



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**NOVEMBER 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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## Supreme Knights Bulletin November 2022

Dear Brothers, I would like to thank you all for electing me as your Supreme Knight for a second term. I promise I will do the best I can for the good of the Order. There was so much that we did last year I felt it was fantastic and Trish and I enjoyed meeting everyone wherever we went. The fraternity shown to us was truly appreciated, and we look forward to more of the same.

Our diary is already full for the next two months from the 100th Anniversary of Middlesbrough, Southern Provinces Elevation at Aylesford, Deceased Brothers Mass at Westminster and lots more. Please check the diary on the website.

It was with sorrow we learned of the death of The Right Reverend Bishop Howard Tripp on the 5th of October. Bishop Tripp served the Order as Ecclesiastical Advisor in the 90's. We thank him for his service. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend his funeral, but my Deputy Brother Danny will be representing me. May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace. Amen.

I have been very busy over the last two months visiting Carfin Grotto for the Knights of St. Columba National Pilgrimage where we saw the relics of St Columba St Andrew and St Margaret in the Brechbannoch reliquary (pictured below).



Before that I attended the National Shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham where we joined up with the Brothers from the Knights of Columbus who were there to thank us for our donation of £20,000, which they match funded to make our total donation £40,000. Well done, Brothers (see photograph on next page).

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We then moved on to Jersey for our 99th Supreme Council. Well done Jersey, a brilliant Supreme Council! I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the organisation of the event. We look forward to Edinburgh next year - 20th to the 22nd of October 2023.

We were of on our travels again a day after coming home from Jersey and attended the Knights of Columbanus's SAM Meeting held in Monaghan in Ireland. I found that their Council was almost a mirror image of ours; they have the same trials and tribulations as us. Some of their ideas are excellent and I am sure that Brothers Michael and Danny will transfer them to our Order. I would like to thank them for their most generous hospitality.

I attended the Centenary Dinner of Council 29 Middlesbrough on the 21st of October joining the Grand Knight Brother Andrew Burns and PGK Brother Roland Coneley and also Bishop Terry Draine. We had a great evening with lots of pictures of the work that they have carried out over the 100 years that they have been in existence.

On Saturday I attended Mass at St Mary's Cathedral where 7 Priests plus Bishop Terry concelebrated their Centenary Mass. It was exceptional and to hear Bishop Terry talk about the Order was marvellous and the way he talked about his father who was a Member of our Order was a joy to behold. Over the years all I heard about Province 4 was that they were all grumpy old men let me tell you that is certainly not the case. I keep saying the hospitality and fraternity within this Order is second to none. Thank you, Council 29.

I left Middleburgh and made my way to Aylesford and joined with our Brothers from Province 12 Southwark for a Full Knighthood Ceremony. I stayed overnight at the priory, a very refreshing experience.



The Knighthood ceremony went very well. We raised 7 Brothers to full Knighthood in a wonderful ceremony. Congratulations go to Brothers Tom Breen and Paddy Boyle for the organisation; it was a great day. Special thank you to the choirmaster Brother Ejiro Ughwujabo for the solemn rendition of the hymns.

Again, the fraternity and hospitality were incredible. It is only as you go around the country that you realize that the Order is the exact same in every Council, Province, and Region and are carrying out the same work wherever we are within the UK.

I thank you all for all the work that you do and if we keep doing what we are doing then I am certain we will be around as an Order for a long time.

We now go forward and look forward to all the work we have to carry out over the next twelve months.

May St. Columba protect you and keep you safe.

**Henry Welsh**

**Supreme Knight.**

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## **FINANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE**

### **KSC COUNCIL 110 RESPONSE TO SUPREME COUNCIL PAPERS 2022 WITH ADDITIONAL REFERENCES TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH SUPREME KNIGHT AND DIRECTORS**

KSC Council 110 discussed the Supreme Council 2022 papers (helpfully provided by Bro Stephen McMillan Regional Director Area 3) at its meeting on Monday 12 September. The following notes have been produced following those discussions and incorporate some issues/questions which were not considered during the Supreme Knight's meeting at KSC 110 Club on 27 July 2022.

These notes and questions follow, where possible, the format of the Supreme Council papers and also are produced in line with the deadline for comments offered in the Audit Finance and Governance report (page 33) and submitted via the Regional Director.

