



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 2023

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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
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The Supreme Knight

Supreme Knights Bulletin March 2023

Brothers since our last Bulletin we have had a very busy month.

We started with a Board Meeting held in the Liner Hotel Liverpool on the 27/28/January. We had a good turnout of the Board with two Brothers attending on Zoom. There was good debate and discussion.

After the Board Meeting, we had a PGK Training and information session. This was led excellently by Past Supreme Knight Brother Charlie McCluskey K.S.G. I would like to thank Brother Charlie for his excellent training session and for taking the time to organise and present it.

The afternoon started with Holy Mass celebrated by our Ecclesiastical Advisor, Bishop Tom Neylon, thank you, Bishop Tom, for waiting after the Board Meeting to say Mass for us it was much appreciated and was a wonderful and spiritual way to start our session.

There were eighteen out of 25 Provinces in attendance one Brother asked if he could join by Zoom but unfortunately due to technical problems this was not possible. I would like to thank the Brothers for making the time to attend.

The session started with a presentation by Brother Charlie, and we broke up into groups for about 30 mins to discuss Provincial Plans for the year. The wonderful thing was that all Provinces had a plan but most did not send it up to Regional Directors for inclusion in their Reports.

We then had an information and question and answer session with the Supreme Knight which we all thought was excellent. We finished about 6pm to 6.30 and the 12 Brothers who were staying moved on to another hotel for our rest and recuperation.

I hope that the Brothers will go back to their Provinces knowing that we are all working to the same aims of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and the Brothers at least learnt one new thing over the weekend.

Again, a massive thank you to Brother Charlie and everyone who helped make a great success of the weekend.

Brother Sean Smith and I then headed to Glasgow to start clearing Head office out in preparation for our future move.

What a job that turned out to be. We stayed from the Sunday afternoon and had to stay an extra night to get it finished. A 22-tonne skip was ordered and believe me it was soon filled - we even managed to gain a bed by the Wednesday night.

Anyway, the filing cabinets were emptied, and we had 163 bags ready to go for confidential shredding. I have to say there was some amount of rubbish up in that loft. If you require any tri-fold report books or receipt books, please get in touch with Head Office and for some post and package we will send to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brothers Sean Smith, Frank Kelly, John O'Donnell, Willie Docherty, Dom Shannon, Marion Keevins, Brian and Anne Beaton for the amount of work that they put in to help clear the office, it was most appreciated.

I would also like to thank Mairi and Simon for putting up with us and for all their hard work as well. Fantastic job done by everyone. George Smith, we didn't find any bodies up the loft as you suggested there might be.

Great job done by all well done.



Whilst I was in Scotland having been with one past Supreme Knight, I took the opportunity to visit another Past Supreme Knight. It was my privilege and honour to visit Brother Pat Layden and his wife May. I passed on the Orders best wishes to them both and took them some flowers and sweets for Pat. As a young man on the Board, I landed between Pat and brother Frank Redmond at the Directors table and was promptly told it was the duty of the youngest Board Member at the table it was my job to supply the sweets all weekend. I can assure you all it was my pleasure, enjoy them Brother Pat.

It is with great sadness that we must talk of the death of Brother Ken Hargreaves K.C.S.G. I have known Brother Ken and Shelia for many years and can only say the work he did on behalf of the Order was tremendous. Every other year Ken and Shelia organised a trip to Iona and one of the highlights for me when the trip we had organised for the Centenary met up on the boat from Oban to Mull Sheila said “It doesn’t feel like two different Pilgrimages - we all seem to be one” true testament to the Brothers Fraternity.

May his soul rest in peace.

At this time, we must all remember the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The Order have donated £5,000 from our Disaster Fund to ACN which will be match funded by the government. If Councils wish to help top our fund back up again please make donations via Head Office or direct into our bank account. Please also keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers.

I am looking forward to a new chapter for the Order with our move to our new Office.

Over the last couple of years Mairi has had a lot of instability in the office with staff coming and going, having to be in the office on her own for weeks at a time. On behalf of the Order, I would like to thank her for all her work again it is much appreciated. Hopefully now we have a new permanent member of staff we will be able to settle down and have a long term of stability. Please be patient whilst our new member of staff gets to grips with the job. His name is Calum Ferry and hopefully he will be with us for a long time. Calum replaces Simon who was with us on a temporary basis.

