on having missed a year of Lockdown. The Board will be meeting in April to discuss matters and to set a road map on the way forward, opening Councils for meetings, Recruitment campaign, Action Projects and not forgetting our Youth and Young People seminars and competitions.

We also will be looking to remember our deceased Brothers and families.

Deceased Ecclesiastical Advisor Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, also Chaplains and Religious at Mass in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral in June. (This will be a ticket event only---See Spirituality & Welfare)

Now is the time to look forward, to look at the reopening of Councils -Safely, no doubt we will still have to wear masks, sanitise the room before and after meetings and to safe distance. When the Board decide to reopen we will issue a clear directive on all requirements. My biggest issues surround the welfare of Brothers. We must adhere to government directives in all the different jurisdiction's that the Order operate.

#### Head Office

You will be delighted to hear that the water damage has now been successfully cleared -up and Head Office hope to reopen mid-April. (Government permitting) There has been no damage to the Archives held in separate cabinets in a different part of the building. Regretfully some paper has been lost, but all the information is held on the computer system, which did not have any water damage.

During the time of the pandemic Head Office was closed from March 2020 to date, I have to Thank the staff, Neil & Mairi both working from home kept us up and running as far as possible. The issue of regalia will be addressed as soon as Head Office reopens. Please, please do not leave to the last minute looking for collars, this is always an issue of having stock to make these up, then to have them made. Order them in time please.

#### Dedication of the Order

During the month of May, we will again Re-Dedicate the Order to our Blessed Mother Mary. We will have a rosary each Monday in May (read Apostolates, Spirituality& Welfare section) These Rosaries will be from across the country and will be on Zoom videoconferencing. An ID and password each week made available from Head Office and on Facebook page of the Order.

Brothers, you have continued to Recruit even in the pandemic, thank you to all those Brothers in Councils across the country who took the initiative to do this. Well done. As I write this The Director for Membership & Development has organised a National Conference on recruitment and the way forward both in lockdown and as we emerge. I do hope most of you will have taken part in it and actively encourage all brothers to continue to recruit. New Brothers are the lifeblood of this Order, younger men who will take the Order forward into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century of **Faith Family Fraternity**.

#### Easter 2021

Oh, how different this is coming after no Easter Ceremonies last year we are now looking forward to being allowed to attend our churches across the country, maximum 50 if social distance allowed. We will be able to attend and to Pray our Easter duty.

In Scotland this is tremendous result. Canon Tom White and others challenged the government on the complete lockdown of Churches in Scotland. On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Lord Braid stated in the Judicial Review that this was unlawful for the Government who acted beyond their emergency powers.

The Order are delighted to be associated with this judicial review and its success.

May I wish you all a Holy Easter and the Blessings of the Risen Lord.

Fraternally,

*Bertie*

### COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Dear Brothers,

#### Columba Magazine

Your Summer Edition of Columba Magazine is now being readied.

There is still time to get your articles into the Summer Edition of Columba Magazine. Although that time is running out fast!!!

Columba Magazine is already down to 20 pages. If we do not have enough material, then we may have to reduce it again to 16 pages or – horror of horrors – not have a magazine at all!!

This is your magazine – please make as much use of it as possible.

If you have any articles, news stories, obituaries that you would like added **please have these to us at [columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk](mailto:columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk) by May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.** Thank you.

#### eColumba

The next edition of eColumba will be with you all at the beginning of April 2021.

Some articles have been sent in already for publication. There is still space left, so if you want to advertise anything then please email us your articles / advertisements as soon as possible.

**Please send us anything you want advertised for the June Edition by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

If you would like to become the next Editor of eColumba then please feel free to contact Brother Sean Smith – Supreme Director for Media at [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) and he will contact you to discuss this.

#### National Website

The new edition of the KSC website is being readied for release in early April!! We are still working on aspects of the old website – whilst we still program the new look website.

This is only in areas where it is very much needed. So much so that we will put up all the 2021 Forms on the website so that they can be downloaded, printed off and returned to Head Office in time.. If you wish to fill in the Forms online, then these will be released in the next edition of the KSC Website in early April.