#### **General**

There are presentational errors which have caused some confusion viz:

- the pack received comprises 174 pages; the agenda refers to 211;
- the membership report (page 75) indicates a membership of 2791; the CBF report (page 41) states more than 4000;
- the agenda 11.1 refers to Audit.....report of 19/20;
- we have assumed that items below Total Income on page 36 relate to Expenditure for the same period.

#### **Audit, Finance and Governance Report**

There is no audit; the Chartered Accountants confirm that they have not carried out an audit of (presumably) the Central Account (CA) and there is an Independent Examination of the Central Benevolent (sic) Fund (CBF).

Unlike previous years and normal practice there are no notes to the CA accounts covering eg accounting policies, property and fixtures and, particularly, the loan from CBF to Central Account and usually described as an integral part of the accounts.

There is no indication that the agreed 3% interest rate on the CBF loan has been charged nor is there any clarity if the "underpayments" from previous years (when the 3% was not paid) would be caught up.

For the CA, "Other income" is given as £21602 (almost 11.5% of the total income) but there are no explanatory notes.



More detail is given on the CBF investments portfolio, which is a good development, albeit at a different date to the accounts.

What is the current situation with VAT registration? Has the Order's status been changed? If so with what result?

Has the issue with stock undervaluation now been fully resolved? Are systems in place to ensure no repetition?

Have the bank accounts been rationalised?

### **Special Committee**

There is still concern that the new arrangements have introduced another layer of management at a time when membership is now below 3,000.

Directors

It would be helpful if there was a requirement for the Director to share material relating to the governance and management of the Order and consult with Councils on the content to demonstrate accountability to the membership.

Provincial Grand Knights

Purpose/Role 7 states that PGK may speak and vote independently of the Board (presumably of Directors). This implies that Directors may not. Does this not cut across the Director's role in being the link between Councils and the BoD?

### **Membership**

There are gaps in the report which, presumably, will be supplied in advance of the Supreme Council.



## **Media**

The design of the website is a significant improvement.

We support the inclusion in the Members' Area, copies of the latest Handbooks, BoD meeting papers and minutes, Supreme Council papers and minutes.

## **Email system**

We are not convinced about the enforced @ksc.org.uk email system. GK Council 110 has not received any electronic communication despite notifying Head Office repeatedly of his (non-KSC) email address. We agree that the rationale/process has not been well publicised, explained or suggested benefits made clear.

## **Columba Magazine**

We believe that the publication dates should be publicised at the start of each year with deadlines for contributions and adhered to – to prevent significant gaps in publication.

## **Social media**

We agree that social media is useful for Councils when used sensibly but are unhappy with the somewhat draconian threat to close down Council run pages. Is the Order really saying that it wants control of information on local social or spiritual events which are often used to promote the Order and its activities beyond the membership (closed group)? Do you envision a similar approach where Councils use eg Parish websites to promote?

## **Governance**

What is the rationale for looking to establish a company limited by guarantee? What are the likely benefits and costs eg meeting company law reporting requirements?

Have the rules of CBF been changed to permit the loaning of money to CA?

**KSC Council 110 Burnley  
September 2022**

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## Supreme Council 2022 Finance & Governance Questions

We have received 8 Questions on the Accounts and 2 Questions on Governance.

### **Question 1; No Audit.**

The law in Scotland to us does not require an Audit on the Central Account. To do an Audit the cost to the Order would be approx. £10K. There is an Independent Examiners report on the CBF as required by OSCR(Scottish Charities Commission)

### **Question 2. Notes, accounting policies are on Pages 46-47 also on CBF.**

Page 36-37 state the value of Head Office. I again, as I stated last year one needs to read carefully about the Loan from CBF to CA. Its there on Page 37 Current Liabilities.

**Question 3;** Yes, we have correctly applied 3% interest to the debt from CBF to CA. Last year we only applied 1% due to the unknown effect of the Pandemic on the Orders Finances. The Board are conscious of the current “Living Expenses” and financial difficulties in the UK. We believe that we may need extra funds to help our brothers & families.

**Question 4. Central Account** – Other Income of £21,602. This was the final part of the Insurance claim on the flood in HO.

**Question 5.** Seems a statement instead of a question but the different date that is expressed is only the date that the accounts were finalised by the Accountants, SK and myself –June 2022.

