



The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Dear Brothers & Families,

Let us continue our beliefs in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

As I am writing this, I'm awaiting information from the UK Government on the reopening of schools and business. There will again be different times for us to go out again depending on the Jurisdictions that you live in, but at least there is now hope at the end of that long winter tunnel.

Regardless of where you live, please stay safe, stay within the guidelines, wear a mask if you are out.

Recruiting

Look, we are recruiting new men into the Order. Even in this terrible time of COVID, individual Brothers have taken up their promise to the Order to recruit and yes they are having results.

Various Councils in England have been able to recruit (Churches are open in England) attached to this bulletin is the "Admissions" list. This gives us great pride and delight that we are still recruiting.

While I am aware that some Brothers will have been furloughed, indeed some have been made redundant, but still these men will stay in the Order. It is at times like this that we say Thank you to them, but please be aware that they may need help along with their families.

As I am writing about finances it has been brought to my attention that a number of Councils have not paid their Head Office dues for 2020/2021, I ask all GK's to remedy this matter asap. Please contact Head Office if your council have issues.

Lockdown

With the great news that "lockdown" will be eased over the forthcoming months, now is the time for to contact all brothers and families, again asking how they are but also looking to "think" about getting councils to reopen again, but wait, let us not jump too soon.

The Board of Directors will consider all this at their next meeting in April. I will issue a communication when we are safe and ready.

Supreme Council 2022

Yes, Brothers I need you all to help myself and the Board of Directors to consider plans to hold Supreme Council 2022—Where?

Hopefully Supreme Council 2021 will be ok to go ahead safely in Liverpool in October. Why Liverpool, Province 2 Liverpool was the first Province in England to be opened by the Order 100 years ago in 1921. Book your place on 2nd to 4th October 2021.

But we need to start looking across the country for a venue to have Supreme Council 2022, perhaps you know a hotel near you that would be able to accommodate this annual event. If you do know of a hotel or indeed a holiday camp resort (Used many years ago) please contact me via Head Office.

I do hope that we will all stay safe, healthy and fraternal until Councils may be able to reopen in the summer this would help the Brothers and families to be able to attend Mass, the Sacraments, allowing us all to try and meet, to get the Councils working again as this is most essential for the Order and the wellbeing of Brothers and myself to visit you. Thank you all.

Fraternal regards,

Bertie

SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

What Value Life

It seems to me that human life is valued less and less as the year's role by, when we watch the news or read the papers, it is not unusual these days to hear of someone's life being taken, with the average year on year being a rough average of 520 (figure from the national office of statistics, (This figure does not include Scotland)).

We have people fighting to changes in the law to make assisted suicide and Euthanasia legal, they will dress it up by saying that it is to stop people suffering, they would start with those who are terminally ill, they will say things like "well you wouldn't see a dog suffer", in countries that have already legalised Euthanasia, it has been found that pressure is put on the person, asking them to think of their families, they do not want to be a burden on their family so they accept it.

Our survival instincts are strong. It has been reported that a man who had previously agreed to have his life ended, when the time came he was fighting against it, so much so that family members and doctors had to restrain him, so one of the doctors could end his life

Euthanasia refers to active steps taken to end someone's life to stop their suffering and the "final deed" is undertaken by someone other than the individual, for example a doctor. If the person concerned has requested this, it falls under the term "voluntary euthanasia".

Assisted suicide is about helping someone to take their own life at their request – in other words the final deed is undertaken by the person themselves. Assisted dying can be used to mean both euthanasia, generally voluntary, and assisted suicide; however, some campaign groups use it to refer only to assisted suicide of terminally ill people.

We must remember Gods teaching and in particular the sixth commandment, 'thou shalt not kill' we are taught that God gives us life, it is God alone to take when the time comes, we must fight now not for ourselves but for our children and our children's children and the generations to come, if we sit back and do nothing, when it comes to future generations they will be euthanised when they are no longer deemed useful.

There are a number of websites you can get further information and I would encourage you to do so.

[The Meaning of Life \(catholicexchange.com\)](http://catholicexchange.com)

[Promoting palliative care, Opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide - Care Not Killing - Care NOT Killing - Promoting care, Opposing euthanasia - Care Not Killing](#)

[Promoting Positive Care Pathways at the End of Life \(hopeireland.org\)](http://hopeireland.org)

Prayer Request Page

A Prayer request page has now been set up on Facebook, you can add requests of prayers for Brothers or family members who are sick at this time or for those who have died.

