



The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Greetings Brothers,

We are now looking at most of the country being vaccinated against COVID, let us turn our minds to following the guidelines hoping that we will soon be able to live a life as near normal as we previously were to enjoy. That said it will not be prudent to start making plans to reopen Councils for physically meetings as yet.

Rerum Novarum

I am delighted to attach to my Bulletin a rare chance for Brothers to attend webinar hosted by St Mary's University, Twickenham on "Rerum Novarum" by Pope Leo X111, celebrating 130 years on the publication of this great document on "The Future of the World at Work". Many Brothers who like myself were in the Order during the 80's will remember that the Order produced a booklet on this, it was official reading and discussion monthly. Please sign up and enjoy as there is so much to learn in there.

Recruitment

We are delighted to read of the Grand Knight of Wolverhampton Council 184 getting all the Brothers of that council to commit to bringing in a new brother each in the coming year. This is what membership of our great Order is all about. If each Brother were to bring in a new member our membership would double again. I ask each Council and Brother to adopt this attitude.

Perhaps some of you would say we cannot recruit, by pulpit address, but why not approach personally men that are in your parish, that you see attending Mass?

Let's get behind and support this Councils idea and each Brother in the Order recruit one new Brother before March 2022. Each Brother is a Membership officer.

A New start in this Second Century of the Order, a new enthusiasm must come from this pandemic.

Board of Directors Meeting.

The Board of Directors are proposing to physically meet in July. The last time that the Board physically met was early March 2020. Since then we have conducted the Orders business by videoconferencing. The reopening of Councils physically is an item on the agenda. The answer will be governed by what is happening in the Jurisdictions of Scotland, Wales, England, also Isle of Man and Jersey. We will then make our decision known across the Order.

We will also discuss the probability of Supreme Council taking place in Liverpool October 1st-3rd.

In this regard we hopefully be positive as Liverpool is the 1st Province in England and are celebrating that Centenary. Earlier in April we had a celebration on line to cover the actual date of Council 9 and the Province's Centenary.

This Supreme Council will elect a new Supreme Knight, my term was extended to a 4th Year because of the pandemic, but will also see the new structure of the Order becoming into place where a number of Directors will be replaced by Regional Directors, this also was to take place at SC 2020 which was cancelled. We look forward to these new Regional Directors taking their place, assisting Provinces in their Region on all matters, releasing the Provincial Grand Knights to support their provinces. By doing this we hopefully will see a resurgence in recruitment led by those PGK's.

Fraternally,
Bertie

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

Dear Brothers,

Columba Magazine

Your Summer Edition of Columba Magazine is now being readied. 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

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

Please send us anything you want advertised for the June Edition by Friday 28th May 2021.

If you would like to become the next Editor of eColumba then please feel free to contact Brother Sean Smith – Supreme Director for Media at media@ksc.org.uk and he will contact you to discuss this.

National Website

As we promised in the April Bulletin, the new look website was released on April 14th, 2021. This new look website has received some praise already. Yes, there were a few teething problems to begin with but most of these have already been rectified. We are glad to announce that all of the April 2021 deadline Forms were made available online for Councils and Provinces to complete. Any dated Forms will now be updated ready for 2021/2022 over the coming months, as well as all other Forms that can be completed online. As you will see from these Online Forms they have been made to look exactly like all of our Forms except that we can, in some cases, autofill some of the information in for you. Please ensure that you check all the information before you send it to Head Office. Forms can also be printed off prior to sending so that the Council / Province can retain a copy of the information sent in. Also, we are currently building the Youth Competition area with the rules for 2021 Competitions, including the chance for our young people to be able to upload entries to all the competitions online! We hope you like the new website, which is totally mobile and tablet friendly.

To access any of the pages please use the "hamburger" menu on the screen (circled in the image below) to view areas of the site. The "Members Only Area" can be accessed through this menu or through the link just under the "Search" bar on the KSC Home Page.



Zoom!

Every month we have been moving all of your Zoom Council and Provincial Council Meetings to your PGK's OneDrive systems. If you require a recording of your Meeting please contact your PGK who has total access to those recordings and can send them to you. If you have any problems please contact us at media@ksc.org.uk and we can get a copy of the recordings to you.

This Month sees all of our Supreme Directors gaining training and licences to use Zoom for their Committees and other Zoom Seminars. Please keep an eye out for them coming online and where possible, for those of you who are "experts" in Zoom help them out if they need help.

Sincerely & Fraternaly
Sean Smith, Supreme Director of Media

WELFARE & SPIRITUALITY

Vocations: We each have a calling in life and rely on other people to answer the calling to particular vocations, Sunday 25th April was Good Shepherd Sunday, His Holiness asked for us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, he also wrote a message entitled "St Joseph, the Dream of Vocation" in which he looks at the special attributes of Trust and fidelity that enabled Jesus' earthly Father to achieve something extraordinary for God

Pray
For all who have heard God's invitation to ordained ministry and religious life, especially those who are currently in formation. Please also pray for all those who are discerning whether God is calling them, and for those who have yet to recognise His call, that the Lord will make his will clearly known
The Southwark Diocese has produced a Prayer card for Vocations

Prayer for Vocations:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests;
help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ Your Son, the Eternal High Priest, Amen.

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm

Encourage

Please encourage those considering consecrated life, that their love of Our Lord may grow and desire to serve him increase to the point of saying 'yes' to ordination or profession.

Donate

Diocese invests approximately £30,000 per annum for each seminarian for a period of six years. Your council or group of councils could think about adopting a seminarian, helping support him financially through his training.

The sad fact that fewer men are answering the call to the priesthood and we are having to depend on orders like the The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) and Salvatorian orders to cover our parishes and say the masses of us, seminaries are closing because they are not getting the numbers to make them sustainable. Let us do something now, don't just sit back do nothing and then complain when our parish closes because they do not have enough priests to cover the parish.

Forms: Thank you to those who have returned your councils forms, to those who have not yet returned them please do so now.

SW4a Special needs allowance, when filling the form, we come to the reason for claim I am getting less of the financial or Financial hardship, unfortunately I now have "unable to afford his dues". That Brothers is a foregone conclusion otherwise you would not be claiming special needs for him, what I need to know is what is the cause of financial hardship, not to just be getting into Brother's business, but as welfare officer I want to help the Brother who is struggling, is there help out there for him we can help him to get.

I have previously asked all S&W officers to get in the mailing list for the 'Department of Work and Pensions' find out what help there is for our Brothers so we can guide them to get a long-term solution and not just a short-term fix that we could offer.

Fraternity is one of the foundation stones that our Order is built on, Brotherly love is something we must show to all of our Brothers, I was deeply sadden recently when I received an SW3 informing me of a Brothers death, but there was no next of Kin, on contacting the council asking for details I was told that "The Council Didn't Know Him" The Brother had been in the Order since 1953 and was a past GK of the council and past Provincial Officer, and had done a vast amount of work for the Order.

I make no apologies for repeating myself, Every Brother, Every Widow and Every member of the Clergy must be contacted a **minimum** of once a month more if needed, let us give a little of our time and make an effort to get to know our Brothers, let them know they are important to us they are valued and can still play a part in the Order even if it is only with prayer.

Memorial Mass Liverpool: the date is 12th June the time is 15:00, the intention is for 'The Deceased members of the Knights family'. The Order is a family so it is only fitting that we remember not only our Brothers but family members who have been called from this life.

There are some places left, if you want to book your place please email welfare@ksc.org.uk with the **Name and Contact Number**, (for Track and Trace) there is only a few weeks left so please book now to save disappointment.

Rosary in May:

You are invited to join us for the dedication of our Order to our Patroness, our blessed Mother, throughout the month of May, please look out for the email giving details.

God Bless
Sean

AUDIT, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Brothers

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well as we finally come out of lockdowns around Britain.

In the next few weeks' invoices for 2021/22 annual dues will be circulated. We know that this last year has been a challenging one for many in our Order, therefore can I ask that you look sympathetically at each Brothers financial position and if there is any hardship, that you do not hesitate to use the benevolence channels of the Order; up to and including the Special Needs Allowance. No brother should ever be lapsed because he cannot afford to pay his dues.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of our councils, who through these dark times paid their annual dues for 2020/21. It is much appreciated and has ensured that we have been able to continue the work of the Order in supporting a number of charities and also ensuring the employment of our Head Office Staff.

Unfortunately we still do have councils who have not paid or only partly paid last year's dues. Whilst we fully understand the financial circumstances, we do need to know if there is difficulty. Therefore if your council falls into that category, please contact Head Office as soon as possible in order that we can resolve any arrears.

As I have said, these are difficult times but hopefully by working together we will with Gods help, come out of them stronger and ready to put our ideals of Faith, Family and Fraternity into action.

God Bless

Fraternally

Charlie

Charlie McCluskey, KSG, IPSK

Chairman Audit, Finance Governance

OBITUARIES

Form SW3 received at Head Office in April
2021

Co.	Name	Date of Death
95	Manuel Montoro-Blanch	04/01/2021
476	Joseph S. Warden	06/04/2021
396	Thomas Creighton	30/01/2021
268	Jack Lawrenson	17/02/2021
397	Vince Finan	31/12/2020
248	Ronald Hill	16/04/2021
216	Gerard Chauvel	05/04/2021
401	Simon Straughn	05/04/2021
83	Edward Bolland	06/04/2021
369	Gerald J. Horgan	07/05/2020
551	Norman Payne	18/04/2021

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, the communication I am getting from our School's, directly from my local School and from contact with Brothers and from other Schools is that they want to work with us and they are just waiting for the information to be sent to them in good time. We have sent out a few items recently from Head Office. Please promote them as advised on the email. Some were sent with Letters for the Schools, Parish etc. Others sent for you to send to your Participating schools, Parish, Parish Youth Club, Scouts etc. It is May.2021 and we will be joining the Apostolate in saying the Rosary on Zoom throughout the month of May 2021. Well, **Aid to the Church in Need** have asked the Order to help them promote a Primary School Rosary Activity called **May 2021 - Maisy Milk Rosary for Peace**. It has been very well received from feedback I am getting. Please forward to your schools in time to include in their May 2021 RE planning.

Faith, Family and Fraternity, involve your family, friends and our Parish family in all our events and competitions please. These items we are promoting for our Youth are also for our near and dearest.

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

Visit the Youth and Young People Facebook Page regularly for Online Youth events that are ideal to share to your Parish Facebook page, to your Council Facebook page, to your Provincial Facebook and Regional Facebook page. Why not download these Resource pages from our partner organisations and email them to your Schools, Parish and other suitable participants? Moreover, the items might be online seminars for Youth Practitioners like ourselves, so take part as well as sending them to others who might find them useful.

Remember, this is your page as well. Post items about the success you are having at Council, Provincial and Regional level. Let others know how you are progressing your Youth programme

Reminders

The Columba Heritage Centre in Ireland have put together a 4 PDF activity Resource pack to celebrate the **1500th Anniversary of St Columba's** birth. It has stories, painting, cut outs. It allows Schools collaboration whilst taking part. We should actively promote this as Knights of St Columba and we might learn somethings as well. Expect this on email and posted to Facebook.

The CUCT Catholic Young Writers Award 2021 has been sent out by email. We had success last year, so let us promote it and see how our Young People get on this year.

Aid to the Church in Need May 2021 - Maisy Milk Rosary for Peace Resource Activity is ideal for getting our Young People saying and getting involved in the Rosary this May 2021.

The National Office for Vocation are working with Vocation Ireland and international

colleagues to run the 'Vocation Music Award'. Young musicians age 18+ are invited to compose a song on the theme of vocation. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners receive €2000, €1000 and €500, respectively. The deadline for submissions is 31st July. Posted on the Youth and Young People Facebook page as well as emailed to you

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.

Re: KSC Youth Competitions NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2020/2021 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND 2020/2021 Nativity Competition- Winners Scans emailed to you.

Can I respectfully ask that you forward the Nativity scans to your Participating entrants i.e. Schools, Parishes, Youth Clubs etc. Send them to your Diocese for publication; place them on Websites, Diocesan and Parish Facebook Pages. Publish them in your Provincial publications and let us celebrate our Young People to the fullest.

- 1) Winners Certificates are being signed for dispatch to the successful Provinces.
- 2) Winners Cheques are ready to accompany the Certificates.
- 3) Participation Certificates to accompany the returning entrants Paintings
- 3) Expect the entrants Painting to follow with the above.

(only 1 Province cannot publicise for reasons known)

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.

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 May 2021 follows: We are looking forward to receiving the Easter Scene Painting, Prayer and Essay Competition Supreme entries. Thank you to you all that have worked hard at promoting these competitions. Used properly, they can be our way of keeping Christ at the forefront of our Young People's minds. And the winners promoted properly can also be a way of attracting Young Men, Fathers, Grand Parents to join our Order. Wishing you well Brothers. Yes, schools are busy, but they are also willing to take part in our competitions when we take the time to send it to them. A Deputy Head Teacher just got a Head Teachers job at a Schools that we could not get interested in our Young People's Competitions. Well, she wrote asking for the competition details soon as she settled down. Thank you to Council 294 Welling for agreeing to look after this School. Thank you to Regional Director Elect WPGK-Brother Barry Johnston who has got in touch with his area Lancaster Diocesan Youth Team. Also well done to their Youth Officer for organising Football, Netball, Poetry Reading as well as promoting our KSC Youth Competitions. Congratulations and keep up the good work. Let us know what is happening in your areas please?

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.

The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well.

Faternally,

Michael Akinrele

Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

'There is nothing small in the service of God' St Francis de Sales

Brothers, the more new gentlemen that we can bring in ensures not just the future of our Order but also the continuation of the work that we do in helping the mission of the Church.

Although we cannot be as visual as we normally would be, the work being done by so many of you in letting people know of the work that we do is fantastic to see.

If you have any ideas or input that you feel that we could use as an Order to aid us in our recruitment then please let us know about what you think.

We are a fraternity. Share your thoughts and ideas.

If you feel we could do something in a more productive way – please let us know.

If there is something that drew you to the Order initially and you feel that we don't portray that enough – please let us know.

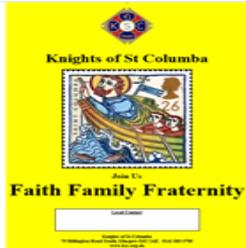
FAITH - FAMILY – FRATERNITY

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.

These posters can be made at Head Office and sent out to you.



We have a great story to tell about our life of work in the Church. Please make use of all the publicity materials that we have.

We know that there are many gentlemen out there who would love to be a member of our Order yet don't know how to join!

As we hopefully see a lessening of the various strictures that have had such an impact on our lives, we look forward to the day when full congregations are allowed back into Churches.

Please ensure that we have a poster on noticeboards at the back of every Church in your area. This is a great way to let people know that we are flourishing in the area.

(Please remember to always ensure that you gain permission from the Parish Priest first!)

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

Great work recently in London where one such conversation has led to a new gentleman wanting to join us this week!

Visibility

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 facemasks wherever possible.

Shirts £30, Polo-shirts £20 and Fleece £35 are now available to order. An order form was in the latest edition of Columba magazine. Contact Head Office for details.

