



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

## CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 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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inform the Curial Offices.***

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## **Supreme Knights Bulletin September 2024**

My Dear Brothers.

Oh, how time flies I remember talking affectionately with Brother Tony Doherty KSG when he was about to finish his time on the Board as the lemming falling over the cliff, well the edge is getting closer for me. Light at the end of the Tunnel.

This month I have been on family holidays abroad so really quiet I did not take my phone it was wonderful.

Our Let Life Flourish campaign in conjunction with SPUC is still going strong, but we are still only getting 20 to 25 in, but where two are gathered in my name!!!! We had a wonderful write up by Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth in his Diocesan Newsletter; thank you.

Let's make a big push in the last 12 weeks and get as many as possible in and push on Facebook to family and friends.

I will be heading to Scotland for the Scottish National Pilgrimage on the first of September will report in next month's Bulletin.

Just to keep you updated we are expecting the independent audit of accounts to take place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.

Henry Welsh

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



## Membership & Development

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN – AUGUST 2024

Dear Brothers,

It's been a tough year, one to easily forget. It's difficult for me to magic up a solution to increase our numbers when myself and my fellow Directors have been absolutely battered, named and shamed as being liars, thieves and bullies. I'm still awaiting a public apology from two Brothers who have done so. If that apology isn't to arrive, then what's done is done, who am I to force that?





We pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life each and every Meeting. These prayers have been answered, yet I leave this Board of Directors to enter Seminary at Oscott with a sandwich board around my neck stating that 'I'm a liar, thief and a bully'. Until that public apology arrives, then that's what the Knights of Columba think of their outgoing Deputy Supreme Knight, what chance do we have to recruit? I've done my best Brothers.

This will be my last bulletin as I wish to concentrate on my calling to the Permanent Diaconate and my family. Thank you all so much for your efforts, I've loved working with you. My Supreme Council Papers will reflect on many things and this last year. With the gift of the friendship and the leadership of the Worthy Supreme Knight Brother Harry, we've achieved since 2021:

- 4 new Councils
- 3 new Charters
- Deficit reduced from -800 Brothers to -40 Brothers
- New suite of publicity materials
- The opportunity to purchase KSC branded clothing
- Welcome packs

Thousands of man hours spent on this role, which I've absolutely loved from day one. Thank you for this opportunity. The chance to work with absolutely amazing men who live and breathe the Catholic Church and the Knights of St Columba, the pleasure has been all mine.

What feelings do I take to Oscott this October? This time last year, I'd have shouted from the rooftops about my beloved Knights of St Columba. A year on, I'm not so sure, a little cautious perhaps? It leaves a nasty, bitter taste in one's mouth after this year, that's for sure.

One day, God willing, I'll return to the KSC, hopefully as Chaplain. In the meantime, I'll continue to serve my Council as best I can. The Oath taken when joining wasn't taken lightly and will be honoured to my last hour, for that is a given.

St Columba and St Stephen pray for me, as I pray for you all too, my beloved Order of the Knights of St Columba.

With my kindest fraternal wishes,

***Danny Ó hEarchaí***  
***Supreme Director for Membership & Development***  
***[Membership@ksc.org.uk](mailto:Membership@ksc.org.uk)***



## Action & Social

### Prayer for Christian Unity

Look mercifully, Lord on your people, and pour out on us the gifts of your Holy Spirit, Grant that we may constantly grow in love of the truth and seek the perfect unity of Christians in our prayers and our deeds. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As we start our countdown to Supreme Council.

### Prayer of Preparation

God of truth and Love, your son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart. As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.

May we be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, *pray for us.*

St Andrew, *Pray for us.*

St George, *Pray for us.*

St David, *Pray for us.*

**Grand National Draw** – As you are all aware we will be handing out the tickets at Supreme Council, to all PGK's. If postage is required, please note it will be £20 to cover postage and packing, so allow room in your suitcase/bags for taking them.

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 1 grant per Province each year. Please look for further information about this in your email box in the coming weeks. This is your money with the chance now to help your fund raising by adding a grant, either through the Youth or Action committee. Please send your claim to your Provincial Grand Knight for approval.

We have so far given out grants to;

- To our friend Fr Ryan Black to support the pilgrimage to Poland for Youth.
- To The Brambisanani Project in South Africa.
- To an appeal from a University for a New Altar and Lectern.
- To a Shrine for the upkeep of a wall of Deceased Brothers from the area.