**Question 6.** Current situation on VAT; The Order is no longer VAT registered. We have gained a small amount by doing so, it will become more apparent in the following years accounts.

**Question 7. Stock Revaluation.** Yes, Head Office Staff overseen by SK, myself have done a thorough in-depth Stock Check. There are controls in place.

**Question 8. Bank Accounts.** We are operating with the minimum of Bank accounts, these may change if question 10 goes ahead.

### **Governance**

**Question 9. Rules of CBF changed re loans to Orders CA?** No changes have been made. If the Sub Committee being formed re CBF this will be added.

**Question 10; Company Limited by guarantee.** I will ask the Supreme Knight to bring us all up to date on this query. —We hope to be in a position to inform the Order later this year and to bring notice to SC 2023.

**Bertie M Grogan KSG IPSK.  
Audit, Finance and Governance.**

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## Membership & Development

Dear Brothers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank the Supreme Councillors who placed their trust in me for another year. Thank you all. It's a very humbling experience being re-elected, it really is.

Can I congratulate Province 18 (Birmingham) on winning the Surrey Shield for Membership & Development. Well done to the PGK James Northey, his Officers and Brothers.

So now we get back to business. I've been in touch the National Membership Committee and we're making plans to get going on another crack at national events. As your PGK would have mentioned, we are only 70 new men from being 'in the black' figure wise. What a difference that is from the -900 odd over the previous 18 months. We are in touching distance to being in positive figures after so long being 'in the red'. This is an ideal time to begin planning your winter recruitment drives as we aren't a million miles from Advent and Christmas where, please God, our Churches will once again be at full capacity. Order your publicity material now from Head Office and best of luck with them.

I receive many emails from our website from interested gentlemen wanting to know more about the Knights of St Columba. Once I've passed it on to the relevant areas, you'd be surprised that I often get chased again by the gent enquiring as to why no one has gotten in touch. We need to look at our communication if this is to happen as for a recruiter, this is dream that someone is chasing us! So, with this in mind, I warmly invite all Provincial and Council Membership Officers (PGK's and GK's too if they wish) to write me an email stating you are 'online' and ready to take the email if someone contacts us. Please at your earliest convenience contact me on [membership@ksc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ksc.org.uk) and we can establish a strong and positive working relationship. We've worked so hard to get this far, lets push just that little bit harder and get us over the line! I look forward to hearing from you.

Let's have some feedback too. I don't know all the answers, that's for sure! Let us tailor recruitment drives in certain areas to suit the demographic of that area. What works for a particular Province won't necessarily work in another so there is no magic formula. Again, it's about communication and working in unity and fraternity. I'd be happy to work with you on your ideas and see them through with you, always delighted to.

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We have mentioned before the Catholic Student Network. Now with Supreme Council over I can offer more time to this venture. I'll be working very closely with my Brother Supreme Directors for Youth and Action, but we can't do it all. We need you all too, in the Regions and Provinces to make personal contact with your universities, we can't do it all from a distance. We'll be announcing shortly 5 universities which we'll focus on and ones we feel will give us the best chance to launch a new University Cell in. Small steps initially and concentrated efforts and see where that takes us, but we need your help too, Brothers.

Again, all we can do is our best and my committee and I are always on hand to lend a hand if you need it. Perfectly scattered across the country! If anyone in Province 37 is willing also to join this committee, we can have a look at the Welsh Provinces and see how to grow and prosper there too. Please do contact me.

**The 2022/2023 National Membership Committee:**

**Brian Beaton – PGK Province 3 (Edinburgh)**

**Andrew Burns - IPPGK Province 10 (Brentwood)**

**Roger Khan - IPPGK Province 11 (Westminster Central)**

**James Murphy - DPGK Province 9 (Nottingham)**

**Jason Aldiss – Prov Membership Officer Province 5 (Leeds)**

**David Havard – Prov Action Officer Province 12 (Southwark)**

**John Hurley – Province 20 (South & West Wales)**

Thank you, Brothers, for your help this coming year, guiding and advising me as we look for these 70 men!

Best of luck in your efforts to recruit and retain.

**Danny Ó hEarchaí -**

**Supreme Director for Membership & Development**

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## Action & Social

Congratulations to Jersey Council for arranging and hosting a wonderful Supreme Council. Many congratulations to Ryhl Council 299 for winning the Charles Ferro Trophy, this was well deserved.

