

The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Greetings Brothers,

I do hope you are all keeping safe and healthy at this time. Please keep adhering to the Health warnings in each Jurisdictions of your country home.

We all seem to have to continue to stay at home, but look on the brighter side, all the social media that the Order is producing on behalf of all departments—keep us up to date. Indeed, we are recruiting new brothers during this terrible time. Thank you all.

Keep phoning/contacting brothers and families in your council, even if it is just to say "Hello". It is surprising what this means to us all (Including myself)

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia RIP Archbishop Glasgow, Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Order.

Last month's Bulletin had gone out just as we were hearing of the unexpected death of Archbishop Philip Tartaglia RIP, Archbishop of Glasgow on the Feast Day of St Mungo. There will be special Obituaries for him in the forthcoming edition of Columba Magazine (March) with a fitting memorial service for him later.

The Order will continue to receive Ecclesiastical advice from the Bishop's Conferences of Scotland, England and Wales until a new Ecclesiastical Advisor is appointed. This may take some time.

Head Office Update

Due to the recent flood devastation in Head Office it has not been possible to issue certificates for; GJA, MOH, Silver Jubilee Awards and others. The builders are in Head Office removing the ceilings and replacing them. It will take time for these to dry out, we then have redecoration, electrics to be PAC Tested and finally central heating. I apologise for the delay in sending out these certificates as the Printer Unit has had to be decommissioned until all this works are completed. Please bear with us. If you need an Urgent Certificate please contact Head Office directly.

Happy Birthday Provinces/ Councils 100 Years in existence;

Liverpool Province 2; Council 9

We are delighted to announce that a number of Councils are 100 years young this year.

Along with Council 9 of course the erection of Province 2 Liverpool. We have Supreme Council pencilled in for October (TBC)

Leeds Province 5; Council X1 (11) On behalf of Province 5 Could you please advise the Supreme Knight, that on the 16th of January 2021 Leeds Council X1. completed 100 years' service to the order. Although they now meet in John Henry Newman parish the Council was set up at St Ann's Cathedral Leeds and moved when the Cathedral buildings were altered.

Kevin Collins PGK Province 5 Leeds.

It is regretted that no travel to Masses and no social events are permitted for me to attend at this time, I am sure we will celebrate at a later date.

Social Media

The various departments of the Order; Apostolates, Welfare & Spirituality, Membership, Youth all continue to use Media for social media to continue getting out the Knight's messages, in the forthcoming months we will also see numerous events take place online e.g. Lenten Stations of the Cross.

There will be other departments also looking to keep information rolled out so we are all kept up to date. Personal Recruiting is taking place across the Order—Great News. Also, online.

Unfortunately, Addresses at Mass are not allowed as yet and as indeed the handing out of leaflets. We continue to Pray for our deceased Brothers and families who have died.

Council Meetings

Using "Zoom" at Council level for to greet and see brothers. Zoom licences were purchased by the Order for all Provinces to manage meetings by Councils—Please use it, there one can see other brothers. In this way councils can at least meet, greet each other and find out how brothers and families are coping at this dreadful time. Perhaps plan to again meet each month until physical meetings are again allowed.

Hopefully by late spring we will all be able to see a loosening of restrictions of some sort, depending on the Jurisdictions that you live in. Please, I ask you all to keep in contact with each other by any means—Phoning & emails, not forgetting zoom videoconferencing—it's Free.

Stay safe, stay healthy, Take care.

Fraternally,
Bertie

SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

His Grace Archbishop Philip Tartaglia (1951 -2021)R.I.P

We were deeply saddened by sudden the death of His Grace Archbishop Philip, who was described in the Catholic Herald as "a man with a Fathers heart", he has also been described as a gentle soul" He was a true friend to all who knew him and a great supporter of the Order. Just one of many examples of his friendship and support, when many Councils and Provinces decided that they would not hold a mass for deceased Brothers in November, His Grace without hesitation agreed to say a streamed Mass for us, so we can Remember our deceased Brothers and Family members.

As His Grace is laid to rest today (21/1/21) We thank God for the life of Archbishop Tartaglia, and for his life to serving the Church and its people.

May he rest in the loving arms of the Lord and reap his eternal reward.