By the time you read this I am expecting to be on a beach in Lanzarote for a couple of weeks rest and recuperation with Trish of course.

Once again thanks for all the support.

May St Columba protect and watch over you all.

Henry Welsh
Supreme Knight



Audit, Finance and Governance

Brothers, for the attention of All Councils and Provinces.

Head Office dues for the year (1st April 2023) is set by Supreme Council at £60.00 per annum. Please see Welfare & Spirituality for SNA application detail.

All Councils & Provinces must submit form FA5 & FA1.

Should there be an SNA request for a grant, and Head Office dues have not been paid then the grant will be rejected.

Please Brothers help us to help you in the coming year by submitting the required Forms. Mentioning dues, thank you to those already submitted but Councils are asked to send list of Brothers to Head Office so we can get the correct invoice amount to you asap.

Council/Provinces Benevolent Investments in Head Office. As stated, and approved at Supreme Council 2022, Investments of Benevolent Funds from Councils and Provinces will be returned with interest added asap. Those who still owe Head Office dues **will not be** refunded until account is cleared.

In regards to interest added; In 2019 we added 2.03% to all investments, since then interest rates are flat (0%), but over a 5-year period we gained 6.69% overall, therefore in keeping with transparency we will add the outstanding 4.66%, less .19% covering costs to the Order for this particular action. In other words, 2.0%+4.5% giving an overall of 6.5% on your investment. This will reduce the overall investment in the Central Benevolent Fund by £60,000.

Why is this being returned? Head Office continually are receiving requests from Councils/Provinces on the monies invested. This also simplifies the Orders accounts of CBF at end of year.

Head Office changes; Mr Calum Ferry has joined us to assist Mrs Mairi Young.

New Head Office Address (1st April 2023)

KSC, Curial Offices, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY.
Phone 0141 8835700. email; headoffice@ksc.org.uk

Fraternally,

Bertie M Grogan KSG IPSK.
Audit, Finance and Governance.



Membership & Development

Dear Brothers,

It seems we've just put away our Christmas decorations and we're already on the eve of Lent and Easter and all the reflection and joy that brings us. We're all so lucky to be Roman Catholic, either by birth or by conversion. I mention conversion as at this time of the year, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates are finishing off their final studies and preparation for their welcoming in to our universal Church. Can we, the Knights of Columba, reach out to these men and take their journey of faith to another level and join us? *Reach out* and grab them!

The Catholic Student Network – the Supreme Knight, I with the Supreme Directors for Action & Social and Youth & Young People met on Zoom with the CSN during the month and we're making plans to focus on 3 cities – London, Birmingham and Leeds. We need to engage fully with our Catholic Students and sow the seed with them that the Knights of St Columba is the place for them to practice their faith to the maximum and play a major part in the lay apostolate. We need the Brothers in these areas to 'buy' into this initiative and we'd appreciate your help in making this happen. Even if only one University Cell is created, we've had success. It won't be easy but we have to give it our best shot for our ongoing development as an Order fit for 21st century young Catholics in our country. Standby for further information as and when we receive it.

In the meantime, Lent is a great time to attract new men into the Order, try your best to do so.

Please do let me know what's going on in your areas so we can share the news, and all learn from them – membership@ksc.org.uk

Best of luck in your efforts to recruit and retain.

Danny Ó hEarchaí
Supreme Director for Membership & Development



Action & Social

WSK, Brother Directors and Brothers.

I hope you all continue to have a good start to the new year.

The Action & Social Committee. The Committee met at the end of February. We discussed the possibility of running the Mercy Bus across the North of England in August. We will hopefully be joining Divine Mercy in 2024 when they take their bus across the south of England and Wales, also a new design for the Keep Christ in Christmas stickers, and other projects.

Derry Pilgrimage – We had hoped to be holding the Pilgrimage on the last week in May 2023. Flying out of Manchester & Edinburgh 25th May and flying back from Knock on 29th May. The problem being we had not had the required numbers wanting to go maybe due to the cost of living going up or other reasons. But don't despair we are looking at reducing the cost by using a coach. More details to follow.

200 Club – We are now at 135 members. I am doing an email address to all Councils and Provinces to recruit more members. This brings in funds for the Order as a whole but also encourages Brothers to engage with the chance of winning something for themselves. We need to bring this up to the full 200 members as it is running at break-even at present.