Despite being re-elected, I have taken the decision to resign from the Board, so this is my last report. I hope you will support the new director, because there is much to do in the year ahead as we launch a number of NEW initiatives.

**NEW - Derry Pilgrimage** – We are arranging a national pilgrimage for the last week in May 2023. Flying out of Manchester & Edinburgh 25th May and flying back from Knock on 29th May. The cost including travel and accommodation is £675-00 each. Full details will be circulated shortly.

**NEW - National Action bid** – Rather than just complete an action survey, next year we are launching a National Action bid to find the Council of the year. To do this we propose that there is a 500-1000 word bid to include up to 5 photographs. This will be about an action project you are undertaking/planning. It's a chance to win a trophy and a cash prize to support that project (initial thought is £2000 tbc). The shortlisted best bids will be advertised in the Columba magazine and the national website.

**NEW - Virtual Advent calendar** – Starting on the first day of Advent 27th November we are looking to run a campaign based on Catholic Social Teaching. We intend to ask agencies, charities or organisations to deliver a short appeal, prayer and/or video on the importance of their mission. We want to reach out to any relevant organisations which may be interested ie NCLA, Cafod, Aid to the Church in need, Catholic Chaplain to prisoners, etc.

**NEW - National quiz-day** – After a lull of several years we will be re-launching the previously very popular a National Quiz-day. Dates and locations to be confirmed.

**NEW - National Golf-day** - After a long hiatus due to covid we plan to bring back the annual Golf-day (possibly June/July - dates tbc).

**NEW - National Action Project** - We have now launched the new National Action Project 'let the Children live'. The children of Columbia made a video for us and copies have been circulated. We have also distributed 200 leaflets to each PGK so please ask yours for copies. On it you will see that we have set up a GoFundMe page and QR code.

**National Pilgrimages** – It is intended that by the end November we circulate a list of dates for all known Knights Pilgrimages across the UK in 2023. This will be advertised in the Columba magazine and eColumba. Please email head office asap with a date list of Pilgrimages for 2023 in your area.

**National Action Workshop** – aimed at new (and old) Action officers is planned for Saturday 15th April 9am-noon (tbc). Please support this, it is your chance to discuss ideas and share best practice.

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**Previous National Action Project** - At Supreme Council I was pleased to announce the grand total raised for the John Foster Memorial home in India was £23,500. Given the restraints due to covid, this was a fantastic sum and it was very much appreciated by the charity.

**55th Anniversary of the Abortion Act** – The 27th October 2022 marked exactly 55 years since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967 and to which nearly 10,000,000 lives were lost. From Between 27th October 2022 and 27th April 2023 (the latter date being the anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect) SPUC supporters, Churches and pro-lifers will rededicate themselves to prayer for respect for life in commemoration of the millions of lives lost. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed with the KSC & SPUC logos on them and sent out across the UK. We will be holding a Rosary every month for the next 6 months on 24th November, 22nd December, 19th January 2023, 16th February 2023, and finally 16th March 2023. Also hoping to hold a 40hr Adoration at the end of March 2023 to finish off the 6-month appeal.

**Relics of St Bernadette** – Thank you to Knights that supported and worked on the UK relic tour.

**Grand National Draw** – Tickets will be sent out shortly. Last year we had 3 boxfuls unsold, so please make an extra effort to sell more this time.

**Christmas Poster** – The Christmas poster campaign is being run from Burnley, not head office please address your orders accordingly. There are some “keep Christ in Christmas” stickers left in head office; they are going to be free just pay postage of £5. These are limited so please phone to check availability.

**New National Action Project 2024/25** – We are now in the process of taking bids for the new National Action Project for 2024/25. The closing date for submissions is going to be June 2023, with the best going forward to supreme 2023 for nominations.

We will be updating the Action & Social page regularly on our national website so please visit the page monthly to stay updated, [www.ksc.org.uk/action-social-h/](http://www.ksc.org.uk/action-social-h/).

Fraternally

**Stephen Ferris Past Director for Action & Social**  
**Knights of St Columba**  
[apostolates@ksc.org.uk](mailto:apostolates@ksc.org.uk)



Firstly, I am honoured to have been re-elected by the Order at Supreme Council. Other good news is that more Councils are now adding Facebook Pages for their Council. If you would like a Facebook Page for your Council/Province but don't know how to get one, please email us and we will set one up for you. These have proved to be a great way to advertise the Knights of St Columba in your area, which may help you to grow your Council.

