



# **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

## **THE BULLETIN**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**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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**N.B. – PLEASE NOTE THAT, IN LINE WITH THE NEW CONSTITUTION & RULES, NAMES OF OFFICES AT BOARD LEVEL HAVE CHANGED. A DECISION ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT PROVINCIAL AND COUNCIL LEVEL WILL BE ADVISED IN DECEMBER 2024.**

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## **The Supreme Knight**

My Dear Brothers,

I want to thank our Supreme Councilors who were in attendance at this year's Supreme Council for exercising your Provinces vote in electing me as Our Orders Supreme Knight. The Holy Spirit does work in mysterious ways.

Thank you for the Board of Directors that has been elected to take us forward. Sincere thanks to all those who have finished their term of Office, especially our IPSK Brother Henry Welsh and not forgetting the Past Directors both Past Regionals and WSD's. Brother Danny, Sarah and JJ O hÉarchaí. God Bless you and we have you in our Prayers as you face your Diaconate Training.

The responsibility given me will not be treated lightly, but we can only work together with each one of us working in the same direction. We have much work to do to raise the profile of our Order and promote ourselves even better. We need to take advantage of all our possibilities to increase our Membership and our visibility and inform the Catholic Faithful of all that is good about the Order of the Knights of St Columba. Discussions have been had with our Communication Director on a few ideas.

We have to look to our Finances and steady the ship as it were. That said we need desperately to speculate in order to accumulate. May God Help us.

Our Order has voted in a new Constitution and Rules with immediate effect with amendments to be considered. We have to now use this important document as a training document. We cannot afford for the content of this document to be understood only by the few, we must work to ensure it is understood by all our Brothers now and in the future, by ensuring that training becomes a bedrock of our Order as our Progenitors, Our founding fathers intended and those wise men who came after intended as per our Handbooks and tutorials.



My wife Anthonia and I, our Daughter Tobi, Sons Timi and Jinmi Akinrele thank you all most sincerely for your trust.

May St Columba pray for us and guide each and everyone of us as we work in unison to move our Order forward to a brighter future. God Bless us All.

With Prayers and Sincere and Fraternal Regards

***Brother Michael Akinrele***  
***Supreme Knight***



## **ECCLESIASTICAL ADVISOR**

Having said 'Goodbye' to the Knights of St Columba and their wives after the Supreme Council in Liverpool I had the great blessing of a few days retreat at Grange Over Sands, overlooking Morecambe Bay. The community of the Canonesses of St Augustine live a fruitful life of prayer, contemplation and hospitality alongside a nursing home for 27 residents located within the grounds of Boarbank Hall. I was fortunate that the shortening hours of daylight were filled with sunshine accompanied by the falling of leaves from trees with their beautiful autumn colours. I love the autumn season with its chill and damp air. As growth ceases and we are surrounded by decay and death there is deep down in the earth the hope of new life.

Halloween is the preface to the feast of All Saints. November, the month of remembrance, carries with it the hope of new life for all as we remember those who have died within our families, the Parish, the Knights of St Columba, our friends and neighbours, as well as the millions who have died in warfare over the past 110 years. During November we reflect on the meaning of life and the eternal destiny of the whole of creation. In Parliament there is reflection and debate on the end of life and the possibility that we can choose the time when we wish to end our lives with the assistance of the medical profession. None of us likes to see anyone suffering but does such a choice mean that we have lost our belief that life is a gift and that we are destined to share in eternal life with the God who loves each one of us and brought us into life to live with him forever?

*+ Thomas J Neylon*



## Development

Dear Brothers,

After a two-year hiatus (and my wife's successful Cancer operation) I am delighted to be back on the Board. My predecessor Bro Danny and his committee have done a superb job in steadying the ship. At the Supreme Council it was announced we were only 35 Brothers away from net year on year growth. After all these years, it would be amazing to start growing our Great Order once again, like our founders did.

