



# **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MAY 2024**

**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

Welcome to the Month of May. This is traditionally the month when we dedicate our Order once again to Our Blessed Lady. It is also the month of the Holy Rosary, so please join us in our Spiritual Bouquet “Let Life Flourish” in conjunction with our partners S.P.U.C. who have worked with us in Pro Life matters for over fifty years since the days of Brother Jack McCardle. What a wonderful legacy he has left.

I attended our April Board Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. This was held on Zoom. Thank you to the Brothers who so willingly give up their time and the precious time with their families.

**Provincial Mergers** - once again thank you to all the Provinces who have embraced the change. Well done Brothers. I know change can be a very difficult thing, but you have all complied with tremendous Fraternity. On behalf of the Board I thank you once again and wish you all success in recruitment in the future. Please use Zoom and if you can have hybrid Meetings especially during the dark and long nights of winter. Below is a list of all the provinces and their names:

- Province 1 – Glasgow
- Province 2 – Liverpool
- Province 3 – St. Andrews and Edinburgh
- Province 45 – Tyne Tees & Leeds
- Province 6 – Cumbria
- Province 8 - Salford
- Province 9 - Nottingham
- Province 10 - Brentwood & East Anglia
- Province 12 - Southwark
- Province 16 – Motherwell
- Province 18 – Birmingham
- Province 21 - East Lancashire
- Province 34 - Arundel & Brighton
- Province 2037 – Wales
- Province 38 - Northampton
- Province 41 – Westminster
- Province 42 – Portsmouth, Southwest & Channel Islands

By the time you read this Brothers, it will have been made public that the Supreme Knight and the Board of Directors have called an extraordinary Supreme Council to be held in Carlisle.

*Let Life Flourish*



I must make it clear although a number of Provinces had called for this, they did not meet the requirements for calling it. I really cannot elaborate on anything further until after this Meeting.

I would like to go on with the positives that we have had myself Danny O hEarchai, Michael Akinrele, Melvin Carty, and Sean Smith spent Saturday and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April in London Presenting Charters to three councils.

- Council 977 - Gravesend and Northfleet
- Council 978 - Abbey Wood and Thamesmead
- Council 974 - Croydon

Congratulations Brothers on receiving your Charters and thank you for your hospitality and welcome. What a welcome! I cannot thank the Brothers of the three Councils enough for their hospitality. Everyone was so fraternal. I am sure Danny will show you all the “dancing queen”. Thanks to Brother Michael Akinrele and Brothers Paddy Boyle, Melvin Carty and David Havant for all their hard work in the organisation of a busy but wonderful weekend. Brothers if anyone asks you what they get for their £62 dues just tell them to go to these three Councils and see the Charity Unity and Fraternity oozing out of every part of their bodies. The dad dancing was a bit bad.

### **Catholic Building Society.**

Would the Grand Knights from the following councils please send to Head Office your bank details to allow us to close this account off. Councils 92, 104, 206, 223, 324, 490, 518, 564, 571. We have been trying to pay this money back to Councils for almost two years. If we have had no response by the July Board Meeting then the Board will decide what to do with the proceeds.

May St Columba Protect and bless you all.

Fraternally

**Brother Henry Welsh**  
**Supreme Knight**





## Action & Social

### ***Easter has now passed the Lord is risen.***

What is the kingdom of God? St Peter says first of all what the kingdom of God is not, then what it is 'For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'. So, the Kingdom of God isn't about rules, regulations, or a manifesto! There isn't a manifesto or even a law because the kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace, and joy – in the Holy Spirit.

### **Shake off all your sins and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.**

Only one who has heard Paul say, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies," and has purified himself in action, thought and word will say to God, "thy kingdom come!". To pray, "thy Kingdom come" is a remarkable grace of God. It is given in baptism. There we are drawn into the Kingdom, with the dignity of citizenship. "Acknowledge, O Christian your dignity." We may be overwhelmed by daily toil or become lethargic or indifferent to the grace and blessing we have received.

Our Prayer;

*Father, when I am burdened by bitterness and resentment and held captive by hate, I ask for your forgiveness and strength to forgive those who have wronged me. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (Psalm 102:2)*

**Spiritual Bouquet** -- The Knights of St Columba and the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in a journey of prayer for the Sanctity of Life.