### **Columba Magazine**

We are now preparing the Autumn Edition of Columba Magazine for delivery to you all. This will now be in November.

Any articles that we cannot fit into the full Autumn Edition will instead appear in the Winter Edition. If you have any articles for the Winter Edition, please ensure that you send them to us prior to 23rd November so that we have enough time to have the Magazine out to you by the beginning of the New Year.

Please note the extended date for inclusions. Articles must be sent to [columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk](mailto:columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk) ONLY. Please do not email articles to Head Office or [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) as these can be missed from the magazine.

### **KSC Email System**

We carry on with this exercise. If you are an Officer in a Council, please do contact me on 07786 003737 as soon as you can to get your email address. Each email address comes with 1TB (terabyte) of cloud space, which means files and folders can be stored there securely and not on your home computer, which will free up space.

It will also mean that when an Officer demits Office their successor will take over the email address and all the files and folders that are stored in the cloud system, meaning that there will not be much need for a paper handover.

### **KSC Website 2022 Version**

We continue to add new features to the website, so please keep an eye out for these as we roll them out.

If there is a feature that you would like to see on the website, please do contact us and we will look to see if it is feasible.

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### **Microsoft Teams Training Seminars**

We have emailed all Regional Directors and Provincial Grand Knights a date during October and November a date and time for that Region's Microsoft Teams Training Seminar. Please keep an eye out for an email from your PGK notifying you of your date.

However, if for some reason you cannot attend on your date, then you can email us at [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) and let us know and we will send you a code for the next Seminar which you will be able to join.

Microsoft Teams will be used instead of Zoom this year, so if you want to hold Meetings via Microsoft Teams, like you did with Zoom then this is a must for you.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

***Sean Smith***, *Supreme Director for Media*

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## Spirituality & Welfare

### **Remembering our Deceased:**

My dear Brothers, I hope by this time all Councils and Provinces will have their Mass for Deceased Members of the KSC Family arranged. To include all Deceased Members, family members of our Brothers and Members of Honour. If it has not been done, please do so as soon as possible.

### **National Deceased Brothers Mass**

The date is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the time is 15:00, the intention is for 'The Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba family'. The Order is a family, so it is only fitting that we remember not only our Brothers but family members who have been called from this life.

### **Bishop Howard Tripp:**

One of our past Ecclesiastical Advisors Bishop Howard Tripp died on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Bishop Howard was born in Croydon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1927, He was Ordained a Priest on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1953, by Archbishop Cowderoy (Archbishop of Southwark) . His first appointment was to Our Lady Help of Christians, Blackheath in South East London.

He was ordained Bishop of the Titular see of Newport and Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark by Archbishop Michael Bowen, on 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1980, a position he served in until his retirement on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

Bishop Howard was appointed Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Knights of St Columba in 1981 until 1991. He gave a lot of advice to our then Supreme Knight Brother Patrick Layden, on the visit to Britain of [Saint] Pope John Paul II.

He was always a strong supporter of the Order and continued to serve the Order even after his retirement. He spent the last few years being looked after by the Little Sisters of the Poor. He was called to his rest on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

His funeral arrangement are as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> November – at 18:00 – Reception of the Body, followed by Mass of All Souls' Day

3<sup>rd</sup> November – 12:30 – Solemn Requiem Mass, followed by internment in the Cathedral Vault.

We will also be arranging a rosary for the repose of his soul, please look out for the details coming out via email.

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### Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes:



As many Brothers will know, the relics have been traveling around the UK. My thanks to all the Brothers who have helped with guarding the relics, stewarding some giving up 9 full days, from early morning to late at night and some through the night, to answer the call from our hierarchy and clergy for assistance. Thank you

It is the first time the relics have toured the UK. Many thousands of people came to venerate the relics, the reliquary looks very grand in its glass case, we pray that it has given thousands of people many graces and blessing, bringing peace and healing to those in need.

His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, celebrated Mass in Aylesford Priory and led the Rosary Procession, where our Brothers were given the honour of carrying the statue of our Blessed Mother.