Memorial Mass 12th June 2021 at 14:00

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool.

Due to the limit on the numbers this will be prebook only, please email welfare@ksc.org.uk the name and contact number of each Brother to book your place

Names will be given to the stewards, this will also cover the NHS track and trace.

It is important to note that if your name does not appear on the list you will be refused entry.

Thank you

Sean Mulligan

Supreme Director for Spirituality & Welfare

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

'Pray, Hope and Don't Worry' St Padre Pio

Hopefully, the rollout of vaccinations that we've witnessed throughout the country will signal the beginning of the end to these seemingly constant periods of lockdown.

Hopefully, soon we will be able to attend Mass in larger congregations along with our families and our Brothers.

Hopefully, we will soon be able to join each other personally in our Council and Provincial meetings.

Hopefully, we will be able to speak face to face with those gentlemen who have been expressing interest in joining our Order.

Hopefully, Prayer throughout this Lenten period will realise all of our hopes and allow our Order to expand and flourish as we come through this pandemic.

Recruiting

We realise that it is extremely difficult to recruit with the current National restrictions in place.

Always take the opportunity when the time is right to talk up the benefits of our Order and the work that we do. New prospective members are out there!

For those of you who are still able to attend Mass, have a conversation with 'that gentleman' at the back of the Church.

In those conversations you have with the neighbours whilst on your daily walk, mention the Knights of St Columba and the work that we do.

Let us try and make use of any opportunities that we are given.

Visibility

It is important for us to continually engage in many acts of service to the Church.

Whatever we are doing, it is important that we retain a high visibility. Always remember to try and be visible – wear your ties, your collarettes, your shirts or polo shirts and your face-masks wherever possible.

The facemasks are reusable and cost £5. Available in black.

It would appear that we may have to wear masks for a period of time yet. 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 £30, Polo-shirts £20 and Fleece £35 are now available to order. An order form will be in the next edition of Columba magazine. Contact Head Office for details.

In wearing these, we ensure that visibility as Knights of St Columba.



Membership Seminar

A Membership Seminar is planned for Saturday 27th March 2021 at 10:00am. This will be on the Zoom format. Details of the Zoom codes will be sent to your PGK's in the next week or so. **ALL** Brothers are welcome to attend. In this Seminar we will look at what Membership tools are available to help you recruit in the current climate we live in.

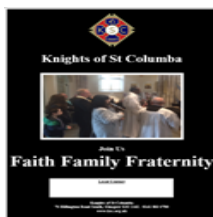
FAITH - FAMILY – FRATERNITY

Brothers, please use the publicity where you are able, to promote these three virtues that we purport as an Order.

Publicity is available with this message detailed.

These are available to order from Head Office and can be tailored to your individual Province, Council or even Parish or event.

The poster example below can come in any colour and with any (your own) picture.



Keep safe Brothers. The end of this pandemic is hopefully in sight.

'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle'
St. Francis of Assisi

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

Bro Brian Henry, Director, Membership & Development.

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Columba Magazine

Your Spring Edition of Columba Magazine will be with you very shortly (if you have not already received it). You will notice that there is an extra piece in there. Please do keep this and photocopy the Order Forms pack page as often as you need to.

There is still time to get your articles into the Summer 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 or – horror of horrors – not have a magazine at all!!

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 May 4th 2021**. Thank you.

eColumba

It was a great sadness to have lost our eColumba Editor, Brother Michael Bagness, who loved putting this periodical out for you all. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep his wife Carmel and his two sons in your prayers.

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

National Website

We are still working on aspects of the old website – whilst we still program the new look website.

This is only in areas where it is very much needed. So much so that there is a new looking SW3 – Notification of Death Form on the website, which now works great. It has been re-designed and that same design will be carried over into the new website.

In the meantime, if you feel like your Council or Province needs to be highlighted to the world then why not send us some of your photographs of Brothers in action, no matter what they are doing. Only decent quality photographs will be added to the new website.

Please remember to caption your photographs!! No caption – no inclusion – no excuses!

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.

From this month (March 2021) all of your files will no longer be able to be accessed by your Provincial Grand Knight as they will be uploaded to their OneDrive's. Any PGK who doesn't know how to access their OneDrive to get hold of these files must contact the SD for Media – Brother Sean Smith

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Sean Smith, Supreme Director of Media

ACTION

What wonderful news we have this month potentially being released from lock down. I know by the time you read this we will all be on our roadmaps out of this horrible pandemic. We have all been praying for this for so long, how much of a difference will this have made to our lives. We know that some of our loved ones have passed to their eternal reward and we will keep them in our prayers. We are so looking forward to being able to get back to our action work meeting people face to face again.

Pro Life

On the 28th of January we had a day for Life to join with our American counterparts, the day started with mass at 8am celebrated by Bishop John Keenan from St.Mirrin's Cathedral Paisley. We had various speakers through out the day with videos from S.P.U.C. and Knights of St Columba. There was certainly some powerful videos on the day. Over the course of the day we had a reasonable amount of people in on the zoom meeting but the great success was that we had about 1100 hits on facebook.I would like to express my thanks to our Supreme Knight Brother Bertie Grogan IPSK Brother Charlie McCluskey and Director for Media Brother Sean Smith for all the hard work that they put in to the day. I would also like to thank all the participants who contributed so much for a great day.

During lockdown the Apostolate committee with Spirituality and Welfare have been trying to put on something each month to keep the order in peoples minds, we have over the last 12 months been flooding facebook with various programmes such as the rosary and pro-life issues.

We decided with the Supreme Knight's permission to do the Stations of the Cross on Monday nights. The list is printed below we will put out the Zoom codes nearer each date. We will have completed two sessions by the time you read this bulletin, and the wonderful news is that on the first night we had 70 people on the Zoom meeting and had over 1000 hits on facebook, brothers this is fantastic we are using modern technology to the best of our ability.

Details of Lenten Stations;

22nd February; Province 3 St Andrews & Edinburgh
Read By : Fr. P.Lee Provincial Chaplain
Response : Brother B.Beaton PGK

1st March; Province 1 Glasgow
Read By: Fr. J.Dean Assistant Provincial Chaplain
Response: Brother M.Moran DPGK

8th March; Province 5 Leeds
Read By: Fr. P.Wall Provincial Chaplain
Response: Brother A.Britten KCSG PSK

15th March; Province 18 Birmingham
Read By: Archbishop B.Longley Bishop of Birmingham Response: Brother A.Rugg PGK

22nd March; Province 30 Westminster Western
Read By: Deacon R.Abrahams Provincial Chaplain
Response: Brother S.Mulligan Director for Spirituality and Welfare

29th March; Province 37 North Wales
Read By: Fr.C.Ramesey Provincial Chaplain
Response: Brother Roy-Hyde-Linekar PGK

Grand National Draw

Once again just to remind you if you have tickets for the draw please destroy them .If you feel you would like to make a donation to the order please transfer to the orders bank account. This is the only other source of income that the order receives.

Catholic Social Teachings

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2021

"There is the question of vaccines, and medical care in general, which risks excluding the poorer peoples. Who would keep us informed about the long wait for treatment in the poverty-stricken villages of Asia, Latin America and Africa? Social and economic differences on the global level risk dictating the order of distribution of anti-Covid vaccines, with the poor always at the end of the line and the right to universal health care affirmed in principle, but stripped of real effect. Yet even in the world of the more fortunate, the social tragedy of families rapidly slipping into poverty remains largely hidden; people who are no longer ashamed to wait in line before charitable organizations in order to receive a package of provisions do not tend to make news... Digital technology gives us the possibility of timely first-hand information that is often quite useful... It is a powerful tool, which

demands that all of us be responsible as users and consumers."

Pope Francis

Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Psalm 31

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

How great is the goodness, O LORD, which you have in store for those who fear you, And which, toward those who take refuge in you, you show in the sight of the children of men.

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

You hide them in the shelter of your presence from the plottings of men; You screen them within your abode from the strife of tongues.

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Blessed be the LORD whose wondrous mercy he has shown me in a fortified city.

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Once I said in my anguish,

"I am cut off from your sight";

Yet you heard the sound of my pleading when I cried out to you.

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Love the LORD, all you his faithful ones!

The LORD keeps those who are constant, but more than requites those who act proudly.

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

National Action Projects

Brothers could I please remind you that I need any action projects that you are thinking of to be in by the first week in June.

Social

Hopefully we may be able to get the National Golf Tournament run this year watch this space.

On behalf of the Apostolates committee I would like to thank you for all your support in the projects we have been doing.
Please stay safe may God Bless you all
Faternally
Harry Welsh
Director for Action and Social

OBITUARIES

Form SW3 received at Head Office In February 2021

Co.	Prov	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov	Name	Date of Death
518	27	Ron Harrod	29/12/2020	206	27	Con Pappas	10/02/2021
320	29	John Rowland	06/01/2021	150	1	John McGinnis	08/02/2021
520	16	John Smillie	22/01/2021	110	21	Gerald Perry	24/01/2021
106	11	Chimezie Daniels	01/02/2021	520	16	James Devine	11/02/2021
440	29	Christopher Taylor	14/01/2021	572	29	Vince McGoldrick	15/01/2021

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

**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, thank God for the good news from the PM and the Scientist about the R number. Moreover, our Young People are due back to School. Pray God they make up the time they have lost and let's hope we all do our bit up and down the country to keep the R number down, so as not to force the PM to put us on Lockdown again.

In Faith, Family and Fraternity, lets us all ensure to promote all our Youth competitions, Seminars and events to our Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Catholic Academy's, Colleges and to our faith family of Brother Knights, friends, neighbours and Parishioners.

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People page

This Facebook page is the most immediate and available resource for receiving information about events, virtual or otherwise. As events come to our attention they are posted for your dissemination and promotion daily. It saves sending an email from Head Office every day for Youth items. Our Partner organisations are actively using the same online means of promotion. So please 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. Events from Million Minutes, Cafod, Westminster Youth Ministry, Youth2000UK, Aid to the Church in Need, CYMfed and Southwark Catholic Youth Service. Thank you to Brothers who share the information to other pages and even to Council WhatsApp pages promoting the events. Youth Emails will still be sent when required by the items being promoted. Please keep promoting these and events Brothers in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

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

Re: KSC Youth Competitions

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- Submission Closed

Last entries arrived Friday 26th February 2021. We expect to have Winners announced by Head Office by 2nd Week in March 2021. Certificates and cheques payments should follow thereafter with the cooperation of the KSC Media Dept and Head Office.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 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.

Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.

Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades
4 to 7 years of age. Closed

**Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades
7 to 11 years of age. Closed**

Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades
7 to 11 years of age. 7th May 2021

**Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades
11 to 14 years of age. 7th May 2021**

Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades
14 to 18 years of age. 7th May 2021

**Prayer Composition: Primary Grades
7 to 11 years of age. 28th May 2021***

Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades
11 to 14 years of age. 28th May 2021*

**Prayer Composition: Senior Grades
14 to 18 years of age. 28th May 2021***

Essay Writing: Secondary Grades
11 to 14 years of age. 28th May 2021*

**Essay Writing: Senior Grades
14 to 18 years of age. 28th May 2021***

NB: Please ensure you have planned your collection dates with your participating Primary/Secondary schools, Colleges, Parishes and Youth Clubs etc. Kindly try and have a Council adjudication as well as a Provincial adjudication please. God Bless you all for all that you do.

My comments for March 2021 follows: Let us pray God we come out of this Lockdown and stay out of it. If so, pray God, then let us try and make up for lost time by realising that things have changed in the world around us. Our Work will have changed, our communication will have changed, our Young People will have changed and gotten even better at using all the available online platforms, that were available before Covid-19 and that we have had to grapple with thanks to Covid-19. Our Churches were streaming before Covid-19, nearly all of them are now. Our Archdiocese/Diocese, Deanery's and Parishes had website before Covid-19, now all of them that have are making better use of them as they were forced to by the situation. Many had Facebook pages before Covid-19, now they have learnt how to stream masses on it and use it to communicate with the Catholic Faithful. Twitter, Instagram and Whatsapp are normal. We need to embrace the technology and use it to promote ourselves to our constituent Catholic Faithful, Parents, Young People, Schools etc

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

Dates to follow for the Seminars.

Wishing you all well during your Lenten observance. Happy Eastertide to you and your families.

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

ADMISSIONS—M1 forms received in 2021

Mem No.	Co.	Name	Initiation Date	Mem No.	Co.	Name	Initiation Date
21/01	267	Patrick Iyama	14/02/2021	21/04	60	Stuart Chapple	07/01/2021
21/02	9	Liam McNeillis	11/02/2021	21/05	60	Jake Robinson	07/01/2021
21/03	982	Augustus Gomez	14/02/2021	21/06	60	James Knight	07/01/2021

Welcome Brothers