



The Bulletin

The Memberships' Mail-Shot

SUPREME KNIGHT

Go to Church, Go to KSC Meetings

Dear Brothers,

I am delighted that we are now at a stage where Churches are open, the next step for us is that Council Meetings can also happen----With Care.

It has been a tremendous achievement that these can happen again.

This can now restart recruitment, retaining, regaining Brothers since when we were in "lockdown" basically from March 2020.

Yet during that time the Order's departments of Action, Membership, Welfare & Spirituality and Youth continued to work harder by the facilities and tools that Media Dept supplied us to carry on the Order's work of Faith Family Fraternity.

It is not my intention to list here what we have been doing, each Director will be giving their reports in due course.

Liverpool Deceased Brothers & Families Mass.

Postponed in 2020, but delighted that it took place on 12th June in the Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool. The celebrant Archbishop of Liverpool, his Grace Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and the Dean of the Cathedral Canon Tony O'Brien Welcomed us all approx. 175 attended in person, many more were able to view the Mass on YouTube and Facebook by using the media technical expertise of the Cathedral staff).

I was delighted to present on your behalf a donation of £3,000 to Canon Tony O'Brien, Dean of the Cathedral for the upkeep of the Columba Chapel.

I was shocked to be called up to the Archbishop's dais before the final Blessing where

Archbishop Malcom McMahon OP presented me the Papal Award of the Equestrian Order of St Gregory the Great (KSG). This I was not expected, and to be presented by the Archbishop of Liverpool in such a fantastic Cathedral is overwhelming and humbling.

This award though presented to me personally, I see as an award to my Board of Directors for all their input in the last 4 years, in particular the COVID year. Thank You all.

Moving Forward,

The Board of Directors will have their first physical meeting in Liverpool 2nd /3rd July since their meeting in March 2020. We are all looking forward to this, it is also the meeting where Supreme Council 2021 Board Reports formulated for Supreme Council will be discussed here along with all business of the Order. The Liner Hotel will also cater for Supreme Council in October.

Now that Council meetings can go ahead (with Care) I am delighted we can turn to our brothers again to do the work of the Church and the Order. Please be assured that the Board will assist in any way it can to support Brothers and councils in these difficult times.

As I stated at the beginning also go to Church, as it is really safe, masks are worn, seats and hands are sanitised, along with track and trace. We will be doing similar while you are attending your Council meetings.

Please lets get our Order moving again in Faith Family Fraternity

Fraternally,

Bertie

MEMBERSHIP

Dear Brothers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

Communication is the key to any business or organisation; the Knights of St Columba are no different. When I took over this role in early May, I sent out an email to each of the 25 Provincial Grand Knights to introduce myself and forge a relationship with them and their Provinces. Sadly, only 5 wrote back to me. I will have to rethink how to communicate with our Provinces if correspondence is not being as fluid as one thought. Regional Directors perhaps? We must maintain lines of communication and filter the information from Head Office through to our Councils. We often here that the Councils are not getting information to them, so let us see how best to improve that.

I have heard some great news from some Provinces are kick starting their recruitment drives as they return to 'normal'. Wonderful news, thank you to all involved. Brochures, posters, and business style invitation cards readily available, for free, from Head Office. Let us use up the stock we have then new designs will be available when these run out. Membership Handbooks/Rituals also will be included in the new design (larger print for example).

I hope you enjoyed the Workshop held in early June. It gives you an idea of what the BOD are planning to re-ignite our Order. We start with Membership as without new members we cannot resource all our other important areas. We all have a duty, Brothers. As the months pass, I will share some thoughts and ideas with you as to how increase our membership using our Faith, Family and Fraternity core values. I would be welcome of your feedback. I will also look at the recruitment figures by Province and see what we do in those underperforming areas to address that.

Please do let me know any thoughts – membership@ksc.org.uk

Fraternal wishes,

Danny Ó hEarchaí
Supreme Director for Membership & Development

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL & COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

Brothers, thank you to all those who attended the National Zoom Workshops on Saturday 5th June 2021. It was interesting and much was taken from feedback given on the day. Our presentations are being compacted into one document for dissemination and should be with you either before you receive this bulletin or soon after. Myself and the committee will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. Are there any feedback from your 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

Faith, Family and Fraternity, remember Brothers that we are a family organisation. Many of us have children or grandchildren of the age that should be involved in all our competitions and events. Imagine at a Provincial Meeting when it's stated that the majority of Councils have not entered or made any effort to involve their own Young People in the same Competitions we are asking Schools, Colleges, Parishes, Scouts etc to take part in. Imagine that! So your school won't take part then ask your own Young People to take part and get an independent Adjudicator to adjudge the entries. Your Rev Sister or your Parish Priest or his Curate can be asked and will most likely be pleased to assist you. But you won't get if you don't ask. Ask Brothers and remove any obstacles to your own Councils Young People entering our Competitions. Let's involve our children/grandchildren in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

Visit this page as and when you can. Hopefully you will find Youth centric items that you can share to your Schools, Parish, Province or Council Facebook pages or emails.. Please post your own interesting items onto the page as well. I hope your Youth items will appear on this page and not just your Council/Provincial page. Let us inform our Brothers of the success you are having and inspire them. Also post items that might be of interest to other Councils and the Order at large. Let me know if anything posted is wanted by email or you think it might be good for the Order for distribution by email. Let me know?

Reminders

Did your School join the Cafod Club? Shared onto the Youth Facebook page. CAFOD Clubs. A CAFOD club will help your pupils to live out their faith and will strongly support the Catholic life of your school. Register to set up your club and you will receive a CAFOD club box with a world map, banner, stickers, badges, pencils, rulers, a certificate and a special club prayer. CAFOD clubs are a great way to join with other Catholic primary schools to help build a brighter world. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-teachers/CAFOD-clubs?>

Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award. Congratulations to all those Young People who just received their Caritas Award. It is incredible the amount of work our Young People are doing and have done especially during this pandemic. **Posted on Youth and Young People Facebook page.**

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. WSD Brother Daineal O hEarchai in Jersey informed me of a school taking part in the activity. Very good. Let me know of any other schools taking part in the excellent activity resource pack? **Please still promote this and request the details from me at Head Office if you did not receive it when last it was sent out. Also, give us any feedback that you can from your Schools etc.**

The CUCT Catholic Young Writers Award 2021. Excellent theme that should interest any young person who has heard of C.S. Lewis. Theme: JESUS CHRIST: SON OF GOD. Today it is fashionable to assume that Jesus Christ was "simply a good person" who campaigned about helping the poor and sick. But is that really who He was..... **This closes 30th June 2021. Hope you managed to promote this and your Young People submitted entries. Good Luck.**

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. **It's not too late so, still promote this and request the details from me at Head Office if you did not receive it when last it was sent out.**

COP26 Summit – Glasgow November 2021. Brother Harry Welsh and myself are going to be working with our Scottish Regional Director and Scottish WPGK's, to ensure we have a presence at the Summit and also to ensure we have some ideas that can be offered to Young People, as well as Brothers towards this Environmental event that is happening on our shores in Glasgow, the birth place of our Order.

Re: KSC Youth Competitions

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2021 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Nativity, Easter, Prayer and Essay Competitions are now closed. Only Prayer and Essay results to send out to you. Expect to have received them by the time this Bulletin arrives on your emails. You then have time and space to plan your School and Parish presentations before school closes for the Summer Holidays.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2021/2022 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

The Competitions Posters, Rules/Details sheets should be with you by mid to early July 2021. My advice is **send them** in to your Schools, Parishes, Colleges and then send them reminders in August/September 2021 with the Poster/Rules Sheets on the resumption of the School year.

Note: As with all the Supreme Directors Report in this Head Office Bulletin. Can I respectfully remind each Provincial and Council Officer that they are required to include a precis/summary of the HO Bulletin in their written Provincial and Council reports, in order to bring it to the attention of the Brothers when emailed in the Provincial and Council Newsletter and Minutes. At the very least he should read it out in the Council meeting.

My comments for July 2021 follows: You will all have received your Easter Competition entries, winners and cheques back by now. You should expect the same for the Prayer/Essay by the time you receive this bulletin. This will complete our 2020/2021 Competition cycle. The 2021/2022 material will be out to you by early to mid-July. Dates for the events below should come out to you by beginning of July 2021. The Pandemic will no longer be a reason why our Young People have not taken part in Competitions last year 2020 and this year 2021. We should look forward to better participation going forward Brothers. Let us know of any help you need regarding promotion into your Schools, Parishes, and Church Groups? Let us know of any ideas that you have that will make all our work better please? I want to thank you all on behalf of the Youth and Young People Committee and myself.

Things to come.

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

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar's 10th AUGUST 2021

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.

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

SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE

Memorial Masses: It was wonderful to be able to come together on the to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, on the 12th June at 3pm. The intention of the Mass is for 'Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba family' This included all deceased Brothers, Wives, parents, children, the reason I changed the intention was, because our wives and family support us in our work as Knights of St. Columba and deserve to be remembered after their death.

Our gratitude is extended to His Grace Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, for saying the Mass, Canon Anthony O'Brien the Cathedral Dean, his secretary Claire Hanlon and her team, Brother Ray Pealing, who all was a tremendous help in organising the Mass and the Brother's from Province 2 for stewarding, and to all the Brothers, Wives, Widows and family members who attended and helped to make it special.

For the first time, this year for those who were unable to travel due to COVID or other reasons for those who are housebound we had the Mass streamed live from the Cathedral of YouTube and Facebook, there was 419 views on YouTube and 110 on Facebook, it was wonderful to see that our decision to embrace technology, we were able to include so many more Brothers, Widows etc My thanks to the Cathedral staff who done this for us at a greatly reduced cost.

It was reinforced just what it means to Widows being able to come to the Mass, and have their loved ones prayed for, one widow asked to look for her Husband, Father and Grandfather in the memorial book, the delight on her face when she was shown her grandfather's name was uplifting and makes all the work that goes into it worthwhile.

If the Mass could have been made any more special, His Grace succeeded by presenting our Worthy Supreme Knight with the Papal award of a Papal Knighthood to the Order of, the Knights of St Gregory the Great. This was an order or merit to be bestowed by the Pope on "gentlemen of proven loyalty to the Holy See"

Our sincere Congratulations to our Worthy Supreme Knight on being bestowed the honour, the only sad thing about it was that Brother Bertie's Wife Pauline was unwell and not able to be with him on the day. (Please remember her in your prayers that she makes a good recovery).

Provincial and Council Memorial Mass: Now is the time for the Spirituality and Welfare Officers to arrange yours (if it has not already been done) please inform the Supreme Director for Media the date, time and venue for the Mass so he can put it in the website (email media@ksc.org.uk) this will enable other Brothers to attend your Mass.

Workshop: On 5th June we held a workshop on Zoom, my thanks to all who took part for their input, I hope everyone took something away with them.

The one thing that I wanted to highlight was the importance of fraternity within our Order, and a number of things that came up brought us straight back to fraternity, when we were discussing when a Brother dies, one of the Brothers said that they do not always get told, if we are showing the Brother Fraternity we should be and contacting the Brother regularly a relationship would be built up with the Brother and he will tell his family about the calls and the friendship that is built up, in the event of an illness, hospitalisation or death, family members are more inclined to contact and inform a friend, particularly if they phone once a week.

It is human nature to be more open with a friend that we have built up a relationship over time and would be more willing to disclose if we are struggling with finance and paying bills, the art of these conversations is not so much talking but listening and taking interest in the conversation when a Brother talks about his family, his work and family history, what his interests are and what he likes to do. Get to know your Brother and let him get to know you as true friend do.

I have in the past suggested councils developing a buddy or small groups within the council, this can be easily done by dividing the council into groups of 4 or 5, each of those Brothers will be responsible for contacting the other Brothers in their group once a week, the group must include Brothers who do not attend the meeting and those who do to make this work.

The groups system can work even for councils that have 10 or more Brothers in the council, one Brother can be made responsible to lead the group and report back to the Welfare and Spirituality officer. There are a number of advantages to this system 1) each Brother is contacted regularly 2) information can be passed quickly to all Brothers not just active ones. 3) When a Brother is ill or dies Brothers are informed and can pray for that Brother.

"Love one another. as I have loved you"

At a recent Church service the Priest was speaking of our 3 virtues likened them to a tree legged stool, when all three are in place the stool stands perfectly well, but if one of the legs is not as it should be or is missing the stool will fall over, where there is Fraternity there is Unity and where these two exist Charity will be also, with these 3 virtues in place your Council, the Province and the Order will be stronger.

OBITUARIES

SW3 Obituary forms received at Head Office in June 2021

Co.	Prov.	Name	Date of Death	Co.	Prov.	Name	Date of Death
267	30	Francis Waddington	19/06/2021	546	34	William Walker	01/12/2020
468	7	Peter Wareing	22/06/2021	358	34	Anthony F. Green	03/06/2021
224	10	Bernard Ling	18/05/2021	246	16	Eddie Farrelly	22/05/2021

Eternal Rest Give Unto Them O Lord,
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
May They Rest In Peace,
Amen

ACTION & SOCIAL

Another month is upon us. Since the last bulletin we have had our Annual Mass For Deceased Brothers which was very well attended. The Apostolate committee would like to congratulate our worthy Supreme Knight on receiving his Papal Award.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Brothers I have been asked to look at organising a KSC National Pilgrimage to Lourdes but would like to gauge the potential of such a trip, if you would be interested could you please let me know and if we get the numbers I could organise. I now have prices which I will take to the Board meeting in July.

Catholic Social Teachings

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.... Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (vv. 23-24)... Jesus reveals that for every man and woman who wants to find him, He is the hidden seed ready to die in order to bear much fruit. As if to say: if you wish to know me, if you wish to understand me, look at the grain of wheat that dies in soil, that is, look at the cross."

Pope Francis

National Workshop

That was a day's work. We started at 9.30 and did four presentations over the day. I have to say as the day progressed we relaxed more and settled into a good rhythm. We would like to thank brothers for their attendance and participation. We have had some really good feedback. There is a follow up meeting on the 26th June for the directors and we will send out our deliberations to everyone.

Grand National Draw

Tickets are being printed for next year. They will be available at Supreme Council.

Charles Ferro Award

Brothers as you know we have an award every year for a councils 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. We now have had three nominations.

National Action Projects

We now have seven projects going forward to the board meeting in July, where three will be picked to go forward to Supreme Council

Social

Great news the National Golf Tournament will go ahead on Sat 21st Monday 23rd of August if anyone wishes to go please contact me, we have 13 golfers plus the Supreme Knight has agreed to come and present the trophies.

The cost is £170 for two nights DBB plus two rounds of golf. We could not have our usual social after the Mass for Deceased Brothers but quite a few of us managed to meet up on the Friday and Saturday.

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Brother Michael Akinrele and I attended a meeting on the 17th of June to discuss ideas on what we can do over the week. We have now organised a meeting with our Scottish PGK's and the new Regional Director to get their thoughts and ideas. Will report back next bulletin.

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

MEDIA

Dear Brothers,

We are now looking forward to the easing of lockdown for us all and what this means come the 19th of July. Hopefully, we will be able to return to our Monthly Meetings again. I certainly pray that we can. However this will all depend on what the Government in England and Wales and Scotland Assemblies decide we can and cannot do.

Columba Magazine

By now you will all have received your Columba Magazine for the Summer Edition. Anyone who hasn't please do get in contact. If you are receiving Columba Magazines in error please contact Neil at Head Office so that we can get an up-to-date distribution list.

We will now be looking to the Autumn Edition of Columba Magazine. We are a bit apprehensive on how much content we will have for the Magazine. So we are asking all Provinces and Councils to let us know about any of the work Councils are doing. This is a great opportunity to shine a light on the Order and the sterling work we do! All submissions must be sent to columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk by 2nd of August 2021 in order to be included.

eColumba

eColumba will be produced for August so this a last opportunity to get all your future plans to us to promote what you may have coming up (depending on how much we can and cannot do!). As such we have created a new email address for your submissions which is eColumba@ksc.org.uk. Please can you use this email address for submissions from now on. Please do let us know. Final date for submissions for this edition is 12th of July 2021.

National Website

The website is fully operational and contains a wealth of information for Provinces / Councils / Brothers and Clergy.

We are currently working in the Members Area and providing more content there. If there is anything missing or needs to be added please do let us know by emailing media@ksc.org.uk.

Watch out for more exciting features coming soon.

KSC Social Media

Our social media presence has been immense once again due to us being able to stream live from Zoom to our Facebook pages. Alas it doesn't always work for us, but that is technology for you.

The number of visitors to our KSC Page has increased because of Masses and Rosaries that we have been able to stream live. Long may this continue.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Sean Smith

Supreme Director Communications & Media

ADMISSIONS

Co.	Prov.	Name	Initiation Date
184	18	Patrick Mgbemere	13/03/2021
630	34	Gordon Bell	15/02/2021
630	34	Dominic Cockerton	15/02/2021
344	18	Andrew Foster	05/06/2021
344	18	Krzysztof Wasilewski	05/06/2021
334	18	Frank Onyeneke	05/06/2021

Welcome Brothers