In my first 4 days in the role, I received 5 new website applications (from Cambridge, London, Derby, Brentwood & Crawley) which I passed to the relevant PGKs. Whenever I send any through I would ask for an update on progress please. PLUS, I also received copies of 5 reinstatements, which is all wonderful.

I have also been advised that Clacton may be reopening in December with 9 new Brothers. And on Facebook I have been told that Council 989 should shortly have 3 new Brothers, and a new Brother at Council 396. And finally, Council 60 Carlisle may have 3-4 new Brothers shortly.

I have started putting together the new Development Committee. They will play a crucial role in helping me review literature, media ideas and procedures. If you are interested in joining, please let me know. Or if you have any ideas on how to recruit, please let me know.

You may have noticed Membership & Development has been rebranded as Development. Our focus in the next 12 months is simple.....recruit and retain.

Fraternally

***Stephen Ferris***  
***Director for Development***  
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## **Mission**

*Alas there is no Bulletin piece yet from the Director for Mission. This is the old Action & Social and Youth and Young People roles combined.*

*As you can appreciate, this is a big undertaking. Please give Brother Richard Mitchell a little time to get to grips with the new Role.*

*If you wish to contact Brother Richard then please do email him at [mission@ksc.org.uk](mailto:mission@ksc.org.uk)*

*I am sure Brother Richard would love to hear from Brothers who are interested in joining his Committee.*



## Communications

Dear Brothers,

### **Columba Electronic Magazine**

Our sincerest apologies but, with the hiatus of Supreme Council 2024, we were unable to get the Spring/Summer 2024 Edition of Columba Magazine completed. Now this will soon be completed and will be sent to all of the Order within the next 2 weeks.

My sincerest apologies that this took so long.

However, we have good news. At Supreme Council it was agreed to go back to printed copies of Columba Magazine. This will start with the Winter 2024 Edition!!

However, to keep costs to a bare minimum **only Members of the Order will receive a copy for free. If you require any copies for Council Widows and members of Honour, these can be ordered by sending correct name address and postcode to Head Office. This will be available only from the Spring 2025 Edition.**

**To request further copies please email a full list to Head Office and copy in the Director for Communications ([communications@ksc.org.uk](mailto:communications@ksc.org.uk)) before the 31st of March!! All additional copies will be charged at cost (printing and mailing) to your Council each year in your invoice.**

### **KSC Email System**

Due to changes to the Rules and Constitution of the Order some Director's titles have changed. As a result of this some email addresses have been changed. They have been communicated in an email to the Order and are listed here:

Supreme Knight - Brother Michael Akinrele - [sk@ksc.org.uk](mailto:sk@ksc.org.uk)

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There are also two Directors without Portfolio -

Brother Paul Lovell - [director1@ksc.org.uk](mailto:director1@ksc.org.uk)

Brother Roy Hyde-Linaker - [director2@ksc.org.uk](mailto:director2@ksc.org.uk)





Please ensure that you use the new names when sending emails. In the "To:" or "BCC:" fields (**do not use "cc:"**), once you start typing it will pick up the correct email address for you **when you use the PGK or GK email address assigned to your Province or Council.**

**If your Provincial Grand Knight or Council Grand hasn't signed up to the email system, please ask them to do so as soon as possible so they can keep communications throughout the Order.**

**If your Provincial Grand Knight or Council Grand Knight cannot access emails, it has been rules that he can ask another Provincial or Council Officer to take over the emails on his behalf. If you are given this responsibility, then you must contact the Director for Communications to get access to the email address for your Province or Council.**

### **FONT CHANGE**

After a request from some Brothers, at Supreme Council it was agreed that we will make a change to the font we use in our publications. As of this Bulletin, all printed and published communications will now change to **Tahoma**. This is so that anyone reading our Communications who has sight problems will find them much easier to read. This Bulletin has been produced in Tahoma font to highlight this change. We will endeavour to use 12-point type, but this can be increased to highlight and we can also use underline and **bold** or *italics* or *a combination of all three* to highlight certain points.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

We are looking for any Brothers who are interested in joining our Committee, please email us for consideration.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

*Sean Smith,*

*Director for Communications*

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## Welfare

I would like to start this Bulletin by thanking the Brothers who made it to the Supreme Council and for letting me continue in this Office. I would also like to thank our I.P.S.K Brother Harry for his help and support, Brother Ray Pealing I.P.P.G.K Province 2 and Brother John Kelly P.G.K Province 16 for being on the Committee.