### **"Let Life Flourish" from Conception to a natural death**

From the Feast of the Holy Innocents on 28th December 2023 to the Solemnity of Christ the King 2024, we will be praying to make abortion unthinkable and to uphold the dignity of all life from conception to a natural death.

We are still looking for Councils and Parishes to contribute to the 40-hour Adoration which will be at the end of June. This is the perfect chance to follow Pope Francis in this year of prayer.

We have had a wonderful series of Lenten Stations by our Priests and Bishops in this Lenten period, and we now continue with our weekly Rosaries, please make an effort to attend this as those who pray together stay together. It is usually held @7pm on a Monday, we are also looking at having just one code for all Rosaries throughout the rest of year.

We are having the 40-hour Adoration with Our Lady of Guadalupe Miraculous Relic Image from Poole - 28th to 30th June 2024. It will start at 5pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> until 9am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, we are opening the list for Councils and individuals to book their hour of prayer and Holy Hour. Please consider volunteering for this, contact [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) to add your Council, Parish, or an individual to the list. Don't forget to send your intentions to the SPUC website for your Deceased Members of your family and prayer intentions, please also include that you are a Knight so we can track how many Knights are interacting with the website. Also please ask your Parishioners to do the same.

**Grand National Draw** – The draw has taken place and congratulations to all the winners. We are hopefully going to be using the funds from the Grand National Draw to give grants out to Councils for Action and Youth projects. This will have to come through the Province with the proviso that it is one grant per Province each year. Please look for further information about this in your email box in the coming weeks.

The survey results are still coming in, please make sure your Province knows your decision about your choice soonest.

*Let Life Flourish*



**NCLA update** – We have had some updates from the groups which attended the NCLA Conference in February. Phil McCarthy, Hearts in Search of God Project Lead also of [www.pilgrimways.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimways.org.uk) has asked brothers if they wish to participate in his new program.

To register and for details of the programme visit:

[www.tickettailor.com/events/heartsinsearchofgodpilgrimwaysproject](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/heartsinsearchofgodpilgrimwaysproject)



The Catholic Military Association have sent an email:

*Dear Knights,*

*I am writing as a trustee of the Catholic Military Association to invite any serving or veteran Knights and their families to our inaugural Scottish Pilgrimage and dinner, at the Carfin Grotto on 22 Jun 2024. I would be very grateful if you would cascade the invitation to your members in Scotland, so that they can make arrangements with the organisers (CC'd) to attend this event.*

*Please liaise with them directly with any questions.*

*In Christ,*

*Francis*

*Please email [brianbunce84@gmail.com](mailto:brianbunce84@gmail.com) <[brianbunce84@gmail.com](mailto:brianbunce84@gmail.com)>;*

*[Sammy.Adcock237@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Sammy.Adcock237@mod.gov.uk) <[Sammy.Adcock237@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Sammy.Adcock237@mod.gov.uk)>*

*For more information.*

**200 Club** – Brothers we stand at no more members than we were at the beginning of the year. As it stands unless we get a rapid influx of new members we will be closing this down at the end of November due to the lack of interest. As can be seen from the GND we are hoping to give monies back through grants to Councils to help with projects and this endeavour would have helped in this. Please, please look into your hearts and consider helping us to help you by taking a number in the 200 draws.

**May Draw Results**

- |           |   |                |     |
|-----------|---|----------------|-----|
| 1. No 26  | - | T Quigley      | £75 |
| 2. No 88  | - | Jerome Davis   | £50 |
| 3. No 129 | - | Richard France | £25 |

*Let Life Flourish*



**Mercy Bus** – Due to the troubles we are currently having in the Order it has been decided that the best course of action would be to delay the running of the Mercy Bus until next year when we should be over the troubles.

**Golf Day** – The golf day has had to be put on hold until we get a consensus on the dates people are available as the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July is inconvenient for many people. Please could those interested in having the golf day contact [apostolates@ksc.org.uk](mailto:apostolates@ksc.org.uk) with an alternative date they would be available.