In the meantime, if you feel like your Council or Province needs to be highlighted to the world then why not send us some of your photographs of Brothers in action, no matter what they are doing. Only decent quality photographs will be added to the new website.

**Please remember to caption your photographs!! No caption – no inclusion – no excuses!**

#### Zoom!

From last month (March 2021) all of your Council Zoom Meeting recordings files will now be able to be accessed by your Provincial Grand Knight as they will be uploaded to their OneDrive's. Any PGK who doesn't know how to access their OneDrive to get hold of, and indeed share these files must contact the SD for Media – Brother Sean Smith at [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk)

Sincerely & Fraternaly

**Sean Smith, Supreme Director of Media**

## ACTION

As we said last month we have started our release from lockdown. It is going to take some for us to get back to our normal ways of doing our action projects, but it has been great to see so many councils adapting to the situation.

### Pro Life

During the season of Lent The Forty Days for Life campaign has been running we were asked to pray daily from the 17th February to 28th March hopefully when lockdown ends we will have a date for the March for life.

By the time you read this bulletin we will have concluded our Lenten Stations of the Cross. I have to say a massive thank you to all our readers and responders. The whole six weeks was a tremendous success and that is down to you Brothers so on behalf of the Supreme Knight Bertie Grogan, I would like to thank you all for taking the time to attend each Monday. I also found the feedback that we received very encouraging so once again a big THANK YOU.

### Re-Dedication of the Order

In discussion with the Supreme Knight it has been decided that we will make this an annual event using Zoom. As we all know this is done in the month of May.

We will be holding Zoom rosary on Monday nights during May we hope to go around the provinces it will take a number of years to do so This year we are being led by;

Monday 3rd May Province 2 Liverpool  
Leading Deacon Paul Whitehead  
Responding Brother Ray Pealing PGK

Monday 10th May Province 8 Salford  
Leading Fr.P.Gregory  
Responding Brother Dr. Alan Mitchinson

Monday 17th May Province 39 Channel Islands  
Leading Fr.M.King MOH  
Responding Brother Daineal O hEarchai Director

Monday May 24th Province 34 Portsmouth and Clifton  
Leading Deacon S. Short Provincial Chaplain  
Responding Brother Tony Quigley PGK

### Grand National Draw

Once again just to remind you if you have tickets for the draw please destroy them .If you feel you would like to make a donation to the order please transfer to the orders bank account. This is the only other source of income that the order receives.

### Charles Ferro Award

Brothers as you know we have an award every year for a councils work in Action. I am asking PGK to nominate a council from their area for this award to be presented at Supreme Council in October. Please could I have submissions as soon as possible.

### Scottish Churches Reopen

Scottish churches win Covid restrictions legal challenge

Today the Scottish Church's won their legal battle saying that they should never have been closed delighted and proud that the Order supported this.

### National Action Projects

Brothers could I please remind you that I need any action projects that you are thinking of to be in by the first week in June.

### Social

Hopefully we may be able to get the National Golf Tournament run this year watch this space.

On behalf of the Apostolates committee, I would like to thank you for all your support in the projects we have been doing.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter

Please stay safe may God Bless you all.

Fraternally

Harry Welsh

Director for Action and Social

## MEMBERSHIP

**'There is nothing small in the service of God' St Francis de Sales**

Brothers, the more new gentlemen that we can bring in ensures not just the future of our Order but also the continuation of the work that we do in helping the mission of the Church.

Although we cannot be as visual as we normally would be, the work being done by so many of you in letting people know of the work that we do is fantastic to see.

If you have any ideas or input that you feel that we could use as an Order to aid us in our recruitment then please let us know about what you think.

We are a fraternity. Share your thoughts and ideas.

If you feel we could do something in a more productive way – please let us know.

If there is something that drew you to the Order initially and you feel that we don't portray that enough – please let us know.

