



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 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
correspondence.**



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The Supreme Knight

Supreme Knights April Bulletin 2023

Brothers due to holidays this month I unfortunately missed the funeral of past Supreme Knight Brother Ken Hargreaves K.C.S.G.

Our Deputy Supreme Knight Brother Danny O'hEarchi represented me, and I know there were quite a number of Brothers in attendance. Thanks to Danny and all Brothers who managed to attend. A recording of the funeral was taken check with KSC Media to view.

I also missed the funeral of the wife of a past PGK of Province 37 Mrs Phyllis Braid and Brother Bertie Grogan KSG kindly stood in for me. Thanks Bertie.

Although I was on holiday there was still plenty of work going on around the Order especially at Head Office. By the time you receive this we should have moved into our new premises at the Archdiocese offices in central Glasgow.

This move should make a massive saving to our ongoing costs.

The address of the new office is:

Knights Of St Columba

Curial Offices

196 Clyde St Glasgow

G1 4JY

The telephone number will remain the same 0141 883 5700.

Please be patient with us during this transition period.

Brother Bertie KSG, myself and Mairi are working our way through the payments back to Councils who had monies invested in the Catholic Building Society.

We will also be working our way through the payments to our Widows hopefully they will receive them asap.

As we come to the end of another financial year, we still have some payments to receive for Dues but again thanks to Head Office staff it is coming down gradually. But this is a major contributor to why dues need to go up. We hope with the move of Office and other cutbacks we will be able to look at Dues more favourably this year.

As we leave the office in Hillington after 41 years we can look back on all the happy times that have there. From Brother Joe Donnelly, all the way through to the present-day staff with Mairi and Calum. As a consequence of closing the office we unfortunately have to say goodbye to our cleaner Marion Keevans who has been with us for the last 9 years. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Order to thank Marion for all her work over the years, and we wish her the best of luck in any future employment. It was a pleasure to get to know you.



It is with great pleasure that we can celebrate the 60th anniversary of joining the Order of Past Supreme Knight Brother Pat Layden K.C.S.G.

We have booked the local church hall for Saturday 22/04/23 at 3pm to have a presentation to Brother Pat. All are welcome but could you please let Mairi know if you intend to come for catering purposes.

The address is:

St Thomas The Apostle

70 Main St, Neilston, Glasgow G78 3NJ

We hope as many as possible will be able to make. Expenses will be borne by yourself.

May St Columba keep you safe and protect 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. Invoices for the coming year have been sent to all Councils. If you have any issues please see the information that has come with your invoice.

In the case of SNA (Special Needs Allowance) Please see Welfare & Spirituality for application. Should there be an SNA request for a grant, and Head Office dues have not been paid then the grant will be rejected.

All Councils & Provinces must submit form FA5.

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.

URGENT Repayments

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 asap. Those who still owe Head Office dues **will not be** refunded until account is cleared. Please Brothers, if your Council is one of these send your Bank details to Head Office.

Why is this being returned?

This was approved by Supreme Council 2022.

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.

May I thank you all for your ongoing assistance to head office staff, particularly during this changeover period.

Fraternally,

Bertie

Bertie M Grogan KSG IPSK.

Audit, Finance and Governance.

HEAD OFFICE MOVE

Please note that Head Office will be in the process of moving offices from Monday 3rd of April. As such please can we all keep requests to the bare minimum and be patient with the Head Office staff whilst they are moving and sorting out their new Office for the following two weeks.

Head Office

New Head Office Address (1st April 2023)

KSC, Curial Offices, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY.

Phone 0141 8835700. email; headoffice@ksc.org.uk



April 2023 Membership Bulletin

Dear Brothers,

We begin the Easter season with some great news, a new Council is to be created in Wanstead, East London on Sunday 16 April at Our Lady of Lourdes, London, E11 at the 11:00 Mass. If you live in the capital or home counties, please do try and join the new Brothers and the Officers of Province 10 (Brentwood) to celebrate with us. My sincere thanks to all in Province 10 for making this day happen and just proves that with a little patience and effort, we will reap the rewards. Well done, Brothers.

I was pleased to spend the weekend with the Brothers of Province 14 (Portsmouth) in late February and we focused on creating a new Council in Leigh Park on the northern edge of the city. We had a wonderful reception at both Masses we introduced ourselves at. We have had an enquiry from a gent to join, which he will in nearby Gosport Council whilst we wait for a few more gents to answer our call. Let's hope another new Council isn't that far from being created there.