***Stephen McMillan***  
***Supreme Director for Action & Social***  
***[apostolates@ksc.org.uk](mailto:apostolates@ksc.org.uk)***





## Media

Dear Brothers,

### **Columba Electronic Magazine**

Our sincerest apologies but, whilst we are in the process of producing the latest Edition of Columba Magazine for Spring 2024, it has been delayed whilst we have had to deal with various important and time-consuming tasks. This will be emailed to you all at the beginning of May. If you wish to have hard copies for printing, please email [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) and request a copy. There are 2 versions available – 1 for home printing and a 2<sup>nd</sup> version if you wish to send a copy for professional printing.

Even so, we are also accepting any articles for the Summer Edition of Columba Magazine, which will be with you all in June.

### **KSC Email System**

Council Grand Knight email addresses were introduced this year. Envelopes were delivered at the beginning of the year. My thanks to the Regional Directors for distributing these to PGKs. I do hope that the PGKs have passed them onto their Councils.

As yet we have received a few phone calls for assistance with email addresses. Brothers, please notify your Provincial Grand Knights and Council Grand Knights that they must sign up to the new email address system.

We realise that not all Council Grand Knights are technology wizards. If the Council Grand Knight does not have a computer, or feels unable to be able to log in, **it is the responsibility of that Council Grand Knight to appoint someone in the Council to take on the Grand Knight's official email address.**

This will allow Head Office, The Board of Directors, Regional Directors, Provincial Grand Knights and Brothers to be able to communicate with your Council easily, irrespective of who is the Grand Knight.

**A training session for all Grand Knights is being organised for May. There will be 8 dates available, 1 for each Region starting with Region 1. These will be sent to you via your Regional Directors.**

### **Possible Breach of the email system**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April we were notified of a possible breach in the @ksc.org.uk email system by Bro Daineal (SD for Membership) and immediately took action to shutdown access to the email system.

This was done to protect our email addresses and to be able to carry out a full investigation.



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, with an independent observer, we carried out an investigation into the possibility of a breach. As a result of this investigation we found that there was no external breach of the system, i.e. people outside the Order trying to gain access to email addresses, which was great news for the Order and the security measures we put in place when we set the system up. We were able to open up the email system to users on the evening of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April once again for use.

It has been asked why Brothers could not access their emails and why we didn't put out an email warning of the shutdown. In answer to that query, in any instance of a possible external breach of the email system, it is imperative of us to act immediately to prevent access to sensitive information on the system, and to protect the integrity of the Order at large and therefore we must shutdown the system as soon as we can to protect you all.

As a result, it is proposed that the following further security measures be put into place:

1. Each user of the system will only be allowed to access emails from 2 separate devices that they own, whether that be a computer and mobile phone, a mobile phone and tablet (ipad or tablet) or a tablet and mobile phone. We will monitor the devices connected to each email address, and where there are more than 2 devices will contact the individual and, where necessary, remove all devices from the email address. This will not hinder the use of email addresses and you will not notice any changes to how you log in or send and receive emails.
2. On 31<sup>st</sup> March each year, we will close down all email addresses and reset all passwords. If you are continuing in your role we will issue you with a new temporary password so that you can change to a new password. If you are demitting your role we will issue the new temporary password to your successor.

We take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience during this investigation, which had to be carried out, and we are so glad that it did not cause too much interruption.

In order to also alleviate Brothers opening spam, nefarious or virus emails, we are instituting a policy of using *Dear Brother* at the beginning and *Fraternally* at the end. This will mean that **Brothers should take care with any emails that do not have these salutations.**

By putting these into place we will ensure even more security of the email system.

### **USB STICKS**

At Supreme Council in October this year a new USB stick with any updates will be produced and distributed so that Councils will have access to all the latest Rules and Constitution, Handbooks, Safeguarding Policy, Privacy Policy, Forms, etc. It is our intention to keep these USB Sticks updated as much as we can year-on-year.

**Please ensure that you collect the current USB stick from your Councils/Provinces by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 for them to bring back to Supreme Council.**

Sincerely & Fraternally  
**Sean Smith,**  
**Supreme Director for Media**  
[media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk)



## **Spirituality & Welfare**

Can I first start by giving my apologies to Brothers for the mistakes and errors that I have made over the last six months. Being new to this Office I wasn't quite sure how things worked, I have now learned from these mistakes, and I am happy for Brothers to point out any mistakes that I have made.

### **Spiritual Bouquet**

In conjunction with S.P.U.C this prayerful event moves on.