The Order has been running at a loss due to the lack of numbers being taken. We have taken the decision that until it becomes more feasible, we are reducing the number of prizes down from 4 to 3. So, from March Draw we are having a £50 top prize and 2 £25 prizes. This is until we can get the club running at its maximum. So please rethink your decision and join our 200 club.

Golf Day – The Golf day has been arranged for July 11th, to be held at Garstang Golf centre. We have interest from around 14 people so it will be going ahead, please contact apostolates@ksc.org.uk to add your name. The cost is £163 per person sharing a room which includes accommodation for two nights including dinner, breakfast and 18 holes per day. Also included would be tea and coffee on arrival.

Grand National Draw – The tickets have been sent out and should have been distributed to Councils and should be returned to Head Office by the end of March. We are going to be holding an entertainment night on the night of the draw at the 110 Club in Burnley. Maybe next year you could invite the SK to hold the draw in your club.



New National Action Project 2024/25 – We are now in the process of taking bids for the new National Action Project for 2024/25. The closing date for submissions is going to be June 2023, with the best going forward to Supreme Council 2023 for nominations.

55th Anniversary of the Abortion Act - The 27th October 2022 marked exactly 55 years since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967 and to which nearly 10,000,000 lives were lost. From Between 27th October 2022 and 27th April 2023 (the latter date being the anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect) SPUC supporters, Churches and Pro-Lifers will rededicate themselves to prayer for respect for life in commemoration of the millions of lives lost. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed with the KSC & SPUC logos on them and sent out across the UK. We will be holding a Rosary every month for the next months and on 16th March 2023 from Jersey. We are also holding a 40hr Adoration on the 27th of April 2023 at Thomas More Church in Middlesborough to finish off the 6-month appeal. We are asking Councils and Parishes to cover an hour of the Adoration with either Prayers or Rosaries. Please submit the time you wish to cover from 9pm on the 25th of April until 11 am on the 27th of April.

Ask your Provincial Chaplain if he could do an hour for us? Also don't forget you can also give an hour for this worthwhile event so please, please consider this and get in touch.

200 Club Draw Result – March 1st 2023

Due to numbers at 135 the Supreme Knight has suggested that until we get more members to sign up and at least break even, the monthly Draw has been reduced (3 winners and prizes to reflect the members)

1. 40 Danny O hEarchai - £50
2. 183 Council 223 - £25
3. 50 John O Donnell - £25

Stephen McMillan

Supreme Director for Action and Social



Media

Columba Magazine

At the January 2023 Meeting of the Board of Directors the decision was taken that from this year **Columba Magazine will now become a bi-annual publication of 56 pages.** As a result of this decision it has been decided that the next edition of Columba Magazine will be put together for delivery in June. This will be followed by a December release of Columba Magazine.

If you have any articles for Columba Magazine and would like to have them included in future editions, then the closing date to get articles to us will be:

June Editions - 1st May

December Editions - 1st November

This allows us 4 weeks to edit all the articles, put them into the magazine, send the magazine to be proofread and then be approved before it is sent to the printers for printing and distribution.

We welcome news from Regions, Provinces and Councils as well as stories, articles of Catholic interest, news of Pilgrimages, awards, social events, etc.

All articles for each edition must be sent to columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk or by post to Brother Sean Smith, 29 Fernside Avenue, Poole, Dorset BH14 0PN. Articles sent to media@ksc.org.uk and headoffice@ksc.org.uk may not be published or can be lost and not published. Whilst we will make every effort to ensure that as many articles are published, please assist the Media Committee by having articles sent to the correct email address and on time.

We are now in the process of getting quotes from various printers for the new Bi-Annual magazine and will inform the Board of Directors at the April Board Meeting, and subsequently the Order, of the prices for printing and distribution of the Magazine at Supreme Council 2023.

If you have been a regular contributor to the Magazine, we ask that you continue to submit pieces to the Magazine on a regular basis for inclusion.

KSC Email System

We carry on with this exercise. If you are an Officer in a Council or Province, **please do contact me on 07786 003737 as soon as you can to get your email address.**

If you have been given an email address you will also be given a OneDrive. What is OneDrive? OneDrive is a cloud-based storage system that lets you keep all your KSC files on a secure storage area and that you can upload files and folders to. This means that they will not take up space on your home computer. If you need help understanding OneDrive please get in contact.