Sadly, we're in the process of closing the Councils in Swindon (Province 14) and Birtley (Province 4). Whilst dissecting the papers submitted and the moving of Brothers who do wish to stay in the Order, it looks like years of non-action and lack of positive recruitment has led to these closures. Let us use their examples and crack whilst we have it in us to do so! When the dust settles in both these areas, there is no harm in trying in getting KSC Councils back, with new men and fresh ideas, just needs a little hard work and grit, as shown by Province 10 above.

Fantastic efforts from Councils in Carlisle and Bognor Regis recently with positive news on recruiting men. Great effort from Liverpool Province seeing their university students which leave the city are being found a KSC 'home' where they move to. Well done and my personal thanks to all involved. Still the enquiries come in via the website, we must be doing something right for men to search and find out more about us, let's keep that going Brothers! I look forward to hearing any news which you would like shared nationally.

In the meantime, Sarah and I wish you a blessed and holy Eastertide.
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.

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 become 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.

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 are holding a 40hr Adoration on the 27th April 2023 At Thomas Moore Church in Middlesborough to finish off the 6-month appeal. We are asking councils and parishes to cover an hr of the adoration with either prayers or rosaries. Please submit the time you wish to cover from 9pm on the 25th April until 11 am on the 27th April.

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



Grand National Draw – The have been sent out and should have been distributed to the 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. May next year you could invite the SK to hold the draw in your club.

We also hope to make 6 priests MOH in the order. 5 of which are visiting priests from Nigeria, who have given their accounts of what is happening in their areas, which TBH is very frightening how living in a growing Islamic area it has become. Please keep these priests in your prayers.

Derry Pilgrimage – We had hoped to be holding the pilgrimage 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.

Easter and Christmas posters—Brothers many thanks for your continued support of our posters we have just finished sending out the posters for Easter and hope you all receive them in time. Due to time constraints we had to have province 21 this year and I thank them for stepping in to the breach at short notice, as they sent out around 27500 posters inside the time they did the campaign. Many thanks once again. The Christmas poster campaign has now total finished with the auditing and from the profits raised they are sending £500 to thew youth to cover the cost of some of the youth going to conferences ran by various outside agencies. Also when we hold our Grand National draw we hope to present a chq to the Supreme Knight for our national project “let the children live.”

200 Club Draw Result – April 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. Frank Kelly C490- No. 94 - £50
2. Council 223 -No 164 - £25
3. Dominic Shannon C 22 No.65 - £25

Stephen McMillan

Supreme Director for Action and Social



Media

Columba Magazine

Columba Magazine

We currently have 60 articles for the next Columba Magazine which is wonderful! Please do keep them coming.

If you have any larger articles, based on Catholicism, that you think would be good to feature in the Magazine, then please do let us have them.

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.

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 and need help with using OneDrive to upload files to. OneDrive is your cloud based storage system that lets you keep all your KSC files on a secure storage area. This means that they will not take up space on your home computer.



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 8:00pm. 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.

Our apologies that the Forms section of the website is taking longer than expected. This is because Forms for 2023 have had to be changed to reflect the changes of where Forms are being sent to. **Forms that were sent to PGKs will now instead have to go to your Regional Directors.** This is reflected in the Forms for 2023. So please pay attention to these changes.

Microsoft Teams Training Seminars

We have now completed these for all Regions.

A slideshow is being uploaded to the Members Area of the Website <https://ksc.org.uk>. **Please bear with us on this as we are working in getting it to look better for you to be able to work with.**

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.

The Media Committee and Brother Sean and his family wish you all a very Happy and Holy Eastertide. May the joy of the Risen Christ bring you all joy for the remainder of the year.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Sean Smith, Supreme Director for Media



Spirituality & Welfare

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

Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ

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.

Please remember in your prayers all of our Brothers and family members who are sick, and all deceased Members of the KSC family who have been called to the Lord.

Obituaries

For those who have recently died

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
26/02/2023	Christopher Andrews	520	16
23/02/2023	Patrick Bradley	369	1
16/03/2023	Rev.Fr. Brian Coogan	417	14



Forms 2023 -2024

There has been some confusion regarding the Forms of the KSC year commencing on the 1st April 2023. Unfortunately the website is still showing the Forms for 2022-23. (this should soon be corrected with the new Forms that can be printed or filled in o line and emailed to Head Office. I will be asking for the new Forms to be sent out with this Bulletin

Important please destroy all old forms – thank you.

Special Needs Allowance:

Please remember that Special Needs are available for any Brother who genuinely is unable to afford his Dues, due to low income, Alzheimer's or Dementia or resident in a care home.