We have had Stations of the Cross, Rosaries and Holy Hours since the last Bulletin. Brothers, can I ask you to join in with us, it is up to 1 hour per week, the Bouquet is streamed on Zoom and Facebook. If you are interested in joining us codes are available.

We have had Brothers of St Columbanus from Ireland join in, also the president of IACK Brother Brendan McCann has joined us.

Please look out for emails and social media notifications for events that will be taking place.

### **New Officers**

May I take the opportunity to welcome Brothers who have recently taken Office as Spirituality & Welfare Officers in their Councils and Provinces, also to thank them for taking Office.

If anyone has any issues, please contact me and I will try my best to help resolve them.

Please remember to visit our sick and housebound brothers and not forgetting our Widows.

### **Fraternity**

Over the last few weeks our Regional Director Brother Frank Kelly being on holiday, I have had the pleasure of Installing the Provincial Officers in Province 1 Glasgow and Province 16 Motherwell.

My thanks to Brother John Kelly P.G.K Province 16 for meeting me and taking me to the Churches.

### **Retreats and Pilgrimages**

Could all Councils and Provinces tell us of any upcoming Pilgrimages, Retreats and Masses so that these can be published for Brothers to attend if they wish?

### **Deceased Brothers**

Now comes the part of my Bulletin that I don't like doing.

Please pray for the following Brothers, Members of Honour and Widows who have recently passed to their eternal reward.

Brother John Laurie 10/03/2024	Council 425	Province 5
Brother Allan Hill 19/03/2024	Council 468	Province 7
Brother Maurice Brown 22/03/2024	Council 329	Province 19
Brother Terry Brown 26/03/2024	Council 216	Province 42
Brother Paul McCarthy 18/04/2024	Council 267	Province 41
Brother Anthony Wilson 28/04/2024	Council 93	Province 18

Brother Desmond Foy 15/04/2024 Council 295 Province 41

Members of Honour

Rev. Cannon Anthony Dolan 16/03/2024 Council 67 Province 9

Rev Fr John Johnson 04/04/2024 Council 577 Province 8



Mrs June Rennie, wife of Brother Jim Rennie RIP, 14/04/2024 Council 185 Province 42

### **Apology**

In the April Bulletin, I made a mistake with the announcement of the late Brother Peter Firth being from Council 487 Province 19. Brother Peter was a member of Council 127 Province 18.

Just a gentle reminder that if you have anything that you would like to update me with please get in touch.

Lastly, just want to say again Brothers, thank you for bearing with me over these last few months.

***Barry Johnston***

***Supreme Director Welfare and Spirituality***

***[welfare@ksc.org.uk](mailto:welfare@ksc.org.uk)***



## DAILY MASS SCHEME

MAY 2024

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>CO. No.</b>	<b>PROV. No.</b>
Wednesday	1st May	Penwortham	468	21
Thursday	2nd May	Medway	151	12
Friday	3rd May	Horwich	125	8
Saturday	4th May	Paisley & District	429	1
Sunday	5th May	Jersey	216	42
Monday	6th May	Observatory	123	12
Tuesday	7th May	Whitehaven	74	6
Wednesday	8th May	Uxbridge	399	41
Thursday	9th May	Blackpool	91	21
Friday	10th May	St Albans	320	41
Saturday	11th May	Blackburn	132	21
Sunday	12th May	Glasgow West	2	1
Monday	13th May	Farnborough	185	42
Tuesday	14th May	Manchester North	172	8
Wednesday	15th May	West Norwood	356	12
Thursday	16th May	Southport	146	2
Friday	17th May	Bournemouth	139	42
Saturday	18th May	Lincoln	142	9
Sunday	19th May	Harrow	295	41
Monday	20th May	Ealing	369	41
Tuesday	21st May	Arsenal	118	12
Wednesday	22nd May	Bognor Regis	324	34
Thursday	23rd May	Viewpark	474	16
Friday	24th May	Ipswich	206	10
Saturday	25th May	Aberdeen	88	3
Sunday	26th May	Colne	258	21
Monday	27th May	Lesnes Abbey	380	12
Tuesday	28th May	Glasgow East	4	1
Wednesday	29th May	Acton	252	41
Thursday	30th May	Battle	630	34