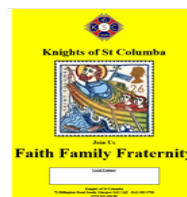
### FAITH - FAMILY – FRATERNITY

Brothers, please use the publicity where you are able, to promote these three virtues that we purport as an Order.

Publicity is available with this message detailed.

These are available to order from Head Office and can be tailored to your individual Province, Council or even Parish or event.

These posters can be made at Head Office and sent out to you.



We have a great story to tell about our life of work in the Church. Please make use of all the publicity materials that we have.

We know that there are many gentlemen out there who would love to be a member of our Order yet don't know how to join!

As we hopefully see a lessening of the various strictures that have had such an impact on our lives, we look forward to the day when full congregations are allowed back into Churches.

Please ensure that we have a poster on noticeboards at the back of every Church in your area. This is a great way to let people know that we are flourishing in the area.

(Please remember to always ensure that you gain permission from the Parish Priest first!)

For those of you who are still able to attend Mass, have a conversation with 'that gentleman' at the back of the Church.

Great work recently in London where one such conversation has led to a new gentleman wanting to join us this week!

### Visibility

Whatever we are doing, it is important that we retain a high visibility. Always remember to try and be visible – wear your ties, your collarettes, your shirts or polo shirts and your facemasks wherever possible.

Shirts £30, Polo-shirts £20 and Fleece £35 are now available to order. An order form was in the latest edition of Columba magazine. Contact Head Office for details.

In wearing these, we ensure our visibility as Knights of St Columba.



Keep safe Brothers. The end of this pandemic is hopefully in sight. Have a joyous Easter when it comes.

**'Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday'**  
**Venerable Fulton J Sheen**

Brothers, if you feel that you can bring more to the Order and would like to help with recruitment, or would like to become a member of the Membership Team ,please contact us on [membership@ksc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ksc.org.uk)

Membership will be setting up Regional Recruitment Teams throughout the country. Be a part of this.

### RECRUITING IS THE FUTURE OF THE ORDER

Bro Brian Henry, Director, Membership & Development.

## SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

As we start a new KSC year, we hope and pray for a brighter year, I understand that the majority of Brothers now have had at least one of their COVID 19 vaccinations, we have a lot of people to be grateful to for the organisation and the sheer logistics of vaccinating the whole of the UK, and we should be saying a prayer of thanks for them, many of our Brothers family have been working on the front line in the NHS, and other services like supermarkets etc that have kept us going, we owe then a massive debt of gratitude, I cannot thank them all individually but if you have a member who has been working throughout this pandemic please say thank you to them for your Brother Knights, I have asked for a Mass to be said "for all key workers intentions" as a thank you to them

### Forms:

**SWC1:** The SWC1 been separated from the SW4a due to confidentiality problems experienced this year, there are two copies one is to be sent to Head Office and the Second to your Provincial Spirituality and Welfare Officer.

Please ensure that the correct form is used in the top right corner the year we are reporting on.

The first question **A** should read Total amount accounted for in the Council Benevolent Fund as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020:

**SW4a: This form is for Head Office use only and MUST NOT be sent to PROVINCE.**

This is for claiming special needs for the KSC year 2021/2022 and **must be accompanied** by the SWC1 (above), before any claim is processed.

It is important to remember that the names on this form are confidential and **MUST NOT** be spoken about by name at any level, the only Brothers who need to know the names are, the S&W officer/committee and finance Officer.

Reason for Claim: It is taken for granted that the Brother is suffering financial hardship, otherwise the council would not be requesting Special Needs Allowance, that said any form that give the reason as **Financial or Financial hardship, will not be granted.** What we do need is what is causing the financial hardship (remembering this information is treated with the strictest confidence).

The only part of the dues that are claimable on the SW4a is for Head Office dues only, which remains at £52 for the year 2021/22, it does not cover Council or Provincial dues.

If Council have been doing as I have asked them then they should know their Brothers, every Brother should have had 52 calls over the last year so we have had time to build the trust and friendship to speak to them about how they are coping physically, mentally and if they are in financial need.