Memorial Mass: for the family of the Knights of St Columba

On 12th June 2021, under current restrictions the numbers permitted to attend will be limited, therefore we may have to make it ticket only, the decision will be made next month and the information sent out. The good news is that the mass can be streamed giving more Brothers and family members who may not be able to travel the opportunity to join us in the Prayer of the Mass.

Dial-a-Mass:

I remind all Brothers that this service is still operating and ask that you to ensure your parish priests knows about this service and that it is only the cost of a local call. The number to call is – **01642 130 120**

It is hoped this service will continue after this pandemic has gone helping to bring Mass to the housebound and the sick.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent we will be holding the Stations of the Cross on line, it will be led by many of our clergy, we hope that many of our Brothers and families will join us as we make the spiritual journey towards Easter, preparing for the sadness of the death of Jesus and the joy of his resurrection. Emails will be sent out with the links. During Lent we do not have to give something up we can do something that we are not doing, we can say the Rosary for the sanctity of life, or make extra effort to contact our Brothers, Widows and Clergy.

Prayers for the Sick,

Please Pray for Brother John Campolini Past Director, who is at home recovering, also Margo is shielding. Please Pray for All Brothers & Families

Sean Mulligan.
Supreme Director for Spirituality & Welfare

ACTION AND SOCIAL

Here we go again another round of lockdown. It seems that all we are doing is starting our bulletin with lockdown, God willing we will all be vaccinated and be able to carry on with our daily life's.

Grand National draw

We had a number of PGK's getting in touch with us to let us know their concerns over the time that was available to distribute and return the tickets to Head Office therefore in discussions with the Supreme Knight it was decided to cancel the draw. Unfortunately this will mean that the order will lose approximately £8,000 in revenue this year as this is the only other stream of revenue that we have. Correspondence was sent out from Head Office with bank details to make a donation if brothers so wished.

Pro Life

By the time you read this our March for Life Vigil will have been carried out. An e-mail was sent out giving the details and it was publicised on Facebook. A great big thank you to all who made it happen.

National Action Project

News from the home in India is that it has been allowed to re-open and at this moment in time there are 10 boys currently staying there. Please keep your donations coming in to head office, and for those who are looking for a just giving page the trustees of the home are in the process of setting it up.

Urgent Action

Brothers although the current National Action Project is set to run until October 2022 we need your submissions for the next project by June at the latest, so if you are thinking of putting one forward please look at it now.

Lent.

During lent we will be streaming live the Stations of the Cross on a Monday night at 7pm the first one will be on the 22nd of February and it will be led by Province 3 Chaplain Fr Paul Lee who will be doing "The Way of the Cross" from the simple catholic prayer book.

22nd February Province 3 St Andrews & Edinburgh.

1st March Province 1 Glasgow.

8th March Province 5 Leeds.

15th March Province 18 Birmingham.

22nd March Province 30 Westminster Western.

29th March Province 37 North Wales.

Please stay safe God bless you all.

Harry Welsh
Director for Action and Social

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Columba Magazine

There is still time to get your articles into the next edition of Columba Magazine. Although that time is running out fast!!! Columba Magazine is already down to 20 pages. If we do not have enough material then we may have to reduce it again to 16 pages.

This is your magazine – please make as much use of it as possible.

If you have any articles, news stories, obituaries that you would like added **please have these to us at columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk by February 5th 2021. Thank you.**

eColumba

The next edition of eColumba will be with you all at the beginning of February 2021.

Hard to believe that we are almost into the second month of 2021!!

Some articles have been sent in already for publication. There is still space left, so if you want to advertise anything then please email us your articles / advertisements as soon as possible.

Please send us anything you want advertised for the December Edition by Friday 22nd January 2021.

National Website

The current version of our KSC website will no longer be updated with anything new. In December 2020 it was decided and agreed that a newer version of the Website was needed.

We are working away in the background on the new website. It is being programmed to work better on smart phones / tablets and PCs. Brother Stephen Ferris is a godsend for this. He is creating content fit for the Order in 2021. If you have anything you want to see / have up on the new website then please do get in touch with us.

Please remember that anything sent to us will not be seen for another 2 months!!

The KSC Brand!

In line with a decision from the last Board of Directors Meeting, and as promised in the last Bulletin, the KSC Official Letterhead for 2021 is now available from either Head Office by email or can be downloaded from the KSC Website.

It is in the Members Area of the now "old" website under the Head Office section.

Please make sure that you use **ONLY** this letterhead from now on!

Zoom!

As was stated in an earlier Bulletin, all files on Zoom **must be downloaded** by Councils or Provinces **before that last day of each month**. The files take up space and must be downloaded before **they are removed** to allow space for your next month's Meetings.

Any Zoom files not downloaded **will be removed** from Zoom and then **can only be requested after 48 hours from Head Office**.

Sincerely & Fraternaly
Sean Smith, Supreme Director of Media

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE OFFICER HANDLING YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE MATTERS IN YOUR PROVINCE / COUNCIL

Brothers, pray you are all staying safe and well. Please pray for those Brothers, our Clergy and Family Members who have passed away recently and remember those who are ill in your prayers in Faith, Family and Fraternity. Remember to pray for our Young People who might be in a state of flux because they are not sure what exam grades they will be assigned this coming year in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Let us all continue to make sure that all our Youth competitions, Seminars and events are made available to our faith family of Brother Knights, friends, neighbours and Parishioners.

Various Youth Bulletins have been sent out by Head Office. Please promote them to your Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Catholic Academy's and Colleges.

Keep an eye on the Youth and Young People Facebook page for Virtual events, Seminars and general information for promotion to your Provinces Website, Facebook pages, your Archdiocese / Diocese / Deanery / Parish/es Website and Facebook pages and your Council's Website's, Facebook pages and WhatsApp pages. All these items are for your Young People, Your Teachers, Catechists and Parish Priest's.

Reminders

The Christian Heritage Centre – Christian Leadership Formation (Yr12+) Fantastic Course that a Secondary School, a Parish, a Province or even a Council can send a Young Person on as and when the climate is conducive. But, book it now.

The Columban Missionaries Fathers Schools Media Competition 'LET'S CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM' Original writing OR Original image on the subject matter for our Young People of 14yrs-18yrs inc to submit. Email & FB

On the Youth Facebook Page items posted daily - Youth 2000 UK, Cafod, Million Minutes, Westminster Youth Ministry and CYMfed virtual courses can be accessed for promotion to Schools via email for their online dissemination. Promote to your Parishes via their websites and Facebook pages even newsletters if these are still being produced in paper form OR online. Please keep promoting these and events Brothers in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Re: KSC Youth Competitions

Extended 2019/2020 x 3

Cheques, Certificates for the Winners of the Extended 2020 Easter, Prayer and Essay Competitions.

Apologies for the delay, kindly bear with us. We are working hard to get the Cheques and Certificates out to you despite the situation at Head Office. Hopefully they should start coming out to you by the end of January 2021.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2020/2021 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

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.

2020/2021 Nativity Competition-Extended Submission Date

All entries need to arrive at Head Office by **Friday 26th February 2021** please. This extension is due to the Lockdown and the many calls from Brothers.

NB: Collection ought to have taken place by November-Early December from our schools. Furthermore schools are not closed, as Keyworker children are in school and collection should be requested under safe Covid-19 conditions. God bless you all for all that you do. Parish entrants could have been collected anytime from the Presbytery or while Brothers have been at Mass.

My comments for February 2021 follows: The situation in our country and around the world means that we have to become used to using Social media to deliver our message. We need to ensure that we use all the different platforms available to us as members of the Knights of St Columba who are also members of the Parish family. Let us promote our Young People's winning entries using all the social media platforms available to us at Council, Provincial, Deanery, Arch/Diocese level. Let us promote them using the printed Newsletters and as well as the Online Newsletters. Ask the schools to ensure they please promote in the School Newsletter and School website for Parents to view the success of their Young People. We have some fantastic clergy who support us and would be interested in the success of their Local Young People. When normality returns we should also display the winners entry's at the back of the church, we should ask our Rev Fr's to announce the winners and call them forward to receive a well done from the congregation. We are now in a digital world and should continue to use the digital means to further our promotion. Thank you most sincerely to the Provinces and Councils who already promote as advised above. Let us know of the promotions that make it into Newsletters, Facebook pages, Websites and other publications.

Things to come.

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

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar's

Contact spread sheet with Youth Contacts

Please stay safe.

Fraternally, Michael Akinrele

Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Unfortunately, there are still great numbers of people dying of Coronavirus.

However, at least in the last number of weeks there has been hope on the horizon with the roll-out of the various vaccines which we hope will resign this awful disease to history.

Being a member of the Order of the Knights of St Columba has allowed a great number of us to connect with our Brothers and their families. Although in many instances this has been virtually, whether on Zoom or another media device, the sense of companionship and belonging that fraternity brings is a truly great virtue of our Order.

When you are speaking with gentlemen about the current situation we are living in, let them know the solace you gain from being a member of the Knights.

It is extremely difficult to recruit under Covid restrictions when most of our normal avenues of doing so have been taken away from us.

For those of you who are still able to attend Mass, have a conversation with 'that gentleman' at the back of the Church. Let him know about the Knights of St Columba and the work that we do. We must try and make use of the little opportunities that we are given.

This will bring new Brothers into the Order.

As most of you know, Head Office has suffered a burst pipe recently. In addition to being closed for a length of time due to lockdown restrictions, this has led to delays in a number of things.

One of these being the distribution of facemasks. These arrived just prior to Christmas and are being delivered out to those who have requested them. These are reusable and cost £5. Available in black. We can wear them whenever we are able to attend Mass in our own Parishes to highlight the fact that we are members of the Knights of St Columba. A further order has been placed for more stock.



Shirts £20, Polo-shirts £15 and Fleeces £35 are now available to order. An order form will be in the next edition of Columba magazine. An order form for these was in the last edition of Columba. Contact

Head Office for details.

By wearing these, we can ensure that our image as Knights of St Columba is always to the forefront.



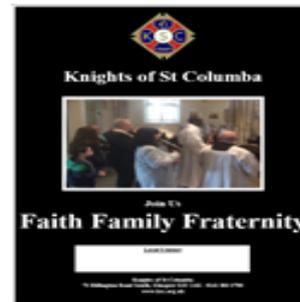
This coming year, we will be moving forward with more Membership Seminars. These will be more regional in nature. The first of these will be in March 2021. Exact details of timings will follow when finalised.

FAITH - FAMILY – FRATERNITY

As you know, this year we are focusing on these virtues in the coming year.

Publicity is available with this message detailed. Obviously, we are curtailed currently in where we can place posters and who can see them.

However, they are available to order from Head Office and can be tailored to your individual Province, Council or even Parish or event. You could even have one in your front window!



Keep safe Brothers.

If you would like to become a member of the Membership Team ,please contact us on membership@ksc.org.uk

'Leave everything in God's hands for he will take care of you'
St John Baptist de La Salle

Bro Brian Henry, Director, Membership & Development. Feb 2020.

OBITUARIES Form SW3 received at Head Office In December 2020/January 2021

Co.	Prov.	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov.	Name	Date of Death
560	29	William Kinsella	03/11/2020	383	7	Francis Byrne	29/12/2020
188	21	Eric Mullen	08/11/2020	293	18	Keith Barclay	05/01/2021
551	34	Terence Nagle	11/11/2020	320	29	John Rowland	06/01/2021
223	18	John Carter	12/11/2020	117	12	George Gabbett	07/01/2021
440	29	Victor Evans	13/11/2020	110	21	Patrick Fleming	10/01/2021
163	30	John Collins	14/11/2020	8	1	Bernard Hardie	10/01/2021
150	1	Richard Fullerton	18/11/2020	81	10	Roy Smith	10/01/2021
51	2	Edward Welch	21/11/2020	319	27	Gordon Murray	13/01/2021
29	4	John Hanafin	28/11/2020	572	29	Vincent McGoldrick	15/01/2021
9	2	Henry Rainford	09/12/2020	104	8	Cyril Duncan	16/01/2021
499	14	Terence Mathews	21/12/2020	110	21	Gerald Perry	24/01/2021
111	10	Ejikeme Uzoalor	27/12/2020				

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM,
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE, AMEN