Is your Council next have your application sent to Province. Don't forget both Action and Youth have the same grant system. It is your money raised from the Grand National Draw.



**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 have a membership of around 2500 Brothers, and we only manage to get around 25 Brothers who attend. If you have not come to our rosaries then there is still time, we are holding them usually on a Monday evening at 7pm. It is only 30 mins please come and support this worthwhile event. This comes to an end on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November.

**200 Club** – Brothers we stand at no more members that 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 the year 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. If we don't get up to the minimum we will be closing the 200 club at the end November.

**August Results**

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| 1. No54 J McColl   | £50 |
| 2. No10 J Murphy   | £25 |
| 3. No 48 J Holroyd | £25 |

**September Results**

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. No 94 F. Kelly   | £50 |
| 2. No 156. M Carty  | £25 |
| 3. No 72 C. Culshaw | £25 |

**Golf Day** – Unfortunately due to the time of the year and lack of applicants we have had to take the decision to cancel this year's golf. But please get in touch with us as to the best time of the year you would choose for the golf, and we can see if we have enough demand to hold it next year.

**National Action Project** – This is the end of the current National Action project and to say I am embarrassed by our support over the last 2 years, is palpable. This is a worthwhile charity we as Knights said we would support and to be honest we have raised such a small amount over the last 2 years. Please I beg of all of you to send your money into head office before the end of September. Remember that any cost-of-living crisis we have endured has been worse in Columbia where these children live. Unfortunately, the fall in our income has meant that we have had to use this money for basic, day to day expenses, such as food, so the extension, which would allow us to help more children, has had to be shelved until the situation changes. Please pray for a significant increase in our income and that something good will come out of all this. Postal address: Let The Children Live! PO Box 11 Walsingham Norfolk NR22 6EH Telephone: 01302 858369 to speak to the Administrator, Pauline Allan...

**Mercy Bus** -- Unfortunately we are unable to run the mercy bus this year due to cost constraints put on the Order as you are all aware. We will hope to put this on in the coming years once we have sufficient support from Councils and Provinces. Remember this is a golden opportunity to Evangelise across the country. We are all aware of our growing age demographically and the need for younger blood into the Order and this would have us out in the communities evangelising and hopefully recruiting more men to be fishers of men.



**Charles Ferro Trophy** – I would like to thank all Councils who have taken part in the Action Survey and wish you all the best in hopefully winning the trophy. We have had an increase in the number of Councils taking part this year and the information you have all given makes it very hard to choose a winner, so once again thank you.

**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). Now next year the Pope has decreed it to be the “**Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope**”, what better way than to follow in the footsteps of those earlier pilgrims. Organise a walk to your nearest Shrine or maybe a longer walk and visit multiple Shrines in your area and get sponsorship to raise funds for your chosen charity.

**Keep Christ In Christmas**—These are once again available from head office. Please order them so you can collect at Supreme, and the order form should be out to order your Christmas posters for your parish. Don't forget to send in your Nativity pictures for the Facebook page and get your schools to participate in the Youth competitions for painting and photography.

***Stephen McMillan***

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





## Media

Dear Brothers,

### **KSC Email System**

Council Grand Knight email addresses were introduced this year. Envelopes were delivered at the beginning of the year.

**If any Grand Knight has not received their email address and temporary password, please contact me on 07786 003737 and we will get you set up to receive emails.**

**Training Sessions for all Grand Knights have taken place, and I thank those Grand Knights who took time to join us.**

**A further set of training sessions is being organised for September and are organised as detailed below.**

**Regions 1 & 2 Grand Knights – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 7:30pm**

**Regions 3 & 4 Grand Knights – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September @ 7:30pm**

**Regions 5 & 6 Grand Knights – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 7:30pm**

**Regions 7 & 8 Grand Knights – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 7:30pm**

**If a Grand Knight has been or is unable to make the date given for the Region, his Council is situated then he can request to join a different Region's training date. The Grand Knight, or person responsible for the Council, will need to email [media@ksc.org.uk](mailto:media@ksc.org.uk) and request the details for the Training Session of that different date when he is available to attend.**

### **Knights News – August 2024**

Due to a lack of forthcoming information from Councils, possibly due to a number of holidays, we have not produced a Knights News for August. **We are holding this over to September.** If you have anything of interest for a September Issue, then please email it to [knights.news@ksc.org.uk](mailto:knights.news@ksc.org.uk) and we will put it into the Bulletin.

