



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JULY 2023**

**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

### Supreme Knights Bulletin July 2023

**“ We Need to return to Columba, then we’ll return to Christ and that is all we need for the Knights of St.Columba to Succeed.”**

#### **Bi-ennial Mass for Deceased Brothers Liverpool 10/06/23**

What a fantastic turnout for our deceased Brothers and families Mass, in Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday.

A huge thank you to Bishop Tom, the Dean of the Cathedral and all the staff.

The service was very well attended.

A huge thank you to Brother Alf, Brother Ray and Brothers & wives of Province 2 for all their hard work and hospitality, we were made to feel very welcome & the weekend was a huge success.

It was a truly historical event, we were fortunate to have with us the incumbent President of I.A.C.K. Brother Charlie McCluskey K.S.G. the incoming president Brother Brendan McCann Knights of Columbanus, Brother Bertie Grogan K.S.G. the incoming Deputy President, and Brother Frank Stanley the I.A.C.K. secretary.

Love & prayers to all who joined us too, thank you.



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**The Knights of Saint Columba**

# National Relic Tour 2023

**SAINT ANDREW**      **SAINT MARGARET**

**Who are we?**

The Knights of St Columba is an Order of Catholic Laymen dedicated to the Service of the Church and helping our communities.

We operate using the principles of Faith-Family-Fraternity and at all times do so with the ideals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at our core.

Our Members arrange fundraising, Social Events, Stewarding, Youth Competitions and so much more. We believe that by working together for the common good we become stronger and become close friends.

Right now we need you to help us continue our great work!



**SAINT COLUMBA OF IONA**

**Join us:**



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The Order started a six-month National Tour of the Country on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 and finishing at Supreme Council in Edinburgh on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. With the relics we will also have the fraternal Cross and the Iona Cross presented to the Order on our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by the Knights of Columbanus.

We are using this opportunity to make people aware of who we are and what we do.

Below the Relics are handed over to Region 1 Director Brother Frank Kelly and IPPK of Province 1 Brother John O'Donnell in front of the statue of St Columba in Carfin Grotto by Fr Grant Parish and Sancta Familia for their onward Journey to Ayelsford Priory.



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The relics being received by Brother Mike Esters GK Council 60 Carlisle to be handed over to Region 2 Director Brother Barry Johnson who took them to Nottingham where PGK Brother Paddy Boyle took them into his care in preparation for the Southern Provinces Knighthood ceremony on Sunday.



Region 8	18th June to 1st July		
Region 4	2th July to 17th July		
Region 7	18th July to 1st August		
Region 6	2nd August to 16th August		
Region 5	17th August to 30th August		
Region 3	31st August to 14th September		
Region 2	15th September to 29th September		
Region 1	30th September to 14th October		

Fraternally

Henry Welsh  
Supreme Knight

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## **Audit, Finance and Governance**

Brothers, for the attention of All Councils and Provinces.

Head Office dues for the year (1st April 2023) is set by Supreme Council at £60.00 per annum. Invoices for the coming year have been sent to all councils, please pay as Councils who do miss the deadline are in danger of suspension, this has further repercussions.

### **All Councils & Provinces must submit form FA5.**

Please Brothers help us to help you in the coming year by submitting the required Forms. They are all available on the website -members area.

### **URGENT CBF Repayments**

#### **Council/Provinces Benevolent Investments in Head Office.**

As stated, and approved at Supreme Council 2022, Investments of Benevolent Funds from Councils/Provinces will be returned. Please Brothers, if your Council is one of these send your Bank details to Head Office. ASAP. It is annoying both the SK Bro Henry and myself that Councils/Provinces have not applied for these to be returned.

### **Widows Grants**

We have issued a cheque of £250 to each widow that we had received their information. These were posted on week commencing 22nd May. The grant to widows is a one-off and came from the Order's Central Benevolent fund.

### **Banking Issues**

We have for some considerable length of time been discussing banking issues of Councils and Provinces;

- Bank closing accounts—no movement in account
- Signatures of cheques, this concerns us all both- Council and Provinces have not acted on the wisdom of the advice we give on a regular basis about adding more than 2 signatures to accounts, 3 or indeed 4 where any 2 can sign.
- Head Office is not responsible for any of either Council or Province banking issues, but please remember that you all need to be responsible.