It is not available to those who are financially in a position to pay but just can't be bothered.

Under no circumstances can any Brother claimed for be named. All names **MUST be kept confidential** between the Welfare Officer, the Grand Knight and where necessary the Officer for Finance. Please do not discuss outside these 3 Officers how many Brothers Special Need Allowance is being claimed for.

Know your Brothers.

Any application for a Grant must be given a Case Number (e.g. 1/23). At no time can this be discussed openly inside or outside a Meeting.

Columba Magazine.

It has been reported to me that many Widows do not receive the Columba Magazine. I ask all Councils to do 3 things:

1. Contact the Widows and ask if they wish to receive the magazine.
2. Contact Head Office with the name and address of those who do.
3. If a widow dies, please complete and SW3 to inform us.

Fraternally

Brother Sean Mulligan



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

Day	Date	Council Name	Council No	Province
Saturday	1st April	Guilford and Godalmin	551	34
Sunday	2nd April	Menevia	253	37
Monday	3rd April	Ryhl	399	37
Tuesday	4th April	Buckley and District	614	37
Wednesday	5th April	Corby	307	38
Thursday	6th April	Bedford	388	38
Friday	7th April	No Mass		
Saturday	8th April	Luton	354	38
Sunday	9th April	Dunstable	531	38
Monday	10th April	Bletchley	579	38
Tuesday	11th April	Aylesbury	972	38
Wednesday	12th April	Jersey	216	39
Thursday	13th April	University Cell	1	1
Friday	14th April	Glasgow West	2	1
Saturday	15th April	Glasgow East	4	1
Sunday	16th April	Clydebank	8	1
Monday	17th April	Glasgow Central	22	1
Tuesday	18th April	Renfrew	150	1
Wednesday	19th April	Port Glasgow	350	1
Thursday	20th April	Barrhead	429	1
Friday	21st April	Ayrshire	486	1
Saturday	22nd April	Kirkintilloch	603	1
Sunday	23rd April	Liverpool West	9	2
Monday	24th April	Liverpool North	12	2
Tuesday	25th April	Widnes	18	2
Wednesday	26th April	Elsmeor Port	51/283	2
Thursday	27th April	Ormskirk	64	2



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 2 age groups of the Nativity Painting Competitions from 15 Provinces. Winners were announced under separate Cover, Trophys will follow from me engraved and Certificates will follow from Head Office from Mairi & Calum.

My congratulations to Provincial Officers who made the submissions. Wow! so much better. Well done ALL.

Revised submission date for the Easter Photography Competition has been sent to you under a separate cover. This is now in line with the Churches Easter Calendar.

The Invitation has now gone out to 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. It does not matter that you are already a member of a Supreme Committee. This is not a tall order and will require each WPGK and his Prov. Youth Officers Participation. Please think out of the box and ensure your Province is present and engaged.

The committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. Are 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-Are 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 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 keeping the information coming and keeping posting on the Youth Facebook page what you Parish, Schools and Parents permit in terms of pictures.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2022 – 2023 ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

You will all have received 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 Regions 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

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

Things to do

CYMFED Flame Saturday 4 March 2023 – Feedback Report

What a wonderful event, a faith filled event with 10,000 Young People, Our Catholic Hierarchy from England and Wales led by Cardinal Nichols. Key Speakers from Australia, Philippines, America, South America. Various Faith inspired Acts that each brought a different energy to the day. Great Homily by Cardinal Nichols to end the event. Congratulations to Brother from Cumbria, Bridgend Brother attended with the Bridgend Youth Club Young People, Province 10 Brentwood attended with their Youth and Young People and Gravesend Council Brothers attended aided by wives and members of their Parish with their Youth and Young People, A Past Director and former member of YYP Committee attended with her School Youth and Young People from the Birmingham area. Congratulations to Rev Fr Richard Offong-PP & MOH of St Pauls RC Church Thamesmead who funded his resplendently attired Young People to attend. Bravo Fr Richard. An opportunity given and ignored to contribute. The whole RISE UP Flame was an eye opener with possibilities for the Order. Thank you to CYMFed for the VIP tickets that were all used up.



Catholic Student Network

We met Ben Plimmer of CSN at the VIP Lounge of FLAME RISE UP event. It was a meaningful meeting and I requested further assistance to resolve and enable a point of entry into a Central London Group of Universities. 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 our 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 their 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 that you, your Council or Province and your Parish Priest should consider sponsoring a Young Person/Group or even Taking a Group of Young People to. 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. 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 a Happy and Holy Eastertide in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Michael Akinrele

Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.