We will hold a Training Seminar for all aspects of Microsoft Office including OneDrive and how to set up emails properly for all Officers on Thursday 23rd May 2023 at 7:30pm. Please keep an eye out for the Zoom codes for this Seminar in your inbox!



KSC Website 2022 Version

More new features are currently underway in the Members Area, including Forms for 2023 that can be completed online and sent directly to the Supreme Director for actioning. A copy is also sent to Head Office for retention for records.

Microsoft Teams Training Seminars

We have now completed these for all Regions.

A slideshow has now been uploaded to the Members Area of the Website <https://ksc.org.uk>

If you are a Council who would like to be able to use Microsoft Teams for free, then please email media@ksc.org.uk and we will arrange a training course for you all as soon as we can and when time allows.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Sean Smith, Supreme Director for Media



Spirituality & Welfare

As we approach Holy Week, please remember what should be the 3 most important things in a Knights Life:

Faith: With our Churches open to us all we must remember to fulfil our obligation and receive the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) and hear Mass. Many of our Parishes and Clergy have gone to great lengths, to bring our Faith to those who are housebound, with Live streaming of Mass, on the telephone, on the Radio, television and over the internet.

History has shown us many times that we are not abandoned by the Church in these dark times, I was reminded of this while listening to Mass from County Mayo. The Priest reminded us that in 1879 when things were desperate Our Blessed Mother appeared in Knock, showing the people that they are not forgotten or abandoned. The people were not forgotten then and we will not be forgotten now.

Stay strong in your faith and God will look after you.

Family: Our family are one of the most important things we have in our lives. Now is the time to contact them, as we have to spend time at home it gives us the chance to put the phones, tablets and even dare I say it turn the television off, and take time to talk to each other. Bring conversation back, something that many families have not done for many years.

Take time to Pray together as a family. For some who have young people in their family who may have drifted away from the Church, by turning off the electronic gadgets, and gathering together to pray the Rosary, this may encourage them to come back to the Church. Even if it is only once a week.

Fraternity: Please ensure all Brothers, Widows and Clergy are contacted at least once a week. All of the Clergy should be contacted not just the ones who are Members of Honour. The information must be conveyed back immediately to your Council Welfare Officer should there be any ill health or problems. Please get contact names and numbers of their next of kin, in case you can't get hold of them.

Getting information around via email is good but we must not forget those who are not on email, remembering many elderly Brothers were not brought up with computers or the latest technology. A phone call to tell them about the latest information is good for two reasons, we have a lot of Brothers living on their own, you may be the only person they have spoken to for a long time. Break that loneliness for them and at the same time give them up-to-date information and advice. Or better still 2 Brothers visit them, even if it is under the pretext of giving them the Minutes, This phone call or visit will give us the opportunity to ask them how they are and ensure they are well. Ask them if they are getting their shopping and eating enough; is their home warm enough; do they need any assistance?



Obituaries

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Past Supreme Knight Brother Ken Hargreaves KCSG, I ask that you keep Brother Ken, his wife Sheila and his family and all deceased members of the KSC family in your prayers.

Brothers

Date of Death	Name	Council No.	Province No.
20/01/2023	William O'Donovan	529	29
24/01/2023	David Wenham	232	14
07/02/2023	Kenneth Hargraves KCSG	328	7
08/02/2023	Luigi (Gino) Grossi	472	12
10/02/2023	John Monteiro	328	12
22/02/2023	Emmanuel Obanye	294	12
24/02/2023	Innocent Nwankwo	151	12
24/02/2023	Charles Murray	750/595	30

Widows

Date of Death	Name	Council No.	Province No.
11/01/2023	Maureen O'Shea	549	4
06/01/2023	Mary Etheridge	380	12
13/02/2023	Philis Braid	253	37



Biennial Memorial Mass 2023.

When: The date is 10th June 2023 the time is 15:00,

Where: The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

The intention is for 'The Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba 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.

Please try and join us for this Mass, remembering that one day this Mass will be for you and me, and I'm sure like me you will want your Brothers to come together to pray for you.

Forms:

Important: SW1, SW4, SW4a Please use 2023/2024 forms only

SWC1: there are slight changes to this form. One is to be sent to Head Office and the Second copy to your Provincial Spirituality and Welfare Officer.

Please ensure that the correct form is used. In the top right corner the year we are reporting on must be 2023/2024

The first question (A) should read Total amount accounted for in the Council Benevolent Fund as of 1st April 2022!

SW4a: This form is for Head Office use only and MUST NOT be sent to PROVINCE.

This is for claiming special needs for the KSC year 2023/2024 and must be accompanied by the SWC1 (above), before any claim is processed.

It is important to remember that the names on this Form are confidential and MUST NOT be spoken about by name at any level. The only Brothers who need to know the names are, the S&W Officer/Committee, the GK and Finance Officer.

Reason for Claim: It is taken for granted that the Brother is suffering financial hardship, otherwise the Council would not be requesting Special Needs Allowance. That said any Form that gives the reason as Financial or Financial hardship, will NOT be granted. What we do need is what is causing the financial hardship (remembering this information is treated with the strictest confidence).



The only part of the dues that are claimable on the SW4a is for Head Office dues only, which remains at £60 for the year 2023/24, it does not cover Council or Provincial dues.

If Council have been doing as I have asked them then they should know their Brothers, every Brother should have had 52 calls over the last year so we have had time to build the trust and friendship to speak to them about how they are coping physically, mentally and if they are in financial need.

Please note the Council must be in good standing when applying, please pay the invoice and deduct the amount you are claiming in Special Needs Allowance – should the claim be rejected then any outstanding amount can be settled at a later date.

SW4: Application for a Grant: please use **the Form with the date 2021/2022** only.

Again, this Form **is highly confidential** and must be given a Council claim number for the year 2023/24 it should read 23 indicating the year and the number of the claim for that year for example 01 for the first claim and 02 for the second and so on. e.g., 23/01

The reason for the claim must give a detailed account of why a grant is needed.

The Brother must be in good standing and have received full Knighthood (his dues have been paid to Head Office) before the application is made.

SW3; Notification of Death (2021) (this form is not dated in the top corner)

This form must be submitted to Head Office ASAP (48 hours) following a death. An email/Phone call telling us of a death does not suffice, we must have the Form with all details filled in. This form can be filled out electronically through the Members page on the website.

Fraternally

Brother Sean Mulligan



**DAILY MASS SCHEME
DATES FOR COUNCILS FOR MARCH 2023.**

Day	Date	Council Name	Council No	Province
Wednesday	1st March	Norwich	974	27
Thursday	2nd March	Edmonton	248	29
Friday	3rd March	Palmers Green	261	29
Saturday	4th March	St Albans	320	29
Sunday	5th March	Mill Hill	440	29
Monday	6th March	Wood Green	444	29
Tuesday	7th March	Cockfosters	500	29
Wednesday	8th March	Heamel Hempstead	528	29
Thursday	9th March	Letchwood	529	29
Friday	10th March	Enfield	572	29
Saturday	11th March	Stevenage	616	29
Sunday	12th March	New Southgate	967	29
Monday	13th March	Hanwell	163	30
Tuesday	14th March	Hayes	243	30
Wednesday	15th March	Sudbury	267	30
Thursday	16th March	Harrow	295	30
Friday	17th March	Ruislip	330	30
Saturday	18th March	Uxbridge	399	30
Sunday	19th March	Cranford and Feltham	514	30
Monday	20th March	North Harrow	948	30
Tuesday	21st March	Yeading	963	30
Wednesday	22nd March	Witton	970	30
Thursday	23rd March	High Wycombe	422	30
Friday	24th March	Wembley	982	30
Saturday	25th March	Thames Valley	984	30
Sunday	26th March	Camberley	241	34
Monday	27th March	Brighton	277	34



Youth & Young People

Youth and Young People are the future of the Church and our Order has a responsibility to work and demonstrate to them by example that the Gospel teaches the only true path to follow. With the secular attack on our beliefs, it is our duty to assist the young to grow in the likeness of Christ, in wisdom and grace.

Congratulations to the Winners of the 3 age groups of the Christmas Photography Crib and Mary Competitions from Province 1 Glasgow, Province 12 Southwark and Province 27 East Anglia. These will be announced under separate Cover. Trophys will follow from me engraved and Certificates will follow from Head Office from Mairi.

Brothers, for your information 13 Provinces **Nativity Painting Competitions** submissions were sent to me by Head Office. My congratulations to Provincial Officers who made the submissions. Wow! so much better. Need to get the missing Provinces to enter these Competitions. Well done ALL.

Expect a revised submission date for the Easter Photography Competition to be sent to you under a separate cover.

Apologies, for not carrying out the Order wide invitation promised in the February 2023 Bulletin. This will go out and we will see what the take up is around the Order for WPGK and their Provincial Action and Youth OR Youth Officers to join the Youth and Young People Committee. We hope to welcome each Provinces PGK and his Action and Youth OR Youth Officer to the Youth and Young People's Committee. This is not a tall order and will require each WPGK and his Prov. Youth Officers participation.

The Committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. 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>

Join the Youth and Young People Facebook page and visit it regularly to see various resources posted on there. Download and promote the appropriate resource that appeals to you to your Parish and your schools etc.

Facebook - 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



Information from Provinces.

We are getting copies of good work taking place in various Provinces and Councils. Electronic advance entries have been copied to the Youth Directors email. New Initiatives of various Councils showing different ways of engaging our Youth outside of the various competitions. Well done all and keep it up and keep the information coming and keep posting on the Youth Facebook page what your Parish, Schools and Parents permit in terms of pictures.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2022 – 2023 ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

You will all receive the revised Competition List by email. Media will be asked to respectfully update the version on the Youth website page accordingly. **Yes, let us know if you have not got it. Furthermore, let us know if you require me to visit your area or to hold a virtual session with your Region's Officers, both Provincial and Council. Or let me know if you want me to join a pre-arranged virtual Regional or Provincial Session.**

Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.

Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age. 5th May 2023
Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age. 5th May 2023
Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age. 5th May 2023
Photography Competition: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age. 19 th May 2023
Photography Competition: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age. 19 th May 2023
Photography Competition: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age. 19 th May 2023

Thanks to Brother David Havard-Prov.12, Provincial Action and Youth Officer for the change of Submission date. This now takes account of the Easter Programme Dates.

NB: God Bless you all for all that you do.

Things to do

CYMFED Flame Saturday 4 March 2023

Tickets for this event at Wembley, London are being sold very quickly. Again, some of your Diocesan Youth Groups are taking groups to FLAME. Join them is my suggestion or organise your own groups. Do it quickly, so you don't miss out. Everything I find out will be posted on our Youth and Young People Facebook page. On occasions some of the Information will be emailed to you.

<https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

We are still promoting this coming event on behalf of CYMFED. A KSC delegation will be attending and see for ourselves how such a large well planned, faith filled event brings joy to our Youth and Young People whilst celebrating our faith.

St John The Evangelist, Gravesend, have informed me that they are taking young People led by Council 977 Gravesend's Action and Youth Officer- Brother Fred Juma. We have not heard about other Councils attending or Parishes. Yet, I expect this will be happening across the Country.



Catholic Student Network

A meeting took place with CSN recently and as a result of this were some very solid introductions to 3 University Chaplaincy's by CSN. These are being followed up by Dep. Supreme Knight Brother Danny. These introductions will only lead somewhere with the involvement of the Regions and its Province or Councils in whose areas these 3 University are situated. Please have a look at our Partner Organisations Programme for 2023. Thereafter, keep informed about their Programme. Attend any of their programme if at all possible. Keep a look out for information from Dep.SK and WSD Brother Danny's Membership Bulletins and their Facebook page. <https://www.catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk/>

Please promote them on your websites and social media postings. Let the University Students in your areas know of your presence in the University's.

World Youth Day - 01-06 AUGUST LISBON 2023

Suggestion is that you contact your Diocese and ask to be informed of their Youth Groups intention of taking a group to the event. Keep an eye on the Youth and Young Peoples Facebook page as well for any information I find or is sent to me by our Partner Youth Organisations. <http://www.lisboa2023.org/>

This is a fantastic event. Can I implore you to please look on your Diocese's Website's Youth page or its Youth organisations page to see if they are taking any Young People. A Provincial Officer Brother John Lynn-Province 30, Council 977 Gravesend A & Y Officer-Brother Fred Juma and the Council Chaplain Rev Fr Moses Amune in the south have been asking this same question, of which Diocese are taking Young People. Information below was forwarded to them. Notwithstanding, please write and ask the Diocese Youth or Contact department about WYD. Some examples below of Archdiocese / Diocese programme for WYD.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/world-youth-day-2023/>

<https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/>

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/experience-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime-this-world-youth-day>

The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Michael Akinrele

Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.