May I thank you all for your ongoing assistance to head office staff, particularly during this changeover period. Please keep your phone calls to a minimum, emails preferred.

Brothers, please take note of all information in this Bulletin.

With kindest and fraternal regards,

*Bertie*

**Bertie Grogan KSG, IPSK**  
**Audit, Finance & Governance**



## Membership & Development

Dear Brothers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

What a chance we have here!! I refer of course to the National Tour of the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. This is wonderful opportunity to showcase ourselves with our Patron Saint. It tries in perfectly what H.E Cardinal Vincent Nichols said to the Supreme Knight and I when we spent nearly 2 hours with him in late May '**we need to return to Columba, then return to Christ, that is all we need for the Knights of St Columba to flourish**'. These words will remain in my mind for a long time indeed. The amount of hours I spend thinking of what we can do to attract men – welcome packs, gimmicks, freebies etc – we don't need any of it! We already have our 'hero', Columba the man and St Columba the saint at our disposal. Let us return to him, then Christ, and the men will follow. Have faith in both and we won't go far wrong. Please do support your Regional Directors as they make plans for the relics to travel around the country, ending in October at Supreme Council in Edinburgh. Engage your Bishop and Parish Priest, they'll be delighted with our pure show of witness, just as my Bishop was at Supreme Council last year in Jersey, something he still reminds me of when we meet up now and again. I look forward to seeing or hearing any news of the tour which results in new men joining us.

Back in November 2022, the Supreme Knight and I were contacted by a Captain Padre for the Royal Canadian Navy, requesting a donation of our Prayer Books for his crew. Of course we were delighted to help out and 20 copies were duly shipped of to Halifax in Canada for him. We actually forgot all about this and just this week, he contacted us again to say that all 20 have been distributed across 3 warships which are at a various locations around the globe. Absolutely fantastic to hear. Our prayers are with our Commonwealth neighbours on their travels indeed.

This got me thinking too! As the SK, SD for Action and myself all served in the Royal Air Force (not at the same time I hasten to add!) I'll contact the Bishop of the Armed Forces, our own Bishop Paul Mason and see what else we can do for our uniformed services. One never knows, we may even attract a member or 2 to our ranks, just like the Knights Of Columbus have a Council at the US Airbase in Lakenheath, Suffolk. Again, always worth a go!

May I highlight the work undertaken by Province 29 (Westminster North). During a visit to 2 Councils there in early June, to see firsthand the amount of effort they put in for their parishes was great to see. Mass was celebrated for us by Bishop John Sherrington, where he spoke very highly of us, I'm sure all our hierarchy do. Let's keep it going and push on, our luck will change and new men will answer the call, especially during the relic tour. Best of luck to you all and keep those prayers pouring into Columba. If anyone has our back, he does, his faithful Knights...



## The Knights of Saint Columba

### National Relic Tour 2023



#### PRAYER CARD

“ We need to return to Columba. Then we will return to Christ. That is all we need for the Knights of St Columba to Flourish.



”  
**Cardinal Vincent  
Nichols 2023**

Please do let me know what's going on in your area so we can share the news and all learn from it – [membership@ksc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ksc.org.uk)

Best of luck in your efforts to recruit & retain,

**Danny Ó hEarchaí**  
Supreme Director for Membership & Development

*Faith, Family, Fraternity*





## Spirituality & Welfare

Relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margarete

Dear Brothers,

I must start with a big thank you to Brother Frank Kelly, who picked up the Relics from Carfin along with the Fraternal Cross and the Columba/Columbanus Cross and taking them to Cumbria, where Brother Barry Johnson took it to Birmingham and from Birmingham it was handed over to Brother Paddy Boyle who continued on to Southwark for the start of the tour.

Last month I covered the 3 Saints whose Relics are held in the Reliquary, the Reliquary does not come in a protective case and the Perspex has a slight crack at the bottom which we know about.

### **The Fraternal Cross:**

The idea of the Fraternal Cross was promoted and developed by Council 184 Wolverhampton.

As a means of Brothers across the country assembling to pray and socialise together.

To this aim it was very successful, so much so it was agreed to a more formalised Pilgrimage, involving all Provinces and as many Councils as possible. Encouraging prayer and Fraternalism in doing so we come together in Unity and in our Charity come together in prayer for the Deceased and for those less fortunate than ourselves, praying for the good of the Order that it may flourish and grow.

The Cross is mounted on a timber plaque and is surrounded by the names of the of the countries where the Orders in the International Alliance of Catholic Knights operate.

Many of the IACK Orders now have their own Fraternal Crosses.

### **The Columba/Columbanus Cross**

The Cross was presented to us at Supreme Council 2019 by the Knights of Saint Columbanus (Ireland) to celebrate our centenary.

The Cross is in the form of a Celtic Cross.

The **Celtic cross** is a form of Christian Cross featuring a nimbus or ring that emerged in Ireland, France and Great Britain in the Early Middle Ages. A type of ringed Cross, it became widespread through its use in the stone high Crosses erected across the islands, especially in regions evangelized by Irish missionaries, from the ninth through the 12th centuries.



The Celtic cross is essentially a Latin cross with a nimbus surrounding the intersection of the arms and stem. Scholars have debated its exact origins, but it is related to earlier crosses featuring rings. The form gained new popularity during the Celtic Revival of the 19th century; the name "Celtic cross" is a convention dating from that time. The shape, usually decorated with interlace known by most as a Celtic knot and other motifs from Insular art, became popular for funerary monuments and other uses, and has remained so, spreading well beyond Ireland.

It is made from Irish Oak, it is beautifully carved, it comes in its own case.

To answer some of the questions, The dimensions of which are 700mm High, 445mm With and 300mm Depth and weighs 30KG. it is suggested that 2 people lift and carry it.

I ask all brothers to take good care of all three items and keep the cases together with the crosses, the last time our fraternal cross went around the country the case was left in a church and the cross handed on to the next council, subsequently the case and the fraternal cross were damaged and had to be repaired, please remember they are in your care, and you have a responsibility to look after them.

I ask provincial Grand Knights and Regional Directors to send me and the Regional Director for Region 6 an email advising me of where it is and where it is going giving time and dates please. We do need to know where it is at all times.

Brother Sean Smith, Supreme Director for Media and Brother George Johnson Regional Director, Region 6 has produced a tri-fold leaflet giving date and places early advice of dates and movements will help him to produce a leaflet for your area.

### **Memorial Mass 2023**

My thanks to all who attended the Mass and to our Ecclesiastical Advisor Bishop Tom for saying the Mass for us, I also thank Brother Ray Pealing (Province 2) for all of his assistance in arranging the Mass and overseeing proceedings on my behalf, as despite booking and paying for train tickets due to migraine I was not able to travel.

Unfortunately, we were not able to live stream and as Claire the cathedral administrator had two family bereavements her sister 3 weeks prior to the Mass and her mother the Sunday before the Mass, (our thoughts and prayers are with her and them) but I thank our Supreme Knight and the SD for Media Brother Sean Smith for stepping in at short notice to stream the Mass on Zoom.

The Order of Service was from 2019 and not 2023. My apologies for any confusion caused, but despite the problems it was a very prayerful and spiritual Mass and homily by Bishop Tom. It was fitting that Mrs Jane Woods carried one of the Memorial Books as her father Brother Pat Hudson (Past Director) was only entered into the book this year also the mass we offered the Mass for the Deceased Members of the KSC family that included her mother who died in May last year, and all family Members of the Knights.



We remember those who have recently died.

29/05/2023	Rev. Jeff Singleton, Past GK, Chaplain	118	12
30/05/2023	Robbert Penny	380	12
20/05/2023	Hugh Mordaunt	163	30
31/05/2023	Peter Montebello	294	12
10/06/2023	Donald McGair	64	2
	Eileen Clifford	246	16

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon them,  
May they rest in peace. Amen

***Brother Sean Mulligan***

***Supreme Director for Spirituality & Welfare***



### Daily Mass Scheme for July 2023

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>CO No.</b>
Friday	1st July	Ramsgate	264
Saturday	2nd July	Streatham	266
Sunday	3rd July	Welling	294
Monday	4th July	Eltham	326
Tuesday	5th July	Orpington	327
Wednesday	6th July	Wooster Park	328
Thursday	7th July	West Norwood	356
Friday	8th July	Lesnes Abbey	380
Saturday	9th July	Chatham	418
Sunday	10th July	Sydenham	472
Monday	11th July	Surrey North	487
Tuesday	12th July	Brixton and Stockwell	571
Wednesday	13th July	Sheerness	625
Thursday	14th July	Strood	631
Friday	15th July	Hartley	632
Saturday	16th July	St Mary's Croydon	974
Sunday	17th July	Gravesend	977
Monday	18th July	Abbey Wood	978
Tuesday	19th July	Southampton	136





**Daily Mass Scheme (Continued)**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>CO No.</b>
Wednesday	20th July	Bournemouth	139
Thursday	21st July	Basingstoke	169
Friday	22nd July	Farnborough	185
Saturday	23rd July	Swindon	225
Sunday	24th July	Pool	232
Monday	25th July	Eastiegh	393
Tuesday	26th July	Isle of White	411
Wednesday	27th July	Gosport	499
Thursday	28th July	Park Gate	620
Friday	29th July	Carfin	246
Saturday	30th July	Viewpark	474
Sunday	31st July	Blantyre	490



## Media

Dear Brothers,

### Columba Magazine

Your first edition of the new Bi-Annual Columba Magazine will now have been delivered to you. We very hope you have all enjoyed reading this bumper edition.

We are already accepting articles, news items, longer pieces (if you so wish) on Catholic Social Teaching and Obituaries for the next edition. Please see the closing date for submissions for this magazine!!!

**June Editions - 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**December Editions - 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Remember Columba Magazine is not just for Brothers!! We can send a copy to anyone!! If you know someone who would like to receive a copy themselves (at a cost of £6 per copy) then please do let us know.

Finished reading your copy and don't want to keep it? Then take it to your local Church so that someone else can read it. Please do keep an eye out for any tatty looking copies and remove them from circulation.

**All articles for each edition must be sent to [columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk](mailto:columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk) or by post to Brother Sean Smith, 29 Fernside Avenue, Poole, Dorset BH14 0PN. Articles sent to [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) and [headoffice@ksc.org.uk](mailto:headoffice@ksc.org.uk) may not be published or can be lost and not published. Whilst we will make every to ensure that as many articles are published, please assist the Media Committee by having articles sent to the correct email address and on time.**

**If you have been a regular contributor to the Magazine, we ask that you continue to submit pieces to the Magazine on a regular basis for inclusion.**

### KSC Email System

If you have not got an @ksc.org.uk email address then there are large changes a foot at Supreme Council. More on this after Supreme Council.

In the meantime, if you are a new Officer, or have taken over the Role of an outgoing Officer, who may have set this up previously, then please do contact Brother Sean Smith on **07786 003737** to have this transferred to you.



## **KSC Website 2022 Version**

We are continuing to work hard on the KSC website.

If there is anything you or your Council or Province has done, or even is about to start on, please think about putting it on the KSC website!!

We are building this website to showcase what we do as an Order, to show how active we still are in the Catholic Community, locally and Nationally. With this in mind, if you have any photographs showcasing the great work you have done for your Council, Province or Region, then we would love to show the world this in our Columba Magazine.

Please do send anything you would like to see on the website to [admin@ksc.org.uk](mailto:admin@ksc.org.uk) and copy in [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk)

## **Knight's News**

We are working on the next edition of Knight's News for you all to receive.

If there is something you want to highlight that is coming up in the next two months then please feel free to email the details, and photos if you wish to [knightsnews@ksc.org.uk](mailto:knightsnews@ksc.org.uk).

**Please note that the eColumba email address will shortly be shut down. Those currently on the distribution list for eColumba will be transferred to the new Knights News email address. If you want to subscribe to Knight's News then please do get in touch using the new email address.**

## **Media Training Seminar**

There was a Media Training Seminar held last month. Did you miss it??

If you did then we can arrange another Seminar in the future for your Province or Region. Perhaps discuss having one at your next Provincial Council Meeting?

At this seminar we will show you how to use Microsoft Teams and the ins and out of Microsoft Outlook for the internal email system.

Details will be sent to anyone interested. If you would like to join us for this training seminar please contact us at [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk).

Sincerely & Fraternally  
**Sean Smith,**  
*Supreme Director for Media*



## Action & Social

Dear Brothers,

**200 Club** – We are now at 135 members. We as a board made the decision to ask all councils to take a number in the 200 club as yet, as of writing we have only just put out the request, so we will see how many take up our request. This brings in funds for the order as a whole but also encourages brothers to engage with the chance of winning something for themselves. We need to bring this up to the full 200 members as it is running at break-even at present, and hopefully if the councils all take a number we could possibly have up to 400 members.

The order has been running at a loss due to the lack of numbers being taken. We have taken the decision that until it become more feasible we are reducing the number of prizes down from 4 to 3. So from March Draw we are having a £50 top prize and 2 £25 prizes. This is until we can get the club running at its maximum.

**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). We held a monthly rosary for the 6 months prior to the 27 April, then held the 40hr Adoration from St Thomas More Church in Middlesborough and vis zoom. The only zoom attendance was good with many councils giving up an hr to say the rosary or leading us in prayers. The congregation at St Thomas More was very engaging with many different groups from the area holding prayers and the rosary both during the day and night time. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed with the KSC & SPUC logos on them and sent out across the UK. Due to some problems and the parish priest wishing to include the Feast of St. Gianna Molla, whose relic is at St. Thomas More's and who's been very much the patroness of the National Prayer Campaign we decided to start on the 27th April until the 29th of April to accommodate this.

**Golf Day** – The Golf day has been arranged for July 11th, to be held at Garstang Golf centre. We have interest from around 14 people so it will be going ahead, please contact [apostolates@ksc.org.uk](mailto:apostolates@ksc.org.uk) to add your name. The cost is £163 per person sharing a room it includes Accommodation for two nights including Dinner, Breakfast and 18 holes per day. Also included would be tea and coffee on arrival.

**New National Action Project 2024/25** – Brothers I am hoping you are all hard at work raising funds for the current NAP. As you are all aware we are going through a severe economic crisis both nationally at in our homes. The “Let the Children live” charity is asking we don’t forget them as they are finding their funds drying up and the cost of living costs are hitting hard into their reserves and need our help badly. To be positive and outline what a council is doing for the current NAP. 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. As of yet we have had only 3 submissions from the order. I have received an update from Columbia on how things are. It is a bit long but please read and pass around as we have a year left to support this worthwhile cause.