Please note the Council must be in good standing when applying, please pay the invoice and deduct the amount you are claiming in Special Needs Allowance – should the claim be rejected then any outstanding amount can be settled later.

SW4: Application for a Grant: please use the form with 2021/2022 only.

Again, this for is highly confidential and must be given a Council claim number for the year 2021/22 it should read 21 indicating the year and the

number of the claim for that year for example 01 for the first clime and 02 for the second and so on.

If a Brother is eligible for full knighthood but has not been elevated through no fault of his own then please indicate this on the form when applying The reason for the claim must give a detailed account of why a grant is needed.

The Brother must be in good standing (his dues have been paid to Head Office) before the application is made.

SW3; Notification of Death

This form must be submitted to Head Office ASAP following a death. An email/Phone call telling us of a death does not suffice, we must have the Form with all details filled-in.

**Memorial Mass:** for the deceased members and family of the Knights of St Columba

On Saturday 12th June 2021 3pm, under current restrictions the numbers permitted to attend is be limited (at this time), therefore we have to book a place, this is done by emailing the names and contact number to [welfare@ksc.org.uk](mailto:welfare@ksc.org.uk)

This does two things 1. Books a Place and 2. Cover's track and trace

Once we have the names filling to capacity permitted the books will be closed, please do not have a wasted journey if you have not booked a place you will not be permitted entry, book now to save disappointment.

**Please Note:** All entering the cathedral must have their mask in place covering the mouth and nose before coming through the doors, and will be expected to sanitize their hands before taking their place as directed by a steward.

### Stations of the Cross:

My thanks must go to those who have taken the lead and those who have done the responses I also thank all those who have been with us on the Monday evenings without you it would be pointless doing it, I also thank the Supreme Knight Brother Bertie O'Grogan and the Supreme Director for Media Brother Sean Smith for facilitating us on zoom.

It is always wonderful for our Brothers and family members to come together in unity to pray as one.

### Dial-a-Mass:

Part of our remit as a Knight is to proclaim the word and help to bring others closer to God, by giving people this number and advertising it we can do just that, ask you Priest to advertise it in in the newsletters and place the number on the notice board and all it costs is the price of a local call.

The number to call is – 01642 130 120

Spread the Good News by giving this number to all who are unable to attend mass with no other means of hearing the Mass

It is hoped this service will continue after this pandemic has gone helping to bring Mass to the housebound and the sick.

## OBITUARIES

### Form SW3 received at Head Office In March 2021

Co.	Prov	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov	Name	Date of Death
E.A		Most Rev. P Tartaglia	13/01/2021				
500	29	Tony Flach	16/09/2020	243	30	Michael Bagness	27/02/2021
302	10	John Logue	17/03/2021	261	29	Edward Southam	20/02/2021
531	38	David Cheshire	06/03/2021	551	34	Derek Drapper	03/02/2021
74	6	John Blight	26/02/2021	110	21	Patrick Kerry	05/03/2021
964	11	Ernest Chiagoro	14/09/2020	489	7	John Brady	25/01/2021

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



# 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

Brothers, our Young People are back to school and by all accounts things are going well while they try to make up for lost days in their education. Our Lenten observances are nearly over as we are going into the Palm Sunday and the Easter period into Easter Sunday. The Lockdown is being eased, the statistics are looking up and we pray God we all respect the situation and carry on with the advice of our scientist to ensure that our lives improve into the new normality please God.

Faith, Family and Fraternity, lets us all ensure to promote all our Youth competitions, Seminars and events to our Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Catholic Academy's, Colleges and to our faith family of Brother Knights, friends, neighbours and Parishioners.

#### Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People page

The Youth and Young People Facebook page has been kept busy with events for promotion to your own Parish Facebook pages and websites, Province Facebook pages and websites. The immediate promotion will allow our Young People and their Parents to see them quicker via social media. Items being posted vary from daily gospel readings for young People, Online Courses for Young People, Competitions, and Quizzes. These are being promoted by our Partner Youth organisations i.e. Westminster Youth Ministry, Million Minutes, CYMfed, Cafod, Southwark Catholic Youth Service, Aid to the Church in Need, Youth200UK, Columbans and Connect Sunday Children Liturgy Resource posted Saturday night/Sunday Morning. The items with longer lead times can be copied from the Youth and Young People page and sent to your Schools for their participation. Youth Emails will still be sent when the events or items require it. This will be events and items giving us time for promotion by email to Provinces and Councils. Thank you to those Provinces and Councils who are getting their Young People to take part in the events online and the Competitions posted on Facebook. Please keep promoting these events Brothers in Faith, Family and Fraternity. Youth Officers, this Facebook page is yours also. So, thank you to Brother Tony Berkeley-Prov.30 Action & Youth Officer who posted Prov.30 Nativity Painting winners 2021. Excellent! Please use this Facebook page to promote your Council Youth postings.

#### Reminders

**The National Office** for Vocation are working with Vocation Ireland and international colleagues to run the 'Vocation Music Award'. Young musicians age 18+ are invited to compose a song on the theme of vocation. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners receive €2000, €1000 and €500, respectively. The deadline for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> July. Posted on the Youth and Young People Facebook page. See attached to Bulletin.

**The Christian Heritage Centre** – Christian Leadership Formation (Yr12+) Fantastic Course that a Secondary School, a Parish, a Province or even a Council can send a Young Person on as and when the climate is conducive. But, book it now.

#### Re: KSC Youth Competitions

**NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2020/2021 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND**

#### 2020/2021 Nativity Competition- Winners

See winners details with Bulletin.

**NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2021 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND**

Send your Provincial 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed Winners of each year/age group to Head Office please. DO NOT SEND MORE THAN 1st, 2nd & 3rd PLACED WINNERS PLEASE.

#### Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.

##### **Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades**

7 to 11 years of age. 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

##### **Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades**

11 to 14 years of age. 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

##### **Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades**

14 to 18 years of age. 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

##### **Prayer Composition: Primary Grades**

7 to 11 years of age. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

##### **Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades**

11 to 14 years of age. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

##### **Prayer Composition: Senior Grades**

14 to 18 years of age. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

##### **Essay Writing: Secondary Grades**

11 to 14 years of age. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

##### **Essay Writing: Senior Grades**

14 to 18 years of age. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

**NB:** Please ensure you have planned your collection dates with your participating Primary/Secondary schools, Colleges, Parishes and Youth Clubs etc. Kindly try and have a Council adjudication as well as a Provincial adjudication please. God Bless you all for all that you do.

**My comments for April 2021 follows:** Congratulations to those Provinces and Councils who promote our Young People's Competitions at every opportunity. Please attend Covid safe prize winners Presentations at your schools, if not able to attend then ask for pictures to be taken that you can use. Then ask your local Parish Priest of each of your winners to please call out the Young person at mass and recognise their achievement. If the PP agrees then inform the winners to ensure they attend mass on an agreed date. Let us celebrate our Young People. Think of it Brothers, it's a win, win situation. You promote our competition and also you promote the Order to the parents that may be impressed enough to want to join our Order. And when normality returns you should display copies if not the originals at the back of the church at each of your Parishes. Again showcasing our young people and at the same time promoting the work of the Order with Youth. Thank you to Brother Fred Juma-Action & Youth Officer of Council 977 Gravesend, Province 12 Southwark who alerted me to a Parish Presentation of his Council's own Nativity Painting winners at the end of the Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 by PP and Council Chaplain Rev Fr. Moses Amune MSP MOH. I was copied the link to the Youtube posting of the Mass. Absolutely brilliant.

#### Things to come.

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar-Officers and Council Brothers.

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar's

Contact spread sheet with Youth Contacts

Dates to follow for the Seminars.

Wishing you all well. Happy Eastertide to you and your families.

Fraternally,

Michael Akinrele-Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

**Welcome to our newly initiated Brothers**

Reg No.	Co.	Name	Initiation Date
21/07	88	Graham Stuart	06/02/2021
21/08	60	Phillip Wrigley	04/02/2021
21/09	577	Mark Gaffney	08/03/2021