



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 2022

Please note:

This correspondence must be delivered at EVERY COUNCIL MEETING.

This correspondence can be divided and given to relevant Officers in the Council. If the Officer role is vacant then the Grand Knight will read out that part of this correspondence.



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The Supreme Knight

Brothers where are the months going?

February was another busy month for me. I had the great pleasure to attend the 100th Anniversary Mass of Council 22 at St. Patrick's in Anderston Glasgow on Friday the 18th of February. Congratulations to the Grand Knight Brother Dom Shannon and all the Brothers for a wonderful reception and Mass.

When you have organised one event you may as well add others. Whilst at the Mass the Brothers from Province 1 and 16 decided to hold a joint Initiation and Elevation Ceremony as well. What a site to behold - 11 new Brothers from Province 1 and 3 from Province 16! Congratulations Brothers and welcome to our great Order. I then had the great honour to Elevate 11 Brothers to Full Knighthood; a fantastic occasion. The Church was full. If that wasn't enough, I had the Honour of presenting Canon Paul Gargaro with his Member of Honour Certificate.

I would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome and to everyone who had any part in organising this great occasion. As always, a great big thank you to the Ladies who put on such a splendid buffet.

What a month we had! I am sure Brother Danny will put in his report how many new Brothers we have had but congratulations and welcome to all new Brothers from Berwick-upon-Tweed to Province 12 in Southwark. I hope you have a long and enjoyable life as a Knight of St. Columba.

What an inspirational day we had on the 26th of February. I was invited to represent the Order at the Installation of the new Archbishop of Glasgow Bishop William Nolan. What an honour and the Knights of St. Columba were asked to steward. Thanks to the Brothers who so willingly gave up their time. What an honour for me to be led from the back of the Church to the very front row and then presented to the Archbishop. I have assured the Archbishop of our continued support, loyalty and prayers. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to partake of refreshments as we had to rush to catch our connection to Berwick-upon-Tweed.

There have been some changes in Head Office please be patient with us at the moment whilst we get used to the changes.

Could I please say Brothers, I am receiving Council and Provincial Bulletins that range from 19 pages to 23 pages with more colour and pictures in them. What I would suggest, as used to happen in the past, the Grand Knight prints out one copy and passes to the relevant Officer. If you have to print off copies for sick or older Brothers and the cost becomes too much, then submit an expenses claim to your Council.

As we went into March, we had the devastating news that Russia has invaded the Ukraine.

The Knights of Columbus have Brothers working on the frontline providing food shelter and medical supplies to the refugees. They started raising funds and their Supreme Knight said that they would match fund up to \$500,000. I sent an e-mail to both him and the Treasurer but, to date, no response.



The Supreme Knight

I sent out an original e-mail to the Board asking if we could take money from our Benevolent Fund. Unfortunately the rules state that we cannot do that. I found that very disappointing and frustrating that we could not help from that area.

I then asked Brother Sean Smith to set up a Just Giving page. We had the same problems that we had with the JFCT in trying to set it up. Sean then organized a GoFundMe page which we were able to set up. Fantastic response and you can see the results in the Apostolate report. Plus, we are donating £5,000 from the Emergency Disasters Fund.

We have received some large donations at Head Office - a big thank you to Provinces 12 and 21, Council 117, of £1000 each. We have had a legacy From Brother John Starkey Council 247 who left £500 in his will. Thanks to all the Councils who have donated. There is still time to donate.

The Order had been asked to organise a Rosary for Peace in George Square Glasgow on 25th March to coincide with Pope Francis' Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will be led by Archbishop Nolan of Glasgow and Bishop John Keenan of Paisley. A big thank you to Brother Charlie McCluskey and Province 1.

We have found another 8 Brothers who have achieved the amazing feat of being in the Order for 70 years. A platinum certificate will be produced and presented to them.

200 club

Brothers you have to be in it to win it! Ask this month's winner - ME. We have 110 Brothers in now. Can we have a big push and try and get it up to the 200?