**Excerpt from a recent Update sent from Colombia by Fr Peter Walters, Plus New**

Intercessions.....February 2023 “Although Medellín is still a violent city, it is no longer the murder capital of the western hemisphere; and none of our children have been killed in the last few years. The city authorities like to boast that there are no longer any street-children here, but the same social problems - such as poverty, family break-up and abuse - that forced children on to the streets in the past are still very much with us now. However, when children leave home now they know that if they are found sleeping in the street, they are likely to be taken to a secure unit in the local mental hospital; and that they may be detained there indefinitely in protective custody. This is perfectly legal; and as far as I am aware, the children are well-treated there: but they are locked in. Consequently, those who wish to avoid this fate tend to take refuge at night in the drug-dens and the brothels, or to engage in some sort of activity - pick-pocketing, mugging, prostitution or selling drugs - to obtain enough money to pay for a room for the night in some sort of doss-house. The problem has therefore not been solved: it has simply been driven underground.” Prayer: For the children and young teenagers of Medellín who are still living in the city’s streets. For those who have become involved with drugs or prostitution. “As the situation of the children has changed, the work of Let The Children Live! has evolved to meet it. All of our beneficiaries are at high social risk, and they currently include: a) Boys and girls with special educational needs, for whom no provision is made in the local State schools. Some of our children are in classes of 50 or more, and the teachers have neither the skills nor the time to give them the individual attention that they need. Such children inevitably get bored, and they often get into trouble which may result in their deserting school or being expelled. They are then all too likely to get snapped up by the criminal gangs - of which there are more than 400 in the city. And once that happens it is very hard for them to get out again alive. We therefore try to provide them - and their teachers - with the special support that they need to stay at school.” Prayer: For our children with special educational needs, that we will have the funds to be able to continue helping and looking after them. That they will not believe the promises made to them by the gangs and will not become involved with them. b) “Girls who become pregnant at a very early age. For example, one of our girls sought our help when she became pregnant at the age of 11. She had her baby just after her own 12th birthday. All too often such girls drop out of school and then find themselves having to rely on a series of useless men who are very likely to abuse and abandon them. We therefore provide support for such girls both during their pregnancy and after the birth, helping to provide not only things like food, clothes and nappies, but also classes about baby-care and budgeting. Above all, we aim to help these girls to stay at school. They can bring their babies with them to classes at Casa Walsingham, our day-centre; and these are held at times that are convenient for them. The girl I mentioned earlier obtained her baccalaureate certificate on her son’s fifth birthday, and with our support she is now training to be a beautician. She therefore has a chance to build a decent future for herself and her son.” Prayer: For all our young mothers and mothers-to-be, and their babies and toddlers. Please pray that with our help they will learn to be good mothers, loving their children and caring for them, so that they do not go into the streets or become involved with prostitution, drugs and crime. The second part of the report will be in next months bulletin.  
(the full report will be in the Supreme papers)

**Charles Ferro Trophy** – The forms have now gone out to the councils please make sure to have them back by the beginning of June to allow the judges to peruse them. All councils are invited to enter no matter how small, show how much action your council brings to your area. Time is running out for entries.



**May Rosaries** – We had all the dates for the rosary in the month of May covered by different councils and provinces. Which will be held on a Monday night at 7pm. I am thankful for all who participated and hope you all continue to support the Rosary going forward. We have also had the rosary for Youth as well as the daily rosary held at lunch time with Brother Tony Berkeley Monday To Friday.

**Keep Christ In Christmas** – We as the committee was aware had run out of “Keep Christ in Christmas” at head office and was tasked to revamp the design and cost out reprinting the new design. We have a quote from a company to print the stickers on an A4 sheet with 48 stickers per sheet at a cost of 34p per sheet. Now we have been informed that during the moving of head office we have found a box of the old stickers, which may last this year or not as the case maybe. Can we get some stickers printed to make sure we have enough to last and follow on for the next couple of years. I have ask you all for your opinions for the design and found we had a few problems with the colours and fonts. I was asked why we were changing the colours and it was due to the committee wanting to see if we could modernize the design, But I am also hoping that we can get the gold colour paper and if this makes a difference to the cost. Will report at the meeting.

We also looked at making Christmas cards for the order but due to the complexity and cost we have not finalised looking at some companies. Some can print the cards but we would have to send to another company to fold and package the cards with envelopes other are to cost prohibitive. We are trying to keep the cost below £4.50 manufacturing to sell at £5.00 a pack to brothers starting at supreme.

**Mercy Bus** – Unfortunately we are unable to run the mercy bus this year due to unforeseen circumstances, which will be apparent later in the year. We are planning to co-host next years mercy bus with Divine mercy Scotland around the south of England. In 2025 we hope to run the mercy bus ourselves so please as a province or Region put yourselves forward for this event.

*Fraternally*

**Brother Stephen McMillan**  
*Supreme Director for Action & Social*



## **Youth & Young People**

**Youth and Young People are the future of the Church, and our Order has a responsibility to work and demonstrate to them by example that the Gospel teaches the only true path to follow. With the secular attack on our beliefs, it is our duty to assist the young to grow in the likeness of Christ, in wisdom and grace.**

Head Office confirmed that the Certificates have gone out for the **Easter Photography Competition and the Easter Scene Painting Competition**. Payments to the Wining Provinces have also been made by BACS Payment. Trophy's will be forwarded as well. Results to the Order will be sent for the remaining competitions soon as the Prayer and the Essay Competitions results are back from adjudicators, again these will be published before this July Bulletin hits your laptops, iPad and PC's.