Are there any Brothers who would be willing to serve on the Spirituality and Welfare Committee for the next twelve months, please can you let me know. The Committee Meetings normally take place on Zoom every three months unless an urgent matter arises.

### **Let Life Flourish**

We are now approaching the final weeks of the Spiritual Bouquet, which will end on the Feast of Christ the King. Thank you to all Brothers who have attended.

November is the month of remembrance, if your Council or Province are having a Mass for Deceased Brothers please try and attend. Can I also please ask you, to not forget any Widows and invite them.

Prayers are also requested for Brother Tony Britten P.S.K, Brother George Smith Past Director and Brother Brian Beaton Safeguarding who have all been unwell.

### **Future Events**

I will be contacting Provinces shortly with a list of events for the coming year.

The main event will be the Biennial Mass for Deceased Brothers. This Mass is to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 3pm in Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. Bishop Tom Neylon, our Ecclesiastical Advisor, will be the Celebrant.

### **Relics Tour 2025**

There could be another Relics Tour, but this depends on the financial position of the Order. The Relics will visit each Province for 4 weeks, this will allow the Relics to be taken around each Province.

### **Daily Mass Scheme**

Please try and attend on the day allocated to your Council.

### **Obituaries**

Brother Bernard Francis Harris	26/08/2024	Council 571	Province 12
Brother Thomas Graham	28/08/2024	Council 8	Province 1
Brother Raymond Morrison		Council 521	Province 45
Brother Robert Reilly	01/09/2024	Council 350	Province 1
Brother Jude Mordi	08/09/2024	Council 977	Province 12
Brother Tim McCarthy	12/09/2024	Council 123	Province 12
Brother Lawrence Grant	23/09/2024	Council 538	Province 45
Brother Ted Mackey	28/09/2024	Council 94	Province 42
Brother Sidney Thomas Auger	01/10/2024	Council 110	Province 21



The following Wives and Widows have gone to their Eternal reward:

Mrs Irene Dalton wife of Brother Joseph Dalton	Council 74	Province 6
Mrs Betty Smith wife of Past Director George Smith		
Mrs Margaret Riley widow of Brother Bernard Riley	Council 86	Province 6
Mrs Phylis Carr widow of Thomas Carr	Council 173	Province 10
Mrs Margaret Doran wife of Brother John Doran P.S.K KSG	Council 74	Province 6
Mrs Vera Heathcote wife of Brother Reg Heathcote G.K	Council 57	Province 6

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

***Barry Johnston***  
***Director for Welfare***  
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## **DAILY MASS SCHEME**

### **NOVEMBER 2024**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>CO. No.</b>	<b>PROV. No.</b>
Friday	1st November	Paisley & District	429	1
Saturday	2nd November	Jersey	216	42
Sunday	3rd November	Observatory	123	12
Monday	4th November	Whitehaven	74	6
Tuesday	5th November	Uxbridge	399	41
Wednesday	6th November	Blackpool	91	21
Thursday	7th November	St Albans	320	41
Friday	8th November	Blackburn	132	21
Saturday	9th November	Glasgow West	2	1
Sunday	10th November	Farnborough	185	42
Monday	11th November	Manchester North	172	8
Tuesday	12th November	West Norwood	356	12
Wednesday	13th November	Southport	146	2
Thursday	14th November	Bournemouth	139	42
Friday	15th November	Lincoln	142	9
Saturday	16th November	Harrow	295	41
Sunday	17th November	Ealing	369	41
Monday	18th November	Arsenal	118	12
Tuesday	19th November	Bognor Regis	324	34
Wednesday	20th November	Viewpark	474	16
Thursday	21st November	Ipswich	206	10
Friday	22nd November	Aberdeen	88	3
Saturday	23rd November	Colne	258	21
Sunday	24th November	Lesnes Abbey	380	12
Monday	25th November	Acton	252	41
Tuesday	26th November	Battle	630	34
Wednesday	27th November	Forest Gate	111	10
Thursday	28th November	Otley	425	45
Friday	29th November	Luton	354	38
Saturday	30th November	Berwick-upon-Tweed	988	3