Supreme Council 2022:

Preparations are going well. We have had two acceptances from Archbishop Cushley from Edinburgh and Bishop Egan from Portsmouth, and two from Jersey.

Supreme Council 2023:

We have had one bid to date from Province 3 and potentially another two from Provinces 1 and 18.

Regional Directors:

I have asked Brother Charlie McCluskey to chair a subcommittee to look at the roles and feasibility of Regional Directors. We should have a report before the July Board Meeting.

Fraternally

Henry Welsh

Supreme Knight.



Membership & Development

Dear Brothers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

After a bumper February where we gained 33 new Brothers (welcome to all), we've had a very lean month of March. As we're in Lent, a penitential season, I fully understand this. We don't want to be bouncing around our Churches and communities whilst our Parishioners are preparing their bodies, minds and souls for the resurrection of our Saviour.

With any luck, our Churches will be rammed on Easter Sunday and for the 50 days after as we continue to celebrate the season of Easter. This is the time to get your leaflets out, tap men on the shoulder who you may not have seen at Mass before and ask them if they want to see what the Knights of St Columba are all about. Be visible in your efforts and men will follow, I'm sure of it.

This all said, I've been seeing some great efforts across the country. Big shout out to CL93 (Coventry) who have arranged a special recruitment drive in a Polish Mission Church within their Parish. Thinking outside the box and seeing what resources are available to join us. Brilliant work from them.

Also in Province 12, they are looking at a drive in Balham SW London which has a huge Polish community. Whether these men join existing Councils or we create a new one solely led by them, that of course remains to be seen but there is still a chance to get bums on seats within the Order. I'm picking on the Polish a bit! We have dozens of Catholic communities across our land; let's see if we can contact the Priests in the various areas, see if we appeal to them and offer our help to them. If one or two join, great, if not, still lend a hand and as said, men will want what we have – fierce friendship, faith and fraternity – and join us!

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Training

I have been asked by many Brothers to introduce a Training element to these Bulletins. Each month will have a new module for you.

Chamber Layout

I carried out a little research through the archives and the Chamber layout. It seems to have begun right at the beginning of the Order in 1919. I'm going to sit on the fence with this to be honest! Is there a place for this in a 21st century men-only group which is trying it's best to move forward? I'd say no, but we have it there and we must adhere to it as best we can and respect our forefathers' judgement. This is easy to say when the Order was 40,000 strong as opposed to now where we do struggle to make ourselves attractive and to encourage young men to join us. Does the Chamber put men off joining? I'd go back with 'does the man have enough about him to see through this and direct his interests to his Knights service beyond the Chamber and put his efforts into positive action and charity efforts?' This is the question we must ask ourselves as an Order for those Brothers who are continually absent at Meetings due to where they are supposed to sit and can't see beyond the history of 'what we do and why we do it'. We are an Order - not an Association, League, Union or Group. Let's take it on and embrace it as part of our being in an organised Lay Order.

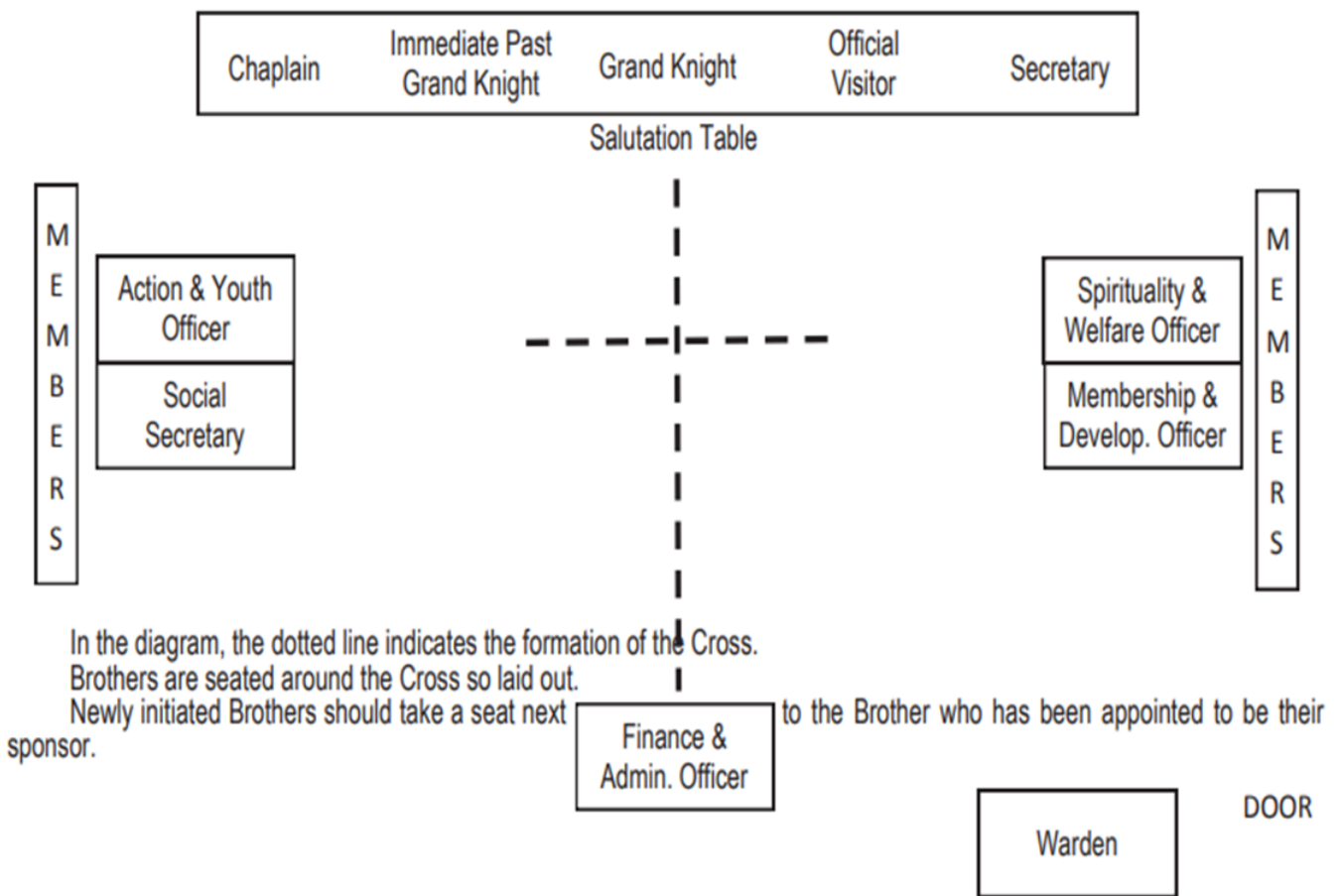
'Layout of the Council Chamber. The seating at a regular Council Meeting constitutes a Cross, reminding us of our devotion to the Cross on which Jesus our Saviour died. The Grand Knight presides at the Salutation Table at the head of the Cross and the Finance and Administration Officer faces him at the foot;

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A Crucifix is on the Salutation Table.



The Spirituality and Welfare, Membership and Development, Action, Youth and Social Officers sit at the outer ends of the two arms of the Cross and face inwards.

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NEW MEMBERS

Lukasz Dziewiecki	Council 117 - London South East	Province 12 - Southwark
Kenneth Adidebe	Council 104 - Manchester	Province 8 - Salford
Federico Vinluan	Council 426 - Stratford	Province 10 - Brentwood
Gabriel Ovonlen	Council 426 - Stratford	Province 10 - Brentwood
Emmanuel Ehikidya	Council 426 - Stratford	Province 10 - Brentwood
William Elui	Council 426 - Stratford	Province 10 - Brentwood
Rylan Mascarenhas	Council 426 - Stratford	Province 10 - Brentwood

Please do let me know any thoughts, ideas, and suggestions

Best of luck in your efforts to recruit and retain

membership@ksc.org.uk

Fraternal wishes, Danny Ó hEarchaí

Supreme Director for Membership & Development

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Action & Social

Brothers,

I wish you and your families a Happy Easter celebration.

I would like to congratulate all the Action officers recently elected (or re-elected) and wish you well in your role. Action is the engine room of our great Order.

You will see some action ideas in the latest Spring Editions of the Columba Magazine.

Here are some important action events coming up soon that I would like you to support and advertise if you can.

- 1 **Ukraine emergency appeal** – We are working with the Knights of Columbus in Poland to fund food, shelter and clothing for those displaced from their homes. The Board of Directors have authorised £5000 from our Emergency Disasters Fund. In addition, we have set up a GoFundMe page. At the time of writing 65 donors have between them raised an extra £6630. Thank you, please give if you can. <https://gofund.me/471e163b> (Update: it is now 75 Donors gifting a total as at 28/3/2022 of £7070.
- 2 **The 200 club** – The March winner was Bro Harry Welsh, 2nd place was Bro Allan Last £50 and the two runners up were Bro Chris Brooks and Marion Keevins. The winner gets £100, 2nd prize is £50 and runners up £25 each. Please consider joining, it is just £24 per share for a year (12 draws). Any profits go to the Apostolate fund.
- 3 **Grand National Draw** – The draw took place on 28th March, and the winner will be announced shortly.
- 4 **Lenten Stations** – Two remaining Stations will take place on Zoom & Facebook on 6th & 13th April at 7pm.
- 5 **National Action & Social Workshop** - 23rd April 10am till 12-30pm – I invite all Action Officers and Grand Knights to attend. The workshop will include ideas, Q&A's plus examples of best practice.
- 6 **May Rosaries** – We will once again Re-Dedicate the Order to our Blessed Mother reciting the Rosary on each Monday of the Month at 7pm. This will be on Zoom and Facebook. It starts on 4th April. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to cover the 11, 18th and 25th. If you or your Members of Honour etc, can assist please let me know.
- 7 **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – planned for 6th till 13th June to mark the Feast of St Columba. We have at least 25 deposits so far, if you would like to go please let us know by Mid-April, at the very latest. Flying from Manchester airport @ £619 each. Head Office needs £100 deposit per person.

Fraternally

Brother Stephen Ferris

Supreme Director for Action and Social apostolates@ksc.org.uk

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Spirituality & Welfare

DECEASED MEMBERS - MARCH 2020

Fred Willis	05 March 2022	572	29
Deacon Michael Baldry	22 March 2022	294	12
Deacon James MacFirbhisigh	25 March 2022	216	39
James White	27 March 2022	280	34

Brother Sean Mulligan

Supreme Director for Spirituality & Welfare welfare@ksc.org.uk

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Youth & Young People

Our Youth are our Today and our Tomorrow, as such we must nurture them along their faith journey.

Brothers, Happy and Holy Easter to you and your Families. Thank you for all the work you are doing in bringing our competitions to our Youth and Young People. We can say that we are fulfilling our promise to help to bring our young people up in the likeness of Christ by keeping Christ uppermost in their minds. **Is there any feedback from your Brothers, 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 and youth@ksc.org.uk**

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/617421102214099>

Copy and paste the above into your browser and join the group in person or as your Council or Province. Visit the page as and when you can. Items posted daily, weekly. This saves you receiving these items as emails so often. You will find Youth centric items from various known sources that you can share to your Schools, Parish, Province or Council Facebook pages or emails.

Virtual Zoom Youth and Young People Officers Workshop/Training day.

Saturday 19th March 2022 - Start time 09.30am

Thank you to all those Brothers who gave up their Saturday Morning/Early afternoon to join this very interesting and rewarding Workshop Training Day. The list supplied by Brother Jude Adigwe shows the various Brothers who attended. Yes, some had to leave at certain points and then re-join later. Ideas were shared, networking took place. 21 Brothers from Scotland, Wales and England attended. Thank you especially to **our Worthy Supreme Knight Brother Harry Welsh** for his attendance and participation. The National Workshop Seminar is by far the best. Brothers were able to have a discourse about various activities from their areas. Brother Danny Grimes - Province 2 Liverpool showed a PowerPoint Slide that he uses at Primary and Secondary Schools to good effect. Brother Peter Dowse - Province 10 spoke about the Province 10 Young People Award. I made the offer to do this at Provincial Level if the demand was there. My preference would of course be the National version, but...

Seminar to do 4 times a year. More can be done to promote this to Brothers by Regional Directors, WPGK, WGK and Provincial Youth Officers to their Committees.

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Youth & Young People

Re: KSC Youth Competitions

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2022 - ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Winners announced and sent to the Order. 12 Provinces submitted entries. Very good start for our first KSC Competition of the cycle 2021/2022. Disappointed for the Young People who did not submit the requisite Bible verse. This will be highlighted again in the Rules details sheet next year even more than this year.

THEME GUIDE

- 1) Nativity Scene of our Lord**
- 2) Write Bible chapter and Verse that best relates to your drawing**

Congratulations to the successful Young People, Schools, Councils and Provinces who entered. Total of 12 Provinces out of 24 Provinces sent submissions. Good Improvement on last year. Well done.

YEAR GROUPS RECEPTION, Yr1, Yr2, P1, P2, P3 (Eng/Wal/Scotland – 4yrs to 7yrs Old).

WINNER: Iyobosa Ogbemor; Sponsoring Group: NCCOLA; PROVINCE 12 SOUTHWARK/COUNCIL 380 Bexleyheath.

2ND PLACE RUNNER UP: Isla Farrell Holy Name Catholic Primary School, PROVINCE 18 BIRMINGHAM.

3RD PLACE RUNNER UP: Hadassah Munyawiri; FCJ Primary School, PROVINCE 39/COUNCIL 16 JERSEY.

4TH PLACE RUNNER UP: Nadia Ludwiczac; St Mungo's RC Primary School; PROVINCE 3 EDINBURGH AND ST ANDREWS /COUNCIL 636 ALLOA.

5TH PLACE RUNNER UP: Brianna Holly Swan; St Bede's Catholic Primary School; PROVINCE 14 PORTSMOUTH AND CLIFTON/COUNCIL 169 BASINGSTOKE.

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YEAR GROUPS Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr 6, P4, P5, P6, P7 (Eng/Wal/Scotland – 7yrs to 11yrs Old).

WINNER: Irene Joseph; St Bede's Catholic Primary School; PROVINCE 14 PORTSMOUTH AND CLIFTON/COUNCIL 169 BASINGSTOKE.

2ND PLACE RUNNER UP: Askshara Nesan; St Thomas More Catholic School; PROVINCE 12 SOUTHWARK/COUNCIL 380 Bexleyheath.

3RD PLACE RUNNER UP: Lily Asher; St Serf's P.S; PROVINCE 3 EDINBURGH AND ST ANDREWS /COUNCIL 636 ALLOA.

4TH PLACE RUNNER UP: Abigail Gill; Holly Name Catholic Primary School; PROVINCE 18 BIRMINGHAM /COUNCIL 223 WALSALL.

5TH PLACE RUNNER UP: Chidugam Njobuenwu; Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School: PROVINCE 5 LEEDS/LEEDS COUNCIL

OVERALL WINNER: Irene Joseph,

St Bede's Catholic Primary School,

PROVINCE 14 PORTSMOUTH AND CLIFTON/COUNCIL 169 BASINGSTOKE.

Overall Winner, i.e. the better of the Winning Entries from Groups 1 & 2 combined. Overall Winner's Trophy - The Columba Rouse Trophy which will be retained for approximately one Year by the Province. Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight.

Date and venue of national awards presentations will be announced at a later date.

NB. FULL NAME AND PROVINCE WILL BE USED ON THE YOUTH AND THE ORDERS FACEBOOK PAGES.

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Year of St Joseph Competition. Photographs - Theme St Joseph.

Photography-St Joseph

- **Photographs with appropriate bible verse about St Joseph that best represents the St Joseph scene in your Photo.**
- **The competition is open to all young people:**

England/Wales School Year Groups: 4, 5 & 6. (8 to 11 years of age) Scotland School Year Groups; P4, P5 P6 & P7 (8 to 11 years of age).

1ST Place Winner - Council 200 – Bromley, Candidate: Akinfolajinmi Akinrele, Age: 10 Year 5

Photography - St Joseph, Submission from: Good Shepherd RC Church, Downham, Bromley, Kent BR1 5ER., Location: St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish 1 Orchard Road, Bromley BR1 2PR Photo taken on 06/02/2022-Stained glass window Photo taken by Samsung S20 5g

Luke 2:22

22When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, **Joseph and Mary** took him to Jerusalem to present him to the LORD.

**2nd Place Runner Up -
Thelma Juliet Namaya Ndagire**

I am eleven years old and attend St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

I took my pictures, IMG-2001 and IMG-1995 using my mummy's canon EOS 2000D at 12:16 pm, 31- 01- 2022. Our Lady and the Apostle, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ.

I took my picture, 20220209-103009 using my mummy's phone Samsung Galaxy S10e at 10:30 am, 09-02- 2022. St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ

GK - Council 104 Luke 2:41-52

"And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart."

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England/Wales School Year Groups: 7, 8 & 9, (say 11 to 14 years of age). Scotland School Year Groups: S1, S2 & S3, (say *11 to 14 years of age).

1ST Place Winner

Holy Family Benfleet. These were taken at the Saturday Vigil Mass 15th January 2022, by **Ankush Dillon, year 8, aged 12**, using his iPhone SE 2020. Co. 192 / Province 10

Regarding the piece of scripture, Ankush has chosen from Luke 2: 33 (from the words of Simon), "and the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Him".

2nd Place Runner Up.

Council 977 – Gravesend, File: P12:StJ_Hailey_C977 Hailey Juma, Age 12

St. Joseph's statue - St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Gravesend Mayfield Grammar School for Girls, Gravesend, Kent.

Date the Picture taken - 13th of February 2021 Hailey used a Samsung Galaxy A12 mobile phone

England/Wales School Year Groups: 10, 11, 12 & 13, (say 14 to 18 years of age).Scotland School Year Groups: S4, S5 & S6, (say 14 to 18 years of age).

NO ENTRY OF THIS AGE GROUP.

Photography-Crib

· **Crib at your Parish Church, Or a Parish Church near you, Or at your local Cathedral.**

England/Wales School Year Groups: 4, 5 & 6. (8 to 11 years of age)Scotland School Year Groups; P4, P5 P6 & P7 (8 to 11 years of age).

1ST Place Winner Council 977 – Gravesend

File: P12Crib_Paris_C977 Paris Okoronkwo, Age 7

Crib taken at - St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Gravesend St. John's Primary School, Rochester Road, Gravesend, Kent.

Date the Picture taken - 8th of January 2021

Paris used a Tablet (Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus)

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For the piece of scripture for this, he has chosen Luke 2: 16 about the Shepherds going to Bethlehem - "So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger".

2nd Place Runner Up.

File: P12Crib_Adelle_C108 Council 108 Dartford

Crib picture taken by: Adelle Akubue, 13years of age

State the name of the Church: St Vincent Catholic Church Dartford State Date Pics was taken: 09/01/2022

Name of Phone used: Samsung Galaxy S20+

England/Wales School Year Groups: 10, 11, 12 & 13, (say 14 to 18 years of age). Scotland School Year Groups: S4, S5 & S6, (say 14 to 18 years of age).

NO ENTRY OF THIS AGE GROUP

Reminders

- 1) Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age. 6th May 2022
- 2) Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. 6th May 2022
- 3) Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age. 6th May 2022

It is not too late to still promote this competition. Poster and Rule Sheets are available on re- quest from Head Office or directly from me. Your Council Adjudication dates will already be set, as will your Provincial Adjudication dates. Do not send more winners than stated in the Na- tional Infor- mation Sheets please.

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Youth & Young People

The 2022 Catholic Young Writer Award is open to all Roman Catholics in Britain aged 11yrs-16yrs and all pupils in School years 8-12 at UK RC secondary schools.

NOTE THE STRICT STIPULATION ON THE COMPETITION DETAIL SHEET FROM THE CUCT RE: Collect all the entries together and, after checking that each entry has the full name, including SURNAME, plus date of birth, of the writer, and the FULL NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS of the School the Young Person attends. (Even if it is not a Catholic School) send them to:

2022 Catholic Young Writer Award Catholic Union Charitable Trust
St Maximilian Kolbe House
63 Jeddo Road London W12 9EE

Deadline: May 30th 2022

Things to do

- Can you ask your Primary/Secondary School, College or University Catholic Chaplaincy if you could come in and introduce the Knights of St Columba to them in 3 - 5 mins?
- Can you ask the Parish Priest if you can speak about Youth at all your weekend Masses given 3 - 5 mins at each one of your Parishes?
- Can you ask your Parish Priest if you can speak to the Holy Communion Children and Confirmation Young People given 3-5mins during their Programme about our commitment to Youth and Our Youth Programmes and the KSC?
- Can you organise a Funday in your Parish with refreshment for Youth and Young People?
- Can you organise a Spiritual Topical (e.g. Laudato Si, Catholic Social Teaching, 2 examples only) day with Benediction at the end with your Parish Priest or his Curate for Young People 16 yrs upwards - with refreshments?
- Some of the above can then be repeated twice a year or annually as permitted. Please give us a feed- back for every event you manage. **Also, remember safeguarding in all that you do with and around Young People.**
- Have you thought about inviting your Overall Winners and their Parents to your Council OR Provincial Dinner Dance?

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.

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Things to come.

KSC Young People Award

KSC Speech Writing and Reading Competition

Youth and Young People Zoom Virtual Seminar-Officers and Council Brothers – Next event TBC Youth and Young People Seminar Virtual dates- TBC

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEMINAR 2022 – HINSLEY HALL, LEEDS

Tuesday 26th July – Friday 29nd July 2022 and passed as part of Supreme Report. Deposit has been made to Hinsley Hall. Poster to come out before the end of March 2022.

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage - We should all do our best to help to promote this in our Regions and Provinces. It is ideal for our Youth and Young People. All are welcome to join the inaugural Brecbannoch Pilgrimage from 11-13 June 2022. The Brecbannoch is a 50-mile pilgrimage undertaken on foot from Oban to Iona, with the special purpose of praying for the renewal of the faith in Scotland. Along the way, we will carry the relics of St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret, invoking their protection over the Church in these isles. Since his death in 574 AD, pilgrims have flocked to Iona to ask for St Columba's Intercession. Clergy, Kings, and Laity alike undertook arduous journeys to take their petitions to the Holy Abbot's relics. Our mission is to make pilgrimage there, invoking the intercession of Scotland's three patrons, St Andrew, St Margaret and St Columba, to pray for a renewal of the faith in our nation. Sign up before places run out at: www.brecbannoch.org/sign-up.

Catholic Student Network - The WSK-Brother Harry and WSD Brother Daineal have already had meetings with Ben of the CSN. I joined them for the very last meeting held and the opportunity for us as an Order is huge provided we use the contacts that the CSN have with the many Universities in England, Wales with Scotland left more to us to contact, I would expect through our contact with the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland and the various University Chaplains. Even in England and Wales I strongly believe that we still need to get the University Chaplaincy's on side with the help of the Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales being approached with this express purpose.

March for Life – 3rd September 2022, Mass: 11am St George's Cathedral Southwark, The Emmanuel Centre Marsham St, SW1P 3DW 10.30am - 1.30pm

The March From The Emmanuel Centre - Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm

Many a Young Person attends this event and we should do all that is possible to promote this on our Youth Social Media pages and within our Schools and Parishes.

Note: As with all the Supreme Directors Reports 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.

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Youth & Young People

My comments for April 2022 follows: Engage, Engage. We need to continue to inform our Schools, Parish Groups, Parishioners with all our events, competitions, initiatives. We need to inform our Parish Priest, Deans of our Deanery's and inform our Archbishops/Bishops and their Communication Officers and Directors. We need to engage with those that can help us get our message out to those we are trying to reach.

The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well in Faith, Family and Fraternity. Happy and Holy Easter to you all.

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

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Media

The Spring 2022 Edition of Columba Magazine will be out for delivery, either by Post or email in early March 2022. Articles for the Summer 2022 Edition must be with us by 2nd May 2022. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FROM THE MARCH BULLETIN!

If you want to change your mind on how we deliver Columba Magazine to you (i.e. from paper to electronic copy or vice versa) please let us know by 9th May 2022 in time for your Summer 2022 Edition to be delivered on time. Any such requests must be emailed to headoffice@ksc.org.uk

KSC Email System

We are already setting up the email addresses and are waiting for Provincial Officers from **all Provinces** to get in contact to get set up. We are also now adding Council Grand Knights to the system. If you are a Provincial Officer or Council Grand Knight you will need to contact Brother Sean Smith on 07786 003737 to get yourself set up (**this phone number must not be sent to anyone who is not an Officer in the Order**). Get in contact as soon as you can,

Remember: After June 2022 the Order will not be emailing any personal email addresses. We will be sending all correspondence to your @ksc.org.uk email address!! Get your email address today. This has been extended to allow more time for Provincial Grand Knights, Provincial Officers and Council Grand Knights to get in contact.

Is it secure?

This is a question we are sometimes asked. If you are unsure then the following will explain and allay any fears you have:

Our Office365 system has been set up with anti-phishing, anti-malware, and anti-virus protections in place (as much as we can).

Whilst we can provide some security, we cannot guarantee that the system is 100% secure, like any system worldwide.

Where possible phishing emails and malware emails are tracked by the system and, where possible quarantined by the system and not delivered to inboxes.

With regards to personal attacks, this is out of our purview as an organisation. Nothing is 100% guaranteed, in life, and in computers.

If a user receives a spam email, then this is automatically put into their "junk email" folder. It is left entirely to the user to protect their own computers. We cannot do that for them. All we can do is advise all users that they protect themselves.

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Media

I have worked in computer systems for over 30 years and as such I have seen major improvements in security of computer systems.

Are we totally safe from attack? No - no-one ever is.

Do we have protections in place? - Yes, as much as we can including anti-phishing, anti-malware, anti-spyware, and encryption.

Does nothing get through? No - hackers have always been one step ahead of the game, however attacks are few and far between in getting through. Personal protection is for the end-user to organise themselves by installing a good anti-virus software. This in theory provides an extra layer of security.

As we have built the system using only @ksc.org.uk email addresses then personal information on the system is kept to a minimum, unless users decide to include personal details when they use the email system. Again, that is a personal choice.

I have looked at, and do on a regular basis, the reports that I receive from Microsoft about our email system, and I can confirm that in the last 6 weeks we have had only 1 email sent to the quarantine, no phishing emails, no emails that contain any recognised malware contained in emails.

I hope that this answers any such queries. However, if Brothers have any further questions, please feel free to ask them to contact me directly by email and I will answer those queries.

eColumba Newsletter

eColumba Newsletter will be sent out to all Provinces and Councils shortly. Remember that we can advertise your events for you in eColumba so please do send them in. If you would like to publish anything into eColumba please email your upcoming events to ecolumba@ksc.org.uk

Media Committee Meets

The Media Committee will next meet in late April 2022. If there are any topics you think we should look into and discuss please email them to us at media@ksc.org.uk.

2022 Looks to be an exciting year for our Committee and I look forward to working with them all this coming year.

Room for Improvement

If you have IT skills and feel that you would benefit our Committee please do get in touch. We can always welcome Brothers with skills to help us. Please email media@ksc.org.uk and come along and assist us in our great work.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Sean Smith,

Supreme Director Communications & Media

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