On first encountering Mary, St Bernadette's first instinct was to pray the Rosary. At first, she struggled, but with Mary's encouragement the words began to come. St Bernadette came from a very poor family. She made her own Rosary from broken Rosaries. We normally have 5 Decades; St Bernadette had 6 Decades. Our Blessed Mother through St Bernadette teaches us the great importance of the Rosary. We can all feel how spiritually uplifting it is when we pray the Rosary rather than just reciting it, thinking about the words we are saying and saying them with meaning.

### **We are our Brother's keeper:**

With the cost of living rising faster than we have known for many years, Brothers and Widows will be struggling financially. All Welfare Officers must be aware of the support that is out there for our Brothers and Widows and family members. Over the last few months I have been highlighting where help can be sought in my Bulletins.



**For England Help for Households - Get government cost of living support**

[helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk](https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk)

The government have launched the above website to help find help for those who need it. For those who do not have computers many local libraries offer free or low-cost use of computers.

For Scotland [Cost of living crisis - Cost of Living Support Scotland \(campaign.gov.scot\)](https://campaign.gov.scot)

For Wales [Get help with the cost of living | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales)

All Welfare Officers and Grand Knights should know where Brothers can get help locally and what help is available in your area.

Know your Brothers - Know their needs - Know how to help.

**Sean Mulligan**  
**Supreme Director**  
**Welfare and Spirituality**

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## Youth & Young People

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

Brothers, thank you to the Supreme Councillors who elected our Supreme Knight Brother Harry Welsh and elected me as Director for Youth and Young People and elected our Brother WSD's for the other Offices. May the Good Lord aid us to meet your expectations for our Order. Our work will be easier if all of us are pulling in the same direction and engaging with our Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Colleges, Universities, Parishes, Youth Clubs and Catholic groups within our areas. 12 out of our 25 Provinces took part in our Youth Competitions last year, I want all 25 Provinces taking part this year 2022/2023. The committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. Is 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>

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### **Madonna Oakes Trophy – Winning Council as announced at Supreme Council.**

**Awarded at Supreme Council to the Province or Council who have gone over and above in their work for our Youth.**

**The Winner is Council 977 Gravesend, Province 12 Southwark.** The only council that used the Youth Competition to gain visibility all year round in their Parish and Parish Community. They celebrated their winners at the prize giving at School and then brought them back to the Parish and celebrated the Young People again in front of their very impressed parents and Parishioners. This Council also used the visibility gained to recruit new Brothers throughout the year. Congratulations.

### **NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2022 - 2023 ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND**

The Competition List has come out to the whole country and is now on the website. Let us know of any assistance that you need to promote them into your Parish, your Schools and your Parish Organisations. Yes, let us know.

NB: God Bless you all for all that you do.

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## **Things to do**

### **World Youth Sunday – November 2022 [worldyouthsunday.com](http://worldyouthsunday.com)**

Tens of thousands of Young People will be brought together to celebrate World Youth Day. See email sent to you and see our Youth Facebook page as well for further information. Forward the email to your Schools, your Catechist, and your Youth Groups.

### **World Youth Day - 01-06 AUGUST LISBON 2023**

Suggestion is that you contact your Diocese and ask to be informed of their Youth Groups intention of taking a group to the event. Keep an eye on the Youth and Young Peoples Facebook page as well for any information I find or is sent to me by our Partner Youth Organisations. <http://www.lisboa2023.org/pt>

### **CYMFED Flame Saturday 4 March 2023**

Tickets for this event at Wembley, London are being sold very quickly. Again, some of your Diocese Youth Groups are taking groups to FLAME. Join them is my suggestion or organise your own groups. Do it quickly, so you don't miss out. Everything I find out will be posted on our Youth and Young People Facebook page. On occasions some of the Information will be emailed to you. <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

### **St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022**

Resources for Children and Young People are available exploring St Bernadette's life. The Relic tour is not just for us adults but also for our Young People as well. Please download them from the link or from Our Facebook Page for Youth and Young people. Send the link to your Schools and even Parish and Parish Groups. <https://stbernadette.org.uk/resources>

### **Catholic Student Network**

Please have a look at our new Partner Organisations Programme for September 2023. Thereafter, keep informed about their Programme. Attend any of their programme if at all possible. Keep a look out for information from WSD Brother Danny's Membership Bulletins and our Facebook page. <https://www.catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk/>

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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