## DAILY MASS SCHEME

### DECEMBER 2024

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>CO. No.</b>	<b>PROV. No.</b>
Sunday	1st December	Millom	57	6
Monday	2nd December	Cockfosters	500	41
Tuesday	3rd December	Chingford	401	10
Wednesday	4th December	Hayes	243	41
Thursday	5th December	Stockwell	571	12
Friday	6th December	Eastleigh	393	42
Saturday	7th December	Ilkeston	315	9
Sunday	8th December	Wolverhampton	184	18
Monday	9th December	Blantyre	490	16
Tuesday	10th December	Widnes	18	2
Wednesday	11th December	Romford	224	10
Thursday	12th December	Renfrew	150	1
Friday	13th December	Darwen	149	3
Saturday	14th December	Norwich	976	10
Sunday	15th December	Redriff	161	12
Monday	16th December	Preston East	383	2
Tuesday	17th December	Isle of Man	458	2
Wednesday	18th December	Buckley & Distriict	614	37
Thursday	19th December	Cardiff	402	37
Friday	20th December	Worcester	344	18
Saturday	21st December	Honiton Square	637	41
Sunday	22nd December	Market Harborough	621	9
Monday	23rd December	Tenby	979	37
Tuesday	24th December	Whitton	970	41
Wednesday	25th December	NO MASS	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	
Thursday	26th December	NO MASS		
Friday	27th December	Walthamstow	137	10
Saturday	28th December	Kendal	609	6
Sunday	29th December	Leeds	11	45
Monday	30th December	Isle of Wight	411	42
Tuesday	31st December	Standish	577	8



### **Roy Hyde-Linaker, Director Without Portfolio.**

Brothers, I am very honoured to have been selected at the recent Supreme Council to serve the Order as a Director and will do my best to deserve your trust.

I joined Council 299 (Rhyl) in 1990, having witnessed the work of the KSC locally during the floods that occurred at that time and wanting to put my faith into action.

St James (Ch 2 v 18) tells us that faith without works is dead. I have worked locally and provincially in many roles, also serving for two years on the Supreme Youth Committee and the last three years on the Supreme Action Committee, at the same time as being the PGK for Prov 37 North Wales and then for Prov 2037 Wales.

We all have our parts to play in the continuance of our great order in the precepts of Charity Unity and Fraternity, these can be many and varied. You could consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to take the Sacraments to our sick Brothers, use the youth competitions to engage our youth, perhaps become a catechist for confirmation, (use the Faith in Action Award scheme), collect for and help out with a food bank, (use the Reverse Advent Calendar), fundraise for local charities and the National Action Project, steward in Parish and Diocese events, arrange Retreats and lead Prayer groups. These are just a few of the things already being practiced by many Brothers and there are many, many more ways to put your Faith into Action. By sharing Ideas and good practice we can all help each other and the order.

By action you will increase your faith and encourage others to join. Action makes Members.

Finally, Brothers consider joining in the Zoom Rosaries and remember your initiation pledge, "I promise to pray daily for the good of the Order and for the Souls of my Deceased Brothers and for all the faithful departed."

God Bless you.

***Roy Hyde-Linaker***  
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