### **Columba Magazine**

At a Media Committee Meeting earlier in the year, it was agreed that Brother Liam Rand would edit and put together the Columba Magazine.

Alas Brother Liam has had a number of computer issues and had lost all his files and was working to get them recovered. As such I have retaken over control of putting Columba Magazine together and this will be sent out in early September.

I can only apologise for the considerable delay in getting this out to everyone.

**God bless you all.**

Sincerely & Fraternally

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

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## Spirituality & Welfare

Brothers who have been on holiday I hope you have had a good holiday and have returned refreshed from your time away.

In early September there are three Pilgrimages to Marian Shrines, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 there is the Scottish Provinces Pilgrimage to the grotto at Carfin. On the same day there is a Pilgrimage at Cleator in Cumbria. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2024 this is a Saturday there is a Pilgrimage to Ladywell near Preston.

The Pilgrimages at Cleator and Ladywell will both be led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster.

### Let Life Flourish

Monday evenings in September the Rosary will be prayed. Please can you join us on Zoom or Facebook, codes for this are available from Head Office and P.G.K's.

Can we also pray for a successful Supreme Council meeting next month in Liverpool; there are still a few observers available if you are interested?

### Welfare

Please can I ask you to check in with sick and elderly Brothers and Widows, with the darker evenings starting to approach if you are due to visit anyone it maybe an idea to make it known to them, just that some people will not answer the door past certain times.

Are Councils inviting the Widows to their Masses for Deceased Brothers.

The Biennial Mass for Deceased Brothers will be held in Liverpool on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

We also need to keep an eye on some of our elderly Brothers and widows, with the removal of the winter fuel payments for most a lot of our Brothers and Widows are too proud to claim for what they are entitled to. So please can I ask you to check in with them.

### Welfare Committee

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, if you have any matters you would like to be discussed please can this be forwarded to myself via Head Office.

### **Please Pray for those who have passed to their Eternal Reward:**

Please can I ask you to pray for the Brothers and Widows who have been called to their Eternal Reward in July and August.

Brother Francis Kean	20/07/2024	Council 110	Province 21
Brother Robin McClaughlin	27/07/2024	Council 977	Province 12
Brother Patrick Cooney	03/08/2024	Council 117	Province 12
Brother Ged Conroy	04/08/2024	Council 383	Province 21
Brother John Rochford	05/08/2024	Council 383	Province 21
Brother Maurice Patrick McSharry	05/08/2024	Council 185	Province 42
Brother Patrick Agbamu	13/08/2024	Council 117	Province 12
Brother Laurie Burns	16/08/2024	Council 11	Province 45
Brother Kenneth Smith	22/08/2024	Council 425	Province 45



**Please Pray for those who have passed to their Eternal Reward:**

Mrs Sheila Williams Widow of Deacon Brother Maurice Williams RIP Council 108 Province 12, no date of death was given.

Mrs Kathleen Leahy Widow of Brother D Leahy 01/08/2024 Council 380 Province 12.

**Daily Mass Scheme**

This is now available on the K.S.C Website and on the next two pages.

Just a little note from me, I will be going on holiday from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September and returning Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you need anything, please can you contact Head Office in my absence.

***Barry Johnston***

***Supreme Director Welfare and Spirituality***

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



## DAILY MASS SCHEME

### SEPTEMBER 2024

DAY	DATE	COUNCIL NAME	CO. NO.	PROV. NO.
Sunday	1st September	Aylesbury	972	38
Monday	2nd September	Islington	964	41
Tuesday	3rd September	Darlaston	564	18
Wednesday	4th September	Anfield	493	2
Thursday	5th September	Grays	81	10
Friday	6th September	Havant	990	42
Saturday	7th September	Sittingbourne	210	12
Sunday	8th September	Chichester	546	34
Monday	9th September	Edmonton	248	41
Tuesday	10th September	Ayrshire	486	1
Wednesday	11th September	North Harrow	948	41
Thursday	12th September	Mill Hill	440	41
Friday	13th September	Kirkcaldy	981	3
Saturday	14th September	Grays	81	10
Sunday	15th September	Worthing	280	34
Monday	16th September	Stevenage	616	41
Tuesday	17th September	Orpington	327	12
Wednesday	18th September	Colchester	270	10
Thursday	19th September	Chiswick	488	41
Friday	20th September	Surrey North	487	12
Saturday	21st September	Coatbridge	520	16
Sunday	22nