



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 2022**

**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 a very different month for April. With church's open for Easter for the first time in almost three years it was fantastic to see Brother's at the forefront of all the celebrations. We had pictures of Brothers handing out Holy Week posters, participating in walk of witness and helping our clergy wherever we could and where we were asked to help. Congratulations Brothers Knights in Action. I would like to thank all Brothers who donated to our Ukraine appeal last update on go fund me was £7347. We have also had a number of donations sent to head office.

It has also been great to see the installation of officers from Province's around the country, on social media we are getting lots of hits on Facebook so keep posting Brothers. I would like to congratulate all Brothers who have taken office in their Province or council for the coming year. I wish you all Gods blessings as you take up your posts and carry out the good work of our great Order.

I had the great honour and pleasure to have a meeting with our new Ecclesiastical Advisor Bishop Tom Neylon. I visited him at his home in Parbold with the new Pgc of Province 2 Brother Alf Swain for the meeting. Bishop Tom greeted us enthusiastically, we discussed the Order and its history. Bishop Tom has agreed to be a member of the Apostolates committee, Brother Stephen Ferris Director for Action and Social has already made contact with him.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the 11am Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool. Our past Ecclesiastical Advisor Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Priesthood. **All Brothers are encouraged to attend.**

We would like to once again congratulate and welcome Bishop Tom into our wonderful Order and wish him many happy years of service.

Spuc invited me to the unveiling of the Statue of St. Gianna Molla the patron Saint of unborn children on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of April at Carfin Grotto Motherwell. They also asked if I would do a Zoom recording for the fifth day of the Novena starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

May St. Columba protect you and keep you safe.

Henry Welsh  
Supreme Knight

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## Membership & Development

Dear Brothers,

I hope you are all keeping well and you and your families enjoyed a wonderful, holy Easter.

This is the best time of the year to recruit! Simple as that! Let's get out there, be visible lead by example. With this said, I'm surprised how many emails I get asking 'do you have any new publicity material you could send us?' Yes, is of course the answer. Order it now from Head Office and plan your recruitment drives. A recruitment drive doesn't have to be onerous, a simple lectern address by a Brother of the Council, or even better, the Parish Priest. A couple of Brothers at the back of the church handing out the aforementioned material and to answer any queries and the job is done. Hopefully it will bear fruit.

This is time of the year which I love, the season of 'Installation of Officers'! What a fantastic witness, even more so if they are held during the Mass. A public declaration of our own commitment to the Knights of St Columba, the Catholic Church and the communities in which we live. Publicise your own Provinces' ceremonies, invite along schools, other Parish groups and most importantly, arrange a social afterwards and make a day of it. A day to be together in fraternity and sharing our faith with each other and our families. Advertise in the parish newsletter and if you have it, on Facebook. Let's not hide away in our Chambers any longer, we are too good for that!



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# Membership & Development

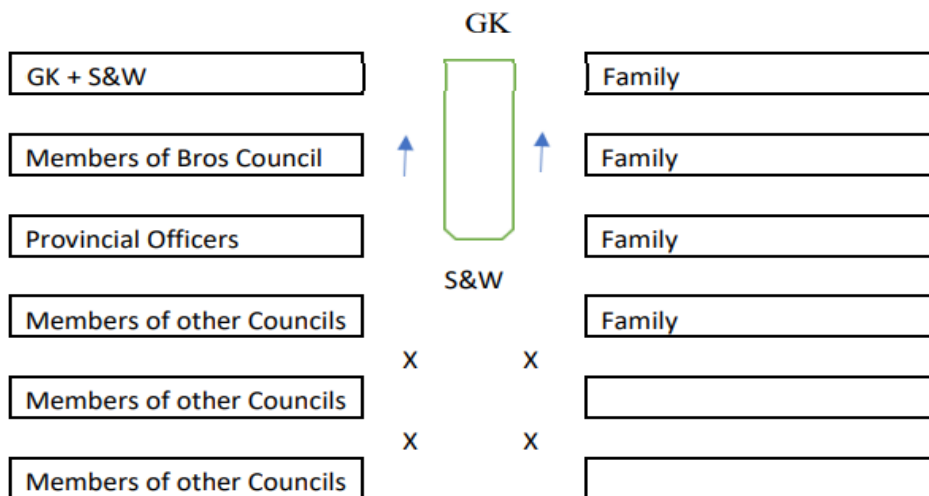
## Training

I have been asked by many Brothers to introduce a Training element to these newsletters. Each month will have a new module for you.

## Final Salute

\*I'm very grateful to my Brother Supreme Director, Sean Mulligan, for his hard work in updating this most important ceremony\*

The Farewell Ceremony. This Ceremony is done in complete Silence. The Grand Knight and Spirituality Officer, start the ceremony by coming to the head (the head is always furthest from the altar) of the coffin, with the Grand Knight to the right (facing the Altar). The Grand Knight and Welfare Officer walk forward, to just below the foot of the coffin, bow to the Altar in unison, turn and bow to the coffin. The Grand Knight will proceed to his position at the foot of the coffin, if room permits leaving approximately 2 foot from the foot of the coffin, facing the coffin, the Welfare Office will take up his position approximately 2 foot from the head of the coffin facing the Grand Knight. The Council Brothers will lead the ceremony, one Brother can act as steward and direct each bench out in turn. As the Council Brothers start the farewell the Provincial Officers and Directors will make their way to the back of the church, to prepare to join the Brothers, the last four Brothers will be the Provincial Welfare Officer and the SD for Welfare followed by the Provincial Grand Knight and the Supreme Knight if in attendance. Brothers will, in pairs stand at the head of the coffin, walk forward Bow to the altar turn bow to the coffin then proceed to the side aisle (they should be alert to the number of Brothers and ensure they go far enough up the side aisle to ensure there is room for the Brothers coming completing the ceremony).

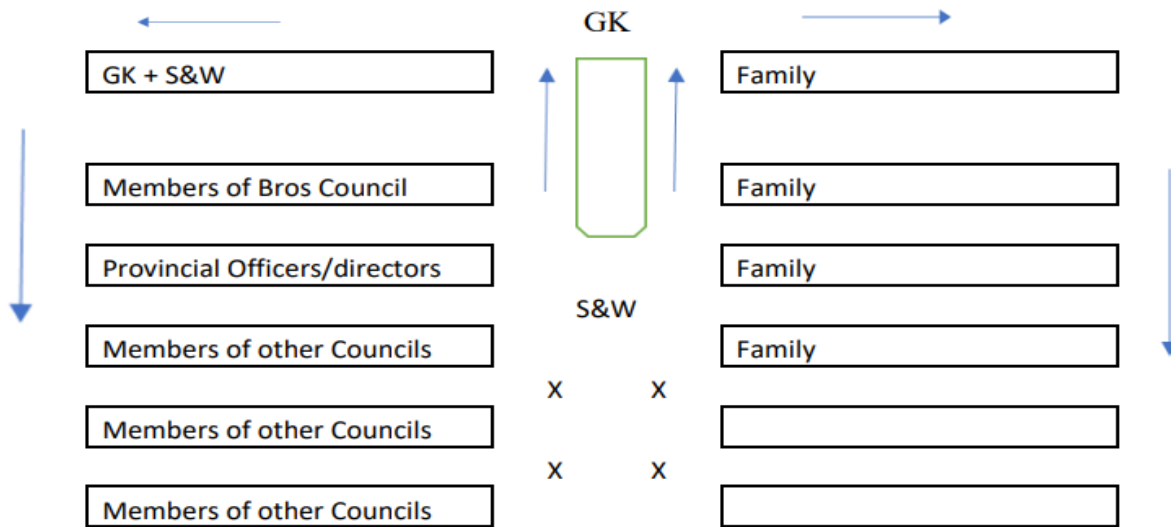


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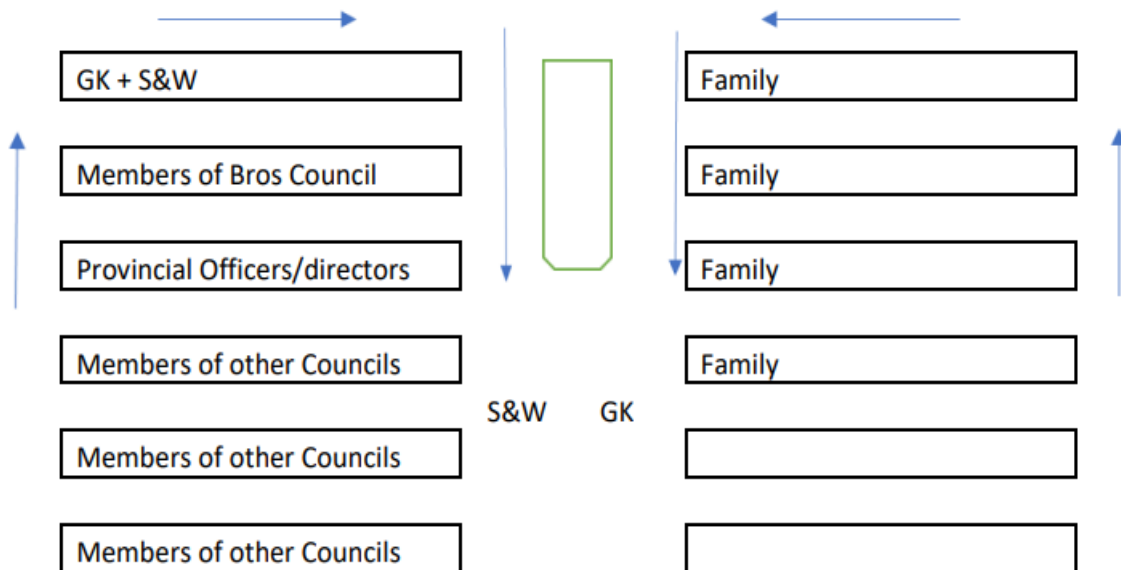


# Membership & Development

Proceed to the side aisle. Brothers who have made their way to the side aisle must continuously watch the procession and move up if needed to give more room and as the last of the Brothers have been through prepare to move off ensuring there are no large gaps.



From once all Brothers have paid their respects the Grand Knight walks back to the welfare Officer, and again move forward, bow to the Altar turn bow to the coffin and proceed out of the church.  
(Remember it is not a race, walk slowly in a dignified manor)



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## Membership & Development

**Please remain silent until you have left the church building.**

This is what we do and why we do it.....

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Please do let me know any thoughts, ideas, and suggestions  
Best of luck in your efforts to recruit and retain  
[membership@ksc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ksc.org.uk)

Fraternal wishes,  
**Danny Ó hEarchaí**  
**Supreme Director for Membership & Development**

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## Action & Social

I would like to welcome our new Ecclesiastical Advisor Bishop Thomas Neylon, Auxillary Bishop of Liverpool, to our Apostolates Committee. I very much look forward to working with him. We have a busy few months ahead of us and his input will be invaluable.

**Grand National Draw on 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Income £10.5K, less prizes (£3580) less costs (£375 Tickets & £40 Lottery Licence) = we made a **surplus of £6585**. Thank you to all that bought and sold tickets. Congratulations to the winners;

1st Prize £1000 - Jess Fern c/o John Fern (Alloa).

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £750 - Julius Williams (Dagenham).

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £500 - R Thompson (London).

4<sup>th</sup> Prize £250 - Callistus Muoneke (Aberdeen).

Plus 36 winners of £30 each.

**APRIL – Action Workshop 23rd April.** Thank you to all those that took part in the Action & Social Workshop. I had very positive feedback. We discussed many ideas, and agreed to start sharing training templates on how to run specific events.

**MAY: The Month of our Blessed Mother** - We will be having a Rosary each Monday in May at 7pm on zoom. Please join us. Here is a list of the planned contributors.

2nd May – Bishop John Keenan

9th May – WSK & DSK

16th May – Father Innocent

23rd May - Bishop Tom, Ecclesiastical Advisor

30th May – Council 223 Walsall

**JUNE - Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – 6th till 13th June to mark the feast of St Columba. Flying from Manchester airport @£619 each. If interested please contact Head Office there are spaces available.

**200 CLUB MAY DRAW** – The May winners are...

1. No. 25 Brian Henry

2. No. 95 Danny Ó hEarchaí

3. No. 16 Damian Dillon

4. No. 183 Council 223

Numbers still available, please see form below and send to Mairi at KSC Head Office.

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*SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS*

I wish to join the Knights of St Columba 200 Club. Please enter my name and address to the list of members. I understand that the Annual Membership fee is £24 per number. and payable until further notice.

Winners will be contacted by Head office and announced in the Monthly Bulletin

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

| Share Number(s) Required | Annual Fee | Total |
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## Action & Social

We currently have 124 shareholders. The aim of the scheme is to raise a regular income for the Apostolate Fund, which will be used for charitable projects, whilst creating a bit of fun and giving you a chance of winning your money back and more. Shares cost just £24 each and gets you entered into 12 draws. The winner gets £100, 2nd place is £50 and 3rd & 4th get £25 each.

**Charles Ferro Award** - We are looking for entries for the Charles Ferro award. If your council or Province have done something outstanding on Action this year please let us have the details ASAP.

**NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT** – We have 4 months left so please raise and send funds. The Trust fully funds The John Foster Memorial Home in Kamanur Village, Mangalamcombu in the Palani Hills in Southern India. They feed, clothe, educate and nurture 28 destitute boys. Funds are urgently needed. It costs about £10,000 per year to run the home. The new house which will be called “Columba House” and will cost approximately £45,000.00 to clear the site and rebuild. As Trustee Sheila Hargreaves says... “Our boys come from very rural hill villages, living in shacks constructed of bits of corrugated sheets and plastic, with a palm roof, or just sleeping under a banyan tree, where ‘barter’ is the usual way of life. They do not have experience of money. So, to help them they are each given 1 rupee a week spending money. They can do what they want with it. 1 rupee equates approximately to 1 penny and it will buy 3 wrapped sweets in the shop in Mangalamcombu village which remember is a twenty minute walk away. Some boys spend their rupee each week, some save it for a few weeks and buy a chocolate bar, others just save it and when they go back to their village, they take their treasure very proudly back to help their Dad, Grandma or Guardian.

A tube of smarties costs 60p, so if our boys saved their weekly rupee for a whole year, they still would not be able to buy a tube of smarties, they would need to save for another 8 weeks. Can you imagine waiting and saving for 14 months to buy a tube of smarties.

That is why we challenge you to buy a tube of smarties, enjoy the sweets and then fill the container with 20p pieces, £1 coins or a mixture of coins. If 2000 tubes were filled with 20p coins that would be £24,000 the basic shell of the new house could be built.

If filled with £1 coins it would be £54,000. The house could be completely finished and we could purchase the IT Equipment as well. At the moment we have one laptop for 28 boys to share”.

Brothers, at Supreme Council 2021 we presented a cheque for £10,000 to the Trustees of the project. But we need to have one last big push to bring in at least the extra £35,000 that is needed.

Brother Stephen Ferris

Supreme Director for Action and Social – [Apostolates@ksc.org.uk](mailto:Apostolates@ksc.org.uk)

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## Spirituality & Welfare

Dear Brothers can I first apologise for not writing a bulletin last month, I thank Brother Stephen Ferris for organising and running the Stations of the Cross throughout Lent.

With things starting to return to normality, and councils meeting once again after the pandemic, we should still be contacting all of our Brothers, Widows and clergy on a regular basis (minimum once a month) many councils have been fantastic in maintaining contact with people in their council and I thank them for it, Fraternity is what the Order is about and one of the reasons we join it.

### SW Forms:

**Can I ask that the forms used are the current forms only and written clearly to help stop delays and errors occurring. Thank you to those who have already completed this years forms.**

**SWC1:** Please return as soon as possible, ensuring that the form has 2022/23 in the top right corner.

**SW3:** (Notification of a death) Please complete the form within 48 hours of death occurring, the current form has revised 2021 in the bottom left-hand corner; Every Grand Knight and Welfare Officer should keep one in their folder. If you do not have one, please email me at [welfare@ksc.org.uk](mailto:welfare@ksc.org.uk) and I will send you one, electronically.

It saddens me when I read on a form “only just been told” with the date of death some 2 years previous, it makes it obvious that the council has not been making contact with them for some time.

**SW4:** (application for a grant) Please remember the fuller picture you give on the form, giving circumstances and why a grant is needed the quicker we can deal with it giving help as soon as possible. Having to get back to councils asking for more information only delays us giving the help needed.

**SW4a:** Application for special needs – this **must be accompanied by an SWC1** or the SWC1 must have been received by Head Office.

Please do not add Golden Jubilarians or those under 21 on the form as these are automatically paid from the benevolent fund.

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## Spirituality & Welfare

### Obituary March and April

| Date of Death | Brothers Name                   | Council | Province |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 05/02/2022    | Elvelio Azcona                  | 320     | 29       |
| 25/02/2022    | Maclaw Chika Ihegbu             | 982     | 30       |
| 05/02/2022    | Fred Willis                     | 572     | 29       |
| 27/02/2022    | Brian Cronin                    | 302     | 10       |
| 22/03/2022    | Deacon Michael Baldry           | 294     | 12       |
| 27/03/2022    | James White                     | 280     | 34       |
| 11/11/2021    | James Burne                     | 192     | 10       |
| 25/03/2022    | Deacon James MacFirbhisigh      | 216     | 39       |
| 28/03/2022    | Stanly Wright                   | 500     | 29       |
| 01/09/2020    | Peter Trodden                   | 327     | 12       |
| 25/03/2022    | Rev (Csdimhin) Ian MacFirbisher | 210     | 39       |
| 30/03/2022    | Paul Pennington                 | 422     | 30       |
| 07/04/2022    | William Fawcett                 | 344     | 18       |
| 08/04/2022    | Michael Clark                   | 223     | 18       |
| 12/04/2022    | Robert Cooper                   | 380     | 12       |
| 17/04/2022    | Nevil Fisher                    | 57      | 6        |
| 25/04/2022    | Ray Baldacchino                 | 232     | 14       |
| 20/04/2022    | William Towson                  | 74      | 6        |

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

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## Spirituality & Welfare

### **Living Rosary:**

The living Rosary was sent to me by Brother Lesley Crapp and is working in his council in Jersey – he wanted to share it so other Councils/Provinces can join the prayer, by organising their Brothers to say the Rosary.

The Living Rosary can be done by all Brothers, and will help those who are less active, house bound and even bed bound to join and feel included, even families can get involved.

### HOW TO PRAY THE KSC LIVNG ROSARY

Each person will join a group and a specific decade and mystery of the Rosary will be assigned to them which they will pray for a calendar month and on the 1st day of the next month they will pray the following decade of the Rosary. You do not have to meet anyone, you can pray individually at any time of the day or night entirely at your own convenience. A complete living rosary is said every day by a group of 20 people, and each member will complete one of their Rosaries each day in their 20th month. In this booklet you will find all the prayers, Mysteries and decades referred to.

When you pray your allocated decade, you start by announcing the decade and reading the short passage assigned to it. Then pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary 10 times, the Glory be to the Father, and the Fatima prayer.

When you are assigned The Annunciation, you will have to say the opening prayers of the Rosary as well: Make the sign of the Cross, The Apostles Creed, the Our Father, 3 Hail Marys (for the increase in Faith, Hope, and Love respectively), and the Glory be to the Father. Then pray the Intention, announce the Mystery and the decade allocated to you, (Joyful and The Annunciation) and continue as above.

When you are assigned the first decade of one of the other Mysteries you will only have to announce the Mystery before your allocated decade.

When you are allocated The Coronation you will have to say the closing prayers: the Hail Holy Queen, the prayer: O God, whose only begotten Son..., and the Prayer to St. Michael.

If you forget to pray your decade one day, please pray it twice the next to complete the Rosaries.

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The leader of a Group will allocate the decades, but need not wait until there are 20 people in the group but start straight away regardless of the number. In such cases the leader will have to allocate the additional closing prayers to the person saying the last decade of the incomplete full Rosary each month.

The leader will liaise with the K S C Provincial or Council Chaplain who will designate the intention to be prayed for and this should be reviewed every three months.

**May Rosary on line**, again my thanks to Brother Stephen Ferris for organising this for us, please look out for the link that will be sent out, and join us in consecrating our Order to our Blessed Mother. Also remember that we read the prayer consecrating our Order to our Blessed Mother in May during our meetings.

### **State Benefits:**

Universal Credit is paid monthly by the government, or twice a month for some in Scotland.

Universal credit replaces these six benefits:

- **Income support.** This is paid to people who are not expected to look for work – for example, carers or lone parents with children under the age of five.
- **Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA).** You can get this if you're looking for work and your household is on a low income. It's paid for as long as you show you are trying to find a job. (Note that this is a separate benefit to contribution-based or "new style" jobseeker's allowance.)
- **Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA).** This is paid if you are sick/disabled, your household is on a low income and you are unable to work, or have limited capacity to work. You will need to pass a 'capability for work' assessment.
- **Housing benefit.** Housing benefit is help for those on a low income who struggle to pay their rent and can't be used to help with mortgage costs.

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- **Child tax credit.** This is paid to anyone with children aged 16 or under (under 20 if in education or training) and anyone, whether working or not, can apply.
- **Working tax credit.** This is paid to anyone with children aged 16 or under (under 20 if in education or training) and anyone, whether working or not, can apply.

Information taken from money saving expert website

I have found from working at the foodbank Universal Credit (UC) is littered with problems, one of the main one being delays in benefits, UC being stopped because of change in circumstances like taking a days work or even hospitalisation or someone not actively looking for work every day, causing massive problems, that can take months to sort out

Welfare Officers have over a number of years been asked to get themselves on the DHSS mailing list, so they can keep themselves up to date with the latest benefits, putting them in a better position to help and advise Brothers, they should also have contact numbers for the local Universal Credit Support team, Citizens advice, Turn2us and Help the Aged who have people trained to help people to find the benefits they need.

**Inflation** is running high, with the cost of living rising far quicker than wages or pensions.

The government recently announced that households in council tax bands A to D will receive £150 towards paying rising energy costs, the council tax payer on 1<sup>st</sup> April is eligible to receive the rebate. Can I ask Welfare Officers that is they have not had any notification from their local government Council they should contact them and make enquiries about it.

### **Debt Help and Advice:**

**CAP: Christians Against Poverty.** This is a charity organisation that can help those who are struggling financially with debt or to make ends meet.

A statement from CAP explains their vision better than I can.

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Debt and poverty drain hope from people's lives, and we're not okay with that. Since CAP first began, tens of thousands of people have been helped through our free, community-based services, but there is much more to be done.

We're committed to providing practical help and holistic support through local churches, and proclaiming the Gospel every step of the way.

Website [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

or

Free phone 0800 3280 006

When someone contacts CAP they assign a case worker to them, so they will get one to one help and advice, they operate throughout the mainland UK (Unfortunately they do not extend to Jersey at this time)

What am I asking your Council or Province to do?

Print this short piece in your council or Provincial newsletter or minutes to ensure all Brothers have the number. Help the Brother make contact if asked to do so.

Put it in your council and provincial minutes ensuring that a description of what it is and how to make contact with Cap.

Brothers may not want to tell anyone they are having debt problems or are finding it hard to manage their money, by ensuring all those related to our Order have their contact details this way they can contact CAP privately.

Sean Mulligan

Welfare & Spirituality

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## Youth & Young People

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL & COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

**Our Youth are our Today and our tomorrow; as such, we must nurture them along their faith journey.**

Brothers, we are looking forward very much to receiving the Easter Painting Competition entries for our Various Provinces. With 12 out of our 24 Provinces taking part in the Nativity Competition, my hope is that even more Provinces will get on board and give their Young People an opportunity either via the Schools or the Parish and Parish Groups. **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](mailto:headoffice@ksc.org.uk) and [youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Virtual Zoom Youth and Young People Officers Workshop/Training day. Saturday May 2022 - Start time 09.30am (DATE IN MAY TO CONFIRM)**

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.
- 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.

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## Youth & Young People

See you there Brothers.

Expect the Zoom code SOON PLEASE. On receipt please put this date and time in your diary and promote to Council Brothers.

### Re: KSC Youth Competitions

#### **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2022 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND**

**Nativity Painting and Photography Competition** age group Winners Certificates, Winners Cheques, Participation Certificates were all sent out to the WPGK's and Provincial Officers. Age Group Winners own engraved personal Trophies were all sent out and receipt confirmed. Please present these as soon as possible and celebrate these young talented young people at their Schools and then celebrate them again at their Local Parish by asking the Parish Priest to call them out or ask him to make the Presentation to our Young People. A fantastic opportunity for the Council to gain visibility for recruitment and also to promote the Youth Competitions.

### Reminders

**\*\*Submission Date of the 3 age group Easter Scene Painting Competition is Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022\*\***

- 1) Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age.
- 2) Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age.
- 3) Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age.

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.

- 1) Prayer Composition: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age. 27th May 2022\*
- 2) Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. 27th May 2022\*
- 3) Prayer Composition: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age. 27th May 2022\*
- 4) Essay Writing: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. 27th May 2022\*
- 5) Essay Writing: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age. 27th May 2022\*

**\*Note Head Office Submission dates above please.**

**Prayer and Essay themes are different from 2020/2021. So, use the 2021/2022 rules sheet please that were sent out.**

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## Youth & Young People

**NB:** Please ensure you plan 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.

### **Reminder:-**

It is not too late to still promote these competition. Poster and Rule Sheets are available on request from Head Office or directly from me. Your Council Adjudication dates will already be set, as will your Provincial Adjudication dates. Do not send more winners than stated in the National Information Sheets and above please.

**The 2022 Catholic Young Writer Award is open to all Roman Catholics in Britain aged 11yrs-16yrs and all pupils in School years 8-12 at UK RC secondary schools.**

**NOTE THE STRICT STIPULATION ON THE COMPETITION DETAIL SHEET FROM THE CUCT RE: Collect all the entries together and, after checking that each entry has the full name, including SURNAME, plus date of birth, of the writer, and the FULL NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS of the School the Young Person attends. (Even if it is not a Catholic School)**

### ***send them to:***

2022 Catholic Young Writer Award  
Catholic Union Charitable Trust  
St Maximilian Kolbe House  
63 Jeddo Road London W12 9EE

**Please request the Rules Sheets from me or from Head Office.**

**Deadline: May 30th 2022**

### **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 (e.g. **Laudato Si, Catholic Social Teaching. 2 examples only**) day with Benediction at the end with your Parish Priest or his Curate for Young People 16yrs-upwards with refreshments?

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## Youth & Young People

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.**

- **Have you thought about inviting your Overall Winners and their Parents to your Council OR Provincial Dinner Dance? Just imagine what that will do for the image of our Order. I know of one Province that is doing this? Anymore? Let us know and lets promote this when it happens.**

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.

KSC Young People Award

KSC Speech Writing and Reading Competition

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar-Officers and Council Brothers – Next event TBC for May 2022.

Youth and Young People Seminar Virtual dates- TBC

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEMINAR 2022 – HINSLEY HALL, LEEDS

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 and passed as part of Supreme Report. Deposit has been made to Hinsley Hall. Poster to come out soonest. 2022-Theme: Being Your Brother's Keeper?**

We expect to accommodate twenty-five young people plus speakers and organisers over the period midday to midday **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. We will also be visiting the Mercy Bus Tour with the Young People when it arrives in Leeds**. We will also make available again the testimony of those who have attended previous Seminars. We need to continue to improve the culture of promotion by using every promotional means e.g. Social Media, Facebook, KSC Website and material supplied direct to the WPGK's, Prov. Youth Officers, WGK's and Council Youth Officers and not just as an attachment alone to the Head Office Bulletin. Then follow up will need to be made via Head Office reminders and via one-on-one contact of Provincial Grand Knights, Prov.Youth Officers, Grand Knights and Council Youth Officers by the Youth Committee Members in the various part of the Country. We pray and hope that our new normality will give our Young People, PPs and Parents confidence to allow our Young people to attend.

**Note: Council 977 Gravesend PP and Chaplain is already committed to sponsoring 2 Young People. NOTE. SPEAK TO YOUR PP or Get ready to sponsor Young People from your Secondary School or your Local Parishes and most importantly send your Own Knights Children. 2019's Seminar had 6 of our own Knights Young People and a Young Knight from Province 39 Jersey. Get their names into Head Office now and don't wait for the forms and Posters.**

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**Brecbannoch Pilgrimage**-We should all do our best to help to promote this in our Regions and Provinces. It is ideal for our Youth and Young People. All are welcome to join the inaugural Brecbannoch Pilgrimage from 11-13 June 2022. The Brecbannoch is a 50-mile pilgrimage undertaken on foot from Oban to Iona, with the special purpose of praying for the renewal of the faith in Scotland. Along the way, we will carry the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret, invoking their protection over the Church in these isles. Since his death in 574 AD, pilgrims have flocked to Iona to ask for St Columba's Intercession. Clergy, Kings, and Laity alike undertook arduous journeys to take their petitions to the Holy Abbot's relics. Our mission is to make pilgrimage there, invoking the intercession of Scotland's three patrons, St Andrew, St Margaret and St Columba, to pray for a renewal of the faith in our nation. Sign up before places run out at: [www.brecbannoch.org/sign-up](http://www.brecbannoch.org/sign-up)

**CSN**-We are still waiting for this to take off, no doubt this will happen very soon. Even in England and Wales I strongly believe that we still need to get the University Chaplaincy's on side with the help of the Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales being approached with this express purpose. One Provincial Action and Youth Officer has made contact with a University Chaplaincy of a group of University's.

**March for Life** – 3<sup>RD</sup> September 2022, Mass: 11am St George's Cathedral Southwark, The Emmanuel Centre Marsham St, SW1P 3DW 10.30am - 1.30pm  
The March From The Emmanuel Centre - Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm  
Many a Young Person attends this event and we should do possible to promote this on our Youth Social Media pages and within our Schools and Parishes.

### **Maisy Milk Rosary for Peace Initiative - 2022**

**Can we invite you to click on the link below and join the Maisy Milk Rosary for Peace Initiative 2022.**

1. 100 Rosary's for new Schools registering to do this for the first time.
2. Returning Schools will receive a Class Set.

**A FUN, EDUCATIONAL AND PRAYERFUL TOOL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO USE TOGETHER.**

<https://acnuk.org/resource/maisy-milk-rosary-for-peace/>

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### Million Minutes

Nominations are now open for the Celebrating Young People Awards!

Do you know a young person who has been inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and led change in their community? Or an adult who has been a role model for the young people they lead?

We have six awards for young people aged 11-25 and two awards for adults empowering young people in their community.

Read more about each award and find the nomination form at <https://buff.ly/38qQSBm>

### When do nominations close?

Nominations close in mid-May, to allow enough time for our judging panels to meet and consider each application.

**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 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 May 2022 follows:** 3 of our competitions close this month, Easter Painting, Prayer and the Essay. Please ensure that you forward the winners as directed in the Rules sheets. Wishing each Young Person, The Councils and each Province the very best. The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

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

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## Media

Dear Brothers,  
Columba Magazine

**Articles for the Summer 2022 Edition must be with us by 2nd May 2022. All articles MUST BE SENT TO [columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk](mailto:columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk) email address. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ARTICLES TO HEAD OFFICE OR [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk)**

If you want to change your mind on how we deliver Columba Magazine to you (i.e., from paper to electronic copy or vice versa) please let us know by 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in time for your Summer 2022 Edition to be delivered on time. **Any such requests must be emailed to [headoffice@ksc.org.uk](mailto:headoffice@ksc.org.uk)**

### **KSC Email System**

We are already setting up the email addresses and are waiting for Provincial Officers from **all Provinces** to get in contact to get set up. We are also now adding Council Grand Knights to the system. If you are a Provincial Officer or Council Grand Knight you will need to contact Brother Sean Smith on 07786 003737 to get yourself set up (this phone number **must not be sent to anyone who is not an Officer in the Order**). Get in contact as soon as you can.

**Remember: After June 2022 the Order will not be emailing any personal email addresses. We will be sending all correspondence to your @ksc.org.uk email address!! Get your email address today. This has been extended to allow more time for Provincial Grand Knights, Provincial Officers and Council Grand Knights to get in contact.**

### **Is it secure?**

This is the question we are sometimes asked. If you are unsure then the following will explain and allay any fears you have:

***Our Office365 system has been set up with anti-phishing, anti-malware, and anti-virus protections in place (as much as we can).***

***Whilst we can provide some security, we cannot guarantee that the system is 100% secure, like any system worldwide.***

***Where possible phishing emails and malware emails are tracked by the system and, where possible quarantined by the system and not delivered to inboxes.***

***With regards to personal attacks, this is out of our purview as an organisation. Nothing is 100% guaranteed in life, and in computers .***

***If a user receives a spam email, then this is automatically put into their "junk email" folder. It is left entirely to the user to protect their own computers. We cannot do that for them. All we can do is advise all users that they protect themselves.***

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*I have worked in computer systems for over 30 years and as such I have seen major improvements in security of computer systems.*

*Are we totally safe from attack? No - no-one ever is.*

*Do we have protections in place? - Yes, as much as we can including anti-phishing, anti-malware, anti-spyware, and encryption.*

*Does nothing get through? No - hackers have always been one step ahead of the game, however attacks are few and far between in getting through. Personal protection is for the end-user to organise themselves by installing a good anti-virus software. This in theory provides an extra layer of security.*

*As we have built the system using only @ksc.org.uk email addresses then personal information on the system is kept to a minimum, unless users decide to include personal details when they use the email system. Again, that is a personal choice.*

*I have looked at, and do on a regular basis, the reports that I receive from Microsoft about our email system, and I can confirm that in the last 6 weeks we have had only 1 email sent to the quarantine, no phishing emails, no emails that contain any recognised malware contained in emails.*

*I hope that this has answers any such queries. However, if Brothers have any further questions, please feel free to ask them, contact me directly by email and I will answer those queries.*

### **KSC Website 2022 Version**

There will be a new, more interactive version of the KSC Website which will be launched in Autumn (if not sooner). Please keep an eye out for more news on this in subsequent Bulletins.

**In the meantime, if you have any photographs of Knights in your Council or Province and you want it featured on the new Website, please feel free to email them to me [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) and title the email "Photos for the new Website".**

### **Room for Improvement**

If you have the IT skills and feel that you would benefit our Committee please do get in touch. We can always welcome Brothers with skills to help us. Please email [media@skc.org.uk](mailto:media@skc.org.uk) and come along and assist us in our great work.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

**Sean Smith**, Supreme Director for Media

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