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



As you know the Membership team launched bespoke clothing for us to buy into and show

off in our bid to attract new, younger members. Since the launch last December we have accrued sales of £1,586. This is broken down into 38 Brothers buying 68 items – this equates to 1.31% of the Order. Out of our 25 Provinces, 12 have placed orders. My grateful thanks to those who have placed orders. Thanks to them, we have so far raised £159 for our National Action Project. Let's hope we can increase on these numbers as we leave the national restrictions and start again operating normally in our own church communities. Wearing these 'uniforms' really does make us stand out from the rest, let us be proud of our Knights identity and attract new members into our Order. We are all Membership Officers, all 2,900 of us. Let us all recruit ONE new member this year. This is our time to raise our game and use our portfolio of membership tools, uniforms and our experience to the best we can. There are 25 Provincial Membership Officers and 200 Council Membership Officers in our Order holding the Collars of Office – can they lead the way? The rest will surely follow.

Whilst I mention membership tools. Despite us having a range of posters, parish packs, clothing, business cards, social media site, websites etc, none of these are better than actually talking to someone. Our biggest catchment of gentlemen will of course be at Mass. Can you spot a gentleman who may look like he's looking to enhance his faith and make new friends? A tap on the shoulder? A quick 'hello'? This is all it would take and he could be your Council's next Officer/GK. Let us be brave, use our membership tools, embrace the clothing order facility at your fingertips, and let us stand above all others in our communities and not be afraid. In the Bible, the phrase 'Do not be afraid' is written 365 times. That's our daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless...

Brothers, if you feel that you can bring more to the Order and would like to help with recruitment, or would like to become a member of the Membership Team, please contact us on membership@ksc.org.uk

Membership will be setting up Regional Recruitment Teams throughout the country. Be a part of this.

RECRUITING IS THE FUTURE OF THE ORDER

Bro Brian Henry, Director, Membership & Development.

ACTION & SOCIAL

As we said before we have started our release from lockdown. We are being allowed to meet more. It is going to take some for us to get back to our normal ways of doing our action projects, but it has been great to see so many councils adapting to the Situation.

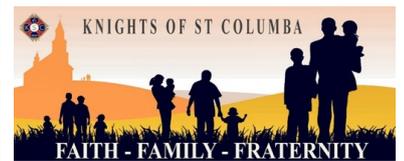
National Action Seminar

On the 17th of April we held a Seminar on Zoom. The committee would like to thank everyone who took the time especially on a Saturday to turn up. I would like to thank Emmet Dooley from SPUC Scotland and Caroline Hull from ACN for their excellent contribution to the Seminar. We have picked up some things that Action and Youth may be able to use.

Once again thanks for making it a great success.

From this please go to the CAN web site and look for maisy milk rosary a wonderful initiative for children. www.acn.org

Re-Dedication of the Order



During the Month of May the the Supreme Knight would like to invite all brothers to join him in re-dedicating the Order to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by participating in a Zoom Rosary on each Monday of the month.

This year we are being led by

Monday 3rd May Province 2 Liverpool
Leading Deacon Paul Whitehead
Responding Brother Ray Pealing PGK

Monday 10th May Province 8 Salford
Leading Fr.P.Gregory
Responding Brother Dr.Alan Mitchinson

Monday 17th May Province 39 Channel Islands
Leading Fr.M.King MOH
Responding Brother Daineal O hEarchai Director

Monday May 24th Province 14 Portsmouth and Clifton
Leading Deacon S. Short Provincial Chaplain
Responding Brother Tony Quigley PGK

Grand National Draw

Hopefully brothers we will be able to have a draw next year and tickets will be available at Supreme Council.

Charles Ferro Award

Brothers as you know we have an award every year for a council's work in Action. I am asking PGK to nominate a council from their area for this award to be presented at Supreme Council in October. Please could I have submissions as soon as possible.

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

Please stay safe may God Bless you all.

Fraternally

Harry Welsh
Director for Action and Social