**Youth Committee will meet again and will publish the new dates for 2023-2024 Youth and Young People Competitions in July and again in September 2023.**

### **Invitation**

All our WPGK's and their Provincial Action and Youth OR Youth Officers are invited to join the Youth and Young People Committee, initially virtually. We hope to welcome each Provinces PGK and his Provincial/Council Action and Youth OR Youth Officer to the Youth and Young People's Committee. It does not matter that you are already a member of a Supreme Committee. This is not a tall order and will require each WPGK and his Provincial/Council Action and Youth OR Youth Officer's Participation. Please think out of the box and ensure your Province is present and engaged.

**The committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we have asked 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](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>

Join the Youth and Young People Facebook page and visit it regularly to see various resources posted on there. Download and promote the appropriate resource that appeals to you to your Parish and your schools etc.

**Facebook-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)**

### **Information from Provinces.**

Keep the information coming and keep posting on the Youth Facebook page what your Parish, Schools and Parents permit in terms of pictures and informative articles of achievements and milestones.



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

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

Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age. Closed
Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age. Closed
Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age. Closed
Easter Photography Competition: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age. Closed
Easter Photography Competition: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age. Closed
Easter Photography Competition: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age. Closed
Prayer Composition: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age. Closed
Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age. Closed
Prayer Composition: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age. Closed
Essay Writing: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age. Closed
Essay Writing: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age. Closed

### **Congratulations and well done to all who took part in this year's competitions.**

**NB:** The new dates for 2023-2024 will be sent out July and again in September. Please note that dates for submission will be different, in fact much earlier for the Nativity and the Easter Paintings competitions.

#### **Things to do**

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

<http://www.lisboa2023.org/>

**You will be happy to know that we have sponsored 3 Young People to the WYD, all 3 from Scotland applied for sponsorship. In all honesty we wish we could have partnered with more Provinces and even Councils that were willing to send Young People. Based on past WYD's. This will be a journey of Faith for all the attendees. We wish them all safe journey and especially look forward to reading about our sponsored 3 Young Peoples experience at World Youth Day.**

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/world-youth-day-2023/>

<https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/> **BOOKING CLOSED**

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/experience-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime-this-world-youth-day>

#### **Promotion and visibility**

1. Present your Council Certificates, Prizes at your Schools, if School entry.
2. Then invite the Young People to the Parish the School is affiliated to or go to the Young Persons own Parish if different and Present the Prizes again.
3. Consider presenting the Provincial Prizes at your Cathedral if your Dean of the Cathedral and especially your Archbishop are in support from the outset of the cycle of the Competitions.
4. If your Province or Council are successful at winning Supreme Prizes, then the Director for Youth and Young People will make these Presentations at the Parish/Cathedral Mass. Exposure at our Cathedrals and Parishes can only be Good.
5. If Provincial and Supreme prizes are made at the Cathedral, please ASK your Young Persons Parish Priest to call your winner up to the Alter at the next available mass the family attend. Let us maximise these Competitions and celebrate our Young People over and over again.





**Reminder: Our Youth and Young People by taking part in our Competitions have given us an opportunity, a valuable opportunity to be visible at our Cathedrals and Parishes. Every competition presentation to our Young people is valuable time promoting our Order to the likely Young or Older Gentleman in the congregation who will see us celebrating their Child, Grandchild, Niece or Nephew and Brother or Sister. Every Initiation and Full Knighthood Certificate, Golden/Silver Jubilarian Award, Meritorious Award and MOH Certificate presented to our Rev Deacon/Rev Fathers again allows a Son, Grandson, a Brother, Friend to see us acknowledging and celebrating our Brother and their family member. It is a win, win situation.**

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**Fraternally,**

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