**DAILY MASS SCHEME**

**JUNE 2024**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>	<b>CO. No.</b>	<b>PROV. No.</b>
Saturday	1st June	Otley	425	45
Sunday	2nd June	Luton	354	38
Monday	3rd June	Berwick-upon-Tweed	988	3
Tuesday	4th June	Millom	57	6
Wednesday	5th June	Cockfosters	500	41
Thursday	6th June	NO MASS		
Friday	7th June	Hayes	243	41
Saturday	8th June	Stockwell	571	12
Sunday	9th June	Eastleigh	393	42
Monday	10th June	Ilkeston	315	9
Tuesday	11th June	Wolverhampton	184	18
Wednesday	12th June	Blantyre	490	16
Thursday	13th June	Widnes	18	2
Friday	14th June	Romford	224	10
Saturday	15th June	Renfrew	150	1
Sunday	16th June	Darwen	149	21
Monday	17th June	Norwich	976	10
Tuesday	18th June	Redriff	161	12
Wednesday	19th June	Preston East	383	21
Thursday	20th June	Isle of Man	458	2
Friday	21st June	Buckley & District	614	37
Saturday	22nd June	Cardiff	402	37
Sunday	23rd June	Worcester	344	18
Monday	24th June	Honiton Square	637	41
Tuesday	25th June	Market Harborough	621	9
Wednesday	26th June	Welling, Kent	294	12
Thursday	27th June	London North	106	41
Friday	28th June	Tenby	979	37
Saturday	29th June	Whitton	970	41
Sunday	30th June	Walthamstow	137	10



## **Youth & Young People**

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL & COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

**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.

*Pope Francis Prayer for Youth.*

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission. Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore. Amen.

*What verse is for youth in church?*

1 Timothy 4:12 - Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 2 Timothy 2:22-26 - So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Squires, not the Squires of days gone by, but Squires brought up to date. Squires of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Well it's no longer a myth but a reality. A Council in Province 12 Southwark has been given permission to start a Squires Group. So, why don't you all consider this idea in your own Provinces and Councils? Let us know your thoughts please? [youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth@ksc.org.uk)

Do you know that 2 Brothers who joined the Order as Squires on the same day 50 years ago just received their Golden Jubilarian Award in Province 12 Southwark. Past Director Brother Sean Mulligan and Brother Dave Wright.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes**

This is a good opportunity to evangelise Young People in a direct way by speaking to them. **Please give us feedback**

**KSC WEBSITE**

**Brothers, apologies that you have been having problems accessing the Youth Competitions from the Members Area of the KSC Website. Contact me directly at [youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth@ksc.org.uk) I will ensure that the Posters, Rule Sheets are sent out more frequently whilst this situation continues. When it is resolved I will add the link to the Business Card on the WSD Y&Y Directors Email.**



**Competitions for 2023/2024 – Remaining.**

Essay Writing: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age.	6th May 2024
Essay Writing: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age.	6th May 2024

**Wishing you all the very best of luck with your Competition submissions.**



**Rosary for the SPUC / KSC Spiritual Bouquet Let Life Flourish Youth dates from 1<sup>st</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> August. Dates will be uploaded soonest.**

**Information from Provinces.**

Keep the information coming and keep posting on the Youth Facebook page what your Parish, Schools and parents permit in terms of pictures and informative articles of achievements and milestones.

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

**CYMFED FLAME 2025**

**Saturday 15th March 2025**

**OVO Arena Wembley**



Tickets have been on sale for several months now. <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>





**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Youth Cohort – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024**



**Ages: 10-14  
£5**

# Youth Day

**Lunch & evening pizza included!**

- Catechesis & Question box ✓
- Eucharistic Adoration ✓
- Music and testimonies ✓
- Football / crafts ✓

**Sat 11 May, 11am to 5:30pm**

**St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, London, SE1 6HR**

Book at  
<https://tinyurl.com/yday11May>  
or QR code

**Southwark**  
CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

**Assuming you are outside of this Archdiocese and cannot take your own young People to the above event. Please use this as an idea of what you can do with your Archdiocese/Diocese, Deanery, Parish or even Council. Let us know how you get on with feedback.**

<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](mailto:headoffice@ksc.org.uk) and [youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth@ksc.org.uk)**



**The committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we have asked 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](mailto:headoffice@ksc.org.uk) and [youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth@ksc.org.uk)**

**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.**

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