



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please note:

This correspondence must be delivered at EVERY COUNCIL MEETING.

This correspondence can be divided and given to relevant Officers in the Council. If the Officer role is vacant then the Grand Knight will read out that part of this correspondence.



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The Supreme Knight

Brothers,

We find ourselves entering a New Year already. On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year with lots of good work to be done over the coming year. We as a Board believe it will be a very productive and exciting year. Where have the last three months gone since my election? It has certainly been a rollercoaster ride but enjoyable I am delighted to say.

In November I had my inaugural Board Meeting which we held in Birmingham, as a new Supreme Knight and eight new Board Members I felt it was important for everyone to meet and get to know one another. It was a historical Meeting as it was the first time, we had face to face and two Brothers taking part on Zoom because of illness, I thank them for their devotion to duty.

I have been answering e-mails, signing certificates and taking lots of phone calls over the last month.

We eventually managed to get the Supreme Council minutes typed up and distributed, thank you for your patience.

In December Brother John Morrisroe of Province 5 was 70 years in the Order. I was asked by Brother Terry Conneely of Province 5 if the Order could mark this special occasion. I arranged for a plaque and a certificate to be commissioned and it was presented on my behalf by Past Supreme Knight Tony Britten KC*SG KCHS at their December Provincial Meeting and a bouquet of flowers was sent to his wife.



On a very happy side, I attended the Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe in Bedford on the 13th of December with my Deputy Brother Michael Akinrele and Brother Martin Cook Regional Director Region 5. I would like to thank Brother Kevin Gavin PGK Northampton and all the Brothers from the Province especially Bedford Council for such a warm welcome and the Guardians. I went to Head Office on the 14th of December to spread some Christmas cheer and to thank them for all the work that they do throughout the year.

Whilst in Glasgow I was able to attend the Funeral of Brother George White. I had the privilege to first meet George at the Headway hotel many years ago when we first went



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to the national golf tournament, he was in the habit of winning the Supreme Knights Trophy on a regular basis. Brother George along with Peter Daniels and Hugh Scott showed the true spirit of the Order by showing real fraternity on the golf course to hacker players like myself and Brother Geoff Butters from Province 37. There then followed numerous years at St. Mary's parish club. We will miss you as I am sure Province 1 will. Rest in Peace Brother George.

At this point I would like to thank the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbanus Brother Brendan McCann for his invitation to join them in their Advent talks. I am sure any Brother who attended and listened to Fr Kilcoyne will tell you how inspirational they were.

Congratulations on our first winners of the 200 club, if you have not done so already, please buy a share, or why not buy a share for your Council or Province.

Lourdes 2022 we have potentially 13 Brothers and their wives which gives a total of 26 people who have intimated that they wish to go by air which means the air trip will be viable could you please confirm asap.

We also have 2 Brothers and their wives who wish to go by coach we need another 13 Brothers and their wives to come along to make this trip viable. Wouldn't it be lovely to have over 50 Brothers and their wives in Lourdes to celebrate the feast of St. Columba? Most of us have not had a holiday for nearly two years, come and join us and make it an occasion to remember.

Some appointments that have been made:

Board Warden - Brother Sean Smith.

Minute Secretary - Brother Barry Johnston.

Safeguarding Officer - Brother Brian Beaton.

Supreme Warden - Brother Dominic Shannon.

Brother John Kenyon retired from the safeguarding position after Supreme Council in October. I felt we maybe only needed one Safeguarding Officer, and after having consulted with Brother Brian he agreed that he would take over the role nationally. Now



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Brother Brian is updating our policy to fall into the guidelines of both England and Wales and Scotland.

Another fabulous period was when the Knights of Columbanus took over for six hours and we had mass from Knock. Where was our support?

Archbishop Cushley from Edinburgh who took four hours out of his day to be with us. Brothers Jim Bryce and Brian Beaton, Frank Kelly who came and gave us such support and strength to continue our journey.

For me the most poignant part was at 4am on Wednesday morning I was hallucinating and Brother Roy Hyde-Linekar and our anchor man Brother Sean Smith took over and did two hours for us that allowed us to prepare for our move to St. Alphonsus.

After all the wonderful things that happened, I have to ask the question

WHERE WERE OUR BROTHERS?

Jesus said to his disciples, “Can you not stay awake with me for one hour!!”

That is all we asked. We have been trying to put things on yet we struggle to get Brothers to attend. I have to say 1 Regional Director, 20 Brothers Elevated in Aylesford. None there! Are we not getting the message across? What are we doing wrong? We have nearly 3,000 Members. I do not think we had more than 25 at any given time on Zoom during the forty hours, but we had over 4,000 hits on Facebook we must be doing something right. Brothers we should be leading from the front and I would hope to see the Board collectively at things in the future.

We are heading into the season of Advent which is a time of longing and looking to the future, let promise each other now we will try to do better.

I and my family would like to wish all Brothers and their families, Widows and Clergy a happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New year .

Fraternally

Henry Welsh

Supreme Knight.



Membership & Development

Dear Brothers,

I hope and pray you and your families, had a wonderful, peaceful Christmas filled with the joy of the birth of our Saviour. Now we regroup as a fraternity, refreshed to face the challenges ahead.

My primary role is to provide each of the 25 Provincial Membership Officers and the 200 Council Membership Officers the tools for you to carry out your work and seek out new gentlemen to join our Order. Late last year myself and my Parish Priest (and Provincial Chaplain) undertook filming a recruitment video to help us along our way and bring our story to life. This is designed to be a 'live' document which you can email around to the Councils, your Parish Churches, other Catholic groups, and perhaps even your Bishops! Why not! Feel free to use it as you wish. Our story is a wonderful one, and we mustn't be ashamed of telling it.



Here is a photo of the actual filming. I show you this as I wanted to highlight the clothing I chose to wear. Sleeves rolled up, no tie but still smart enough to get the attention and show the respect our Order deserves...

Notice too, my PP and Provincial Chaplain. Instant impact for the laity; 'if my Priest can be a Knight, so can I'...

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Mercy Bus Tour & Relics of St Bernadette

Wow, wow, and wow! What an opportunity this is! Two national events, one solely arranged by the Knights of St Columba and the other which we've been asked to assist in and to quote from the email sent by the organiser of the relic visit 'showcase our Order across the country'. We MUST make these work and if we get this right, from a purely Membership perspective, we have the ideal opportunity to really make a difference to our numbers. Let's break this down:

Mercy Bus – this is going to rejuvenate the north of England and touches into North Wales. WE must engage each Diocesan Bishop and get as much support as we can from them and their PPs. Engage the Schools in these areas and indeed, the Parishes in which they belong. We must make it crystal clear that there is a Catholic lay Order of gentleman who are bringing Jesus Christ Himself in the Blessed Sacrament to THEIR doorstep. That Order is of course the Knights of St Columba. No one else is doing this. WE ARE and we must make it count. If your Region isn't part of it, travel up and help, as I'll be. It'll be a wonderful experience that's for sure.

Relics of St Bernadette – again, a golden opportunity! This will involve each and every Diocese across England, Scotland and Wales. I'm guessing stewarding will take a key role in this, but can we develop it further?

Organise a 'mini pilgrimage' to the hosting Cathedral

Can we arrange a social event? Our brochures, banners and logo plastered all over the walls and tables...

Can we arrange and host a reflection led by a PP or Deacon on the life of St Bernadette?

Advertise this as bringing Lourdes to the masses in each and every Cathedral. If, like me, you've never been fortunate enough to visit Lourdes, this is a wonderful opportunity to see the relics of a young girl who saw Our Lady with her own eyes.

Powerful stuff and if the Knights of St Columba can benefit from this event in all our Regions, then we must grab it with both hands...

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POSTIVE THINKING!! At each and every Zoom meeting (or if I'm lucky to attend a face to face one) there are always one or two Brothers who choose to have a meltdown and get on their soapbox regarding Membership and how hard it is! As M&D Officer for my own Council I fully agree (and feel your pain!) but following the vent, there is no solution, just problems! My own Church is perfect hunting ground for the CWL!! I'm the youngest man in there who isn't with his parents! I'm saying this because I too am trying to keep positive and keep my chin up, I don't need to say to others around me 'that our Church has no men in, never mind'. Find men who would pay to join a club! What are WE doing about it, that is what we need to hear. Let's pick our faces off the floor, turn up, show up, show off and remember why we do what we do. If our heads are down, who will join us?

We need to find the solutions, not present problems, and leave for someone else to sort out...

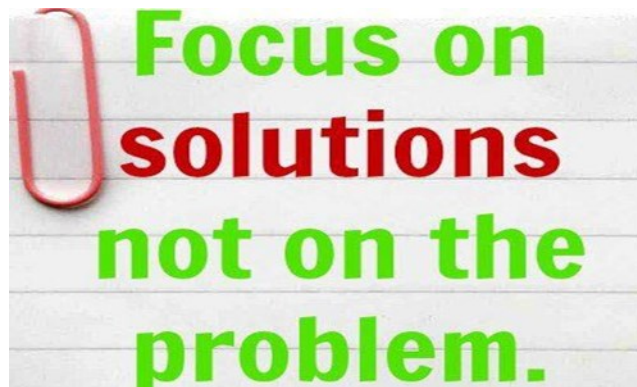
I'll touch again on our Parish Priests and other Members of Honour. I mentioned in past bulletins about the importance of making them, quite rightly, the centre of our KSC world. From the earlier piece about the filming, the weight my own PP will give to the viewer is priceless. The more Members we get, the more help we can offer them.

I often hear 'our Priest doesn't like us' or 'he's not interested in the Knights in his Parish'. Why not? Perhaps try a different tactic and take him out for a meal or a pint. Make him the centre of *your* world. If there is a personality clash, perhaps another Brother in the Council can try. None of us are bigger than the Knights of St Columba and there is more than one way to skin a cat, so to speak! From the feedback I received since last October from 14 Bishops of England, Scotland and Wales, they are very keen to have more of us around. Approach your own Bishop and get going as we have the green light to crack on and refresh Councils or even open new ones.

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Yes, the Knights of Columba has its faults and weakness. But they are OUR faults, and we must work together to rectify them.

Some may say the Knights of Columba are in a mess, perhaps we are. But its *OUR* mess and we all must try and love the Knights of St Columba, warts and all and help it grow and make us an Order fit for the 21st century.

Let us reinforce our unity and back each other up, whatever our own personal thoughts are. It doesn't really achieve a great deal sitting in Council Chambers each month saying what you think is best for the Order, you have the platform to get your points heard, whatever position you may hold. Talk to me, talk to my Brother Supreme Directors, talk to your Regional Directors, make your point, and then see it through to the bitter end if you have to.

Find the solution, not the problem!

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Please do let me know any thoughts, ideas, and suggestions

membership@ksc.org.uk

Fraternal wishes,

Danny Ó hEarchaí

Supreme Director for Membership & Development

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Action & Social

200 CLUB

The first winner was Bro Kevin Roper of Council 22. Second place was Bro Raymond Currier of council 327, third place was Bro Anthony Quigley council 620 and fourth place was Bro Richard France, council 546. We currently have 96 members. Please consider joining. The more members we have the higher the prize money and more we can give to good causes.

VIRTUAL WALK FOR LIFE 2022

19th January – from 8am to 6pm. More details to follow soon.

THE LOURDES TRIP

6th June to 10th flying from Manchester airport £619 each. We already have over 30 people interested to go on the feast of St Columba. To book please contact Head Office ASAP.

GRAND NATIONAL DRAW

Tickets were given out at Supreme Council. This is our main source of income for charitable work/youth projects. If you need more tickets, please let head office know.

NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT

The John Foster Memorial Home in India has about 8 months to run so we need to try to boost the figures. Please do a final push with any fundraising activities.

JANUARY SALES?

Head office is having a 'January sale' to sell slow moving items. Please check website.

MARCH / APRIL:

2nd March to the 14th of April we will have our Lenten Stations of the cross via Zoom.

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SEPTEMBER

March for life 3rd September 2022 – London. This is a direct approach to all brothers especially those in The Southern Provinces to support this pro-life Action. We could possibly have a mass on the Friday evening with a hot pot supper or a buffet supper in a church hall next to a church in London. We could get visitors from outside of London to stay in a travel Lodge. Food for thought, I hope.

SOCIAL EVENTS

It is our intention to hopefully have a golf tournament in 2022 around June/July time to encourage Brothers to get back to organising social events within their Province's and Council's. But if you have any other ideas, please let me know.

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VIRTUAL WALK FOR LIFE 2022

WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY

8AM - 6:00PM



Join the Knights of St Columba in collaboration with the International Alliance of Catholic Knights and the Knights of St Columbanus as we hold our Virtual Walk For Life.



JOIN US LIVE ON ZOOM

EMAIL headoffice@ksc.org.uk FOR THE ZOOM CODES)

OR JOIN US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- 08:00 - 08:30** Introduction from the Worthy Supreme Knight Brother Harry Welsh
- 08:30 - 09:00** Rosary
- 09:00 - 10:00** Talk from March for Life in London 2021
- 10:00 - 11:00** MASS from St Mirin's Cathedral
- 11:00 - 12:00** **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (Scotland)**
- 12:00 - 13:00** ANGELUS / MASS / ROSARY by the Guardians of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13:00 - 14:00** Amy's Testimony Video / Sarah O hEarchai Video
- 14:00 - 15:00** Talk by Let the Children Live
- 15:00 - 16:00** Talk by Helen Border of Divine Mercy
- 16:00 - 17:00** Rosary by Roy Hyde-Lineaker
- 17:00 - 18:00** Benediction / Rosary and Closing Prayers

THROUGHOUT THE DAY WE WILL INTERSPERSE WITH VARIOUS VIDEOS AND TALKS WHERE THERE ARE GAPS IN TIMINGS.

COME AND JOIN US ON OUR VIRUTAL WALK FOR LIFE

To join us on Zoom please email headoffice@ksc.org.uk for the Zoom codes to be emailed to you

Alternatively you can join us on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/KofSC



Spirituality & Welfare

Dear Brothers, Anne and Myself wish you and all of your loved ones a very Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year

GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT:

Now we have gone through the great event in the church's year, the birth of our Lord and Saviour, we have unwrapped the Jumpers, Socks and Slippers, we look forward to a new year, that no one knows what it will bring, let us all make that new years resolution to give that extra special gift through 2022.

This gift may take a little of your time, you may even feel it is only a small thing, but something with great benefits. This special gift is the Gift of COMPANIONSHIP, you don't have to know them, it is the opportunity to get to know a Brother or Widow you did not know, call today give them that special gift yourself and your time. Thank you.

DAILY MASS SCHEME:

Important:- The rota has been done for the Daily Mass, and will be released in January with the first mass being on 1st April, this was done to give the council enough time to book the Mass. It is important that all councils book the Mass for the day allocated to them.

Can I ask that the council book the Mass for the day allocated to the council in good time, most churches have their masses booked months in advance so please don't leave it too late to book the Mass.

THE MASS INTENTION:

This is for Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba family, this way we will include Brothers, Priests, Deacons and all of our Family members who have supported us.

There is a form to be filled with just a few short questions, this can be done by hard copy, or by emailing the information to welfare@ksc.org.uk

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COVID PANDEMIC:

I was hoping not to have to mention COVID. Unfortunately with the UK Omicron cases jump to 37,101, I don't feel as if I can.

Can I ask all Provinces and Councils who are holding Meetings that they follow these guidelines.

1. Room to be sanitised prior to the Meeting, windows opened for ventilation.
2. Hand Sanitiser to be used when entering and leaving the Meeting.
3. Masks to be worn by Brothers
4. No Sign of peace
5. Room to be sanitised after the Meeting

Let us keep ourselves and each other safe.

Sean Mulligan

Supreme Director for Spirituality and Welfare.

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YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL & COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

Brothers, happy new year to you and your family's. A new year with new opportunities Brothers. Let us continue our work with getting more and more Young People involved in our competitions and events. Let us engage with our Young People through their Schools Headteachers/RE Coordinators/School Governors, through the Parish Priest and the Catechists, through the Parish groups, through the Parish Youth Clubs, through the Schools Chaplain, the Diocese Youth Teams, through our own Brothers to our own Children, families and friends Children. Please use the Lectern/Pulpit to make Youth Competitions appeals and introductions/Announcements. May God help us all as we Serve God by Serving Others. The committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. Are there any feedback from your Brothers, Schools, Parish Groups and other organisations? What feedback have you had Brothers? Please give any feedback from your area of the Country by email to : headoffice@ksc.org.uk and youth@ksc.org.uk

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/617421102214099>

Copy and paste the above into your browser and join the group in person or as your Council or Province. Visit the page as and when you can. Items posted daily, weekly. This saves you receiving these items as emails so often. You will find Youth centric items from various known sources that you can share to your Schools, Parish, Province or Council Facebook pages or emails.

REMINDERS

Virtual Zoom Youth and Young People Officers Workshop/Training day.

Date to be confirmed.

Opportunity to talk about all things Youth and Young People.

- Ideas about doing the Youth Role at Provincial and Council Level.
- The Orders Own Competitions and its Promotion.

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- Go through all the different promotional ideas sent out and the benefits to the Young People and membership recruitment.
- Our Partner Organisations events and Competitions.
- Talk about the Columba Trophy organised by Brother Adrian de Redman in Province 18 Birmingham. Talk about the Young People Award by Province 10 Brentwood. Talk about the KSC Young People Award and the KSC Speech Writing and Reading Competition. Talk about COP26 and Youth and Young People ideas that we can use going forward.
- Promotion of the Facebook page and posts by Brothers to showcase their successes.
- Explain about the Zoom Youth Seminar and the Residential Seminar Programme.

Committee Members are looking at Sports Youth events that can be showcased.

Zoom details will be forwarded to WPGK's, Prov.Youth Officers, WGK's Council Youth Officers as soon as dates are fixed.

Can I implore our WPGK's and WGK's to ensure that they personally communicate this to their Prov.Officers and Council Youth Officers when date and time announced. The relevant Officers and their Committee Brothers and any Brother should attend and Join this event.

KSC YOUTH COMPETITIONS

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2021/2022 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

- 1) Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades 4 to 7 years of age. 4th February 2022
- 2) Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age. 4th February 2022

It is not too late to send the Nativity Painting especially to your Schools, Parish and Catechists. Just ensure to collect and judge them in time to meet the published deadline above.

Note: As with all the Supreme Directors Report in this Head Office Bulletin. Can I respectfully remind each Provincial and Council Officer that they are required to

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include a precis/summary of the HO Bulletin in their written Provincial and Council reports, in order to bring it to the attention of the Brothers when emailed in the Provincial and Council Newsletter and Minutes. At the very least he should read it out in the Council meeting.

My comments for January 2022 follows: See part of a message delivered by Our Holy Father Pope Francis when he was recently visited by a Catholic Youth Action Group.

Stay close to others

Dear friends, continued the Pope, "in the face of Jesus who makes himself our neighbour, let us also learn to make ourselves "next"; next to others: to family members, friends, peers, those in need". The Pope noted that we can always do something for others without waiting for others to do something for us. In this same way, continued the Pope, "we can always be missionaries of the Gospel, and be so everywhere". In order to do this, Pope Francis noted that we have to "take on the style of Jesus". To be his witness we must be closer to him, and we must not fear to do so.

Brothers, it feels like the Holy Father is also speaking to us and not just to his visiting Young People.

THINGS TO DO

- Can you ask your Primary/Secondary School, College or University Catholic Chaplaincy if you could come in and introduce the Knights of St Columba to them in 3-5mins?
- Can you ask the Parish Priest if you can speak about Youth at all your weekend Masses given 3-5mins at each one of your Parishes?
- Can you ask your Parish Priest if you can speak to the Holy Communion Children and Confirmation Young People given 3-5mins during their Programme about our commitment to Youth and Our Youth Programmes and the KSC?
- Can you organise a Funday in your Parish with refreshment for Youth and Young People?
- Can you organise a Spiritual Topical day with Benediction at the end with

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your Parish Priest or his Curate for Young People 16yrs-upwards with refreshments?

Some of the above can then be repeated twice a year or annually as permitted. Please give us a feedback for every event you manage. Also, remember safeguarding in all that you do with and around Young People.

Let us know of any help you need regarding promotion into your Schools, Parishes, and Church Groups? Let us know of any ideas that you have that will make all our work better please? I want to thank you all on behalf of the Youth and Young People Committee and myself.

THINGS TO COME.

The Year of St Joseph Youth Competition

KSC Young People Award

KSC Speech Writing and Reading Competition

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

Youth Seminar dates- TBC

The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well in Faith, Family and Fraternity. We wish you and your Families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

Michael Akinrele

Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

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See the following 2 competition and events with their attached Posters and forms.

Dear Worthy Regional Directors, PGK's, Provincial Youth Officers, WGK's and Council Youth Officers,

Can I ask you to consider sponsoring your own Young People and your Parish Young People to the Youth Conference by one of our trusted Partner Organisations? See zip folder attached.

SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE

SPUC are having our Youth Conference at the end of February. I remember when I spoke at your virtual event I said I would keep you posted on these kinds of events so you could encourage any young people you're working with to come along. It would be fantastic if you could advertise the conference within your youth platforms and it would be so good to have some of the young people you work with in attendance.

I base the conference on three pillars : Educate, Inspire and Empower. My goal is to educate young people around the UK on important pro-life issues through hearing informative talks from an array of expert speakers. We aim to inspire them through real-life testimonies and empower them to be active in the pro-life movement. It's also a fantastic environment to meet other likeminded young people and know that we are not alone in this fight for the unborn.

When : 25th-27th February 2022

Where : Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, Stone

Theme : Always be on the Right Side of Life

The conference is aimed at 16-35's - the under 18's will need parental consent and as long as the parents are ok with them hearing content relating to abortion. We have several staff DBS checked and all relevant safeguarding protocols in place.

Please feel free to advertise where you see fit. There's lots of content going onto the SPUC Facebook page so maybe you could share on the youth KSC page?

Here is the web link with more info on the programme :

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference2022>

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Online bookings can be made. The cost is £115 before the end of December and £135 thereafter. Sponsorship may be available upon request. I've attached a PDF booking form also and some info on how to type onto a PDF in case that is more useful. I'm also happy to have some physical booking forms posted to you if that would be helpful?

Let me know any thoughts and if you've any questions then please don't hesitate to ask.

In Life,

Louise

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THE COLUMBAN ANNUAL COMPETITION.

“No one is too small to make a difference, everyone can do something. If everyone does something, then huge differences can happen.”

Climate activist Greta Thunberg to Channel 4 News.

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (Year 9 to Year 13) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

21ST CENTURY CHANGEMAKERS

Who in the world today is doing something about inequality, injustice, exclusion and environmental degradation? What can they teach us? How can we draw on our own faith and personal experience to be changemakers?

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:
FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2022**

For more information on entry guidelines see:
www.columbancompetition.com
or email hello@columbancompetition.com

PRINT PRIZES
1ST £300
2ND £150 • 3RD £100

IMAGE PRIZES
1ST £300
2ND £150 • 3RD £100

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

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Media

Dear Brothers,

Dear Brothers, With the Festive Season upon us we turn our thoughts to those less fortunate this Season. The Media Committee wish all Brothers, Wives, Families, Widows, Chaplains and Clergy a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas.

COLUMBA MAGAZINE

You will by now have received both your Autumn 2021 and Winter 2021/2022 Editions of Columba Magazine. Yes they came in one posting. We held the Autumn Edition over to include Supreme Council 2021 and by the time it was ready to post we had almost completed the Winter 2021/22 Edition so made the decision to post both together (saving on postage and packaging). We hope that you have enjoyed both editions.

Any contribution articles for the Spring 2022 Edition must be with **columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk** by the 10th of February 2022 and no later. *Also please do not send articles to media@ksc.org.uk or to Brother Tom Knight direct (unless you have permission)* any more as these will now be returned and you will be requested to send them to the correct email address.

eCOLUMBA NEWSLETTER

eColumba Newsletter will be restarting in January 2022 with a new Editor. It will have a new look and feel to it. We know you will all enjoy the new look. Remember that we can advertise your events for you in eColumba so please do send them in.

NATIONAL WEBSITE

Getting ready!! We are rebuilding a brand-new website for 2022. This will take some time to complete so please bear with us as we get everything ready for the new look more interactive website with a clean and fresh new look.

When we launched the last website we calculated that it took 1500 hours to build what was produced. We will be looking at putting more hours into the next launch. We expect this to be completed, hopefully, for a launch in April 2022. Keep an eye on your Bulletins for updates on our progress. We will also be looking to keep those Brothers who have registered for the current website's details so that we can transfer these across to the new website. As such at some point, probably in February we will have to stop

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taking any new registrations. This will allow us time to transfer existing logins across to the new website. Any new registrations after this date will be held over to be added to the new website.

SOCIAL MEDIA

2021 proved to be such a great year for our Social Media content. The amount of “hits” we got on Social Media posts in 2021 was phenomenal. I hope and pray that the posts we will be putting out in 2022 will be just as well received. In 2022 we want a big push from Regions to have their own Facebook Pages set up as these will be beneficial to Brothers in your Region. If you don't have a Regional Facebook page, please email media@ksc.org.uk and we will set it up for you. We will also need to know who the main Admin for your pages will be.

Does your Council / Province have a Facebook page? Do you know who the Admin for your pages is? If you do please ask them to email media@ksc.org.uk so that we can all work together in 2022 to ensure that the message we are putting out are getting the attention they deserve and so that we can share posts from your Council / Province / Region around the Order nationally.

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETS

The Media Committee will meet in early January 2022. This will most likely be via Zoom to save on travel costs. If there is something you feel that we need to change or discuss please feel free to email us at media@ksc.org.uk.

Sincerely & Fraternally

Sean Smith,

Supreme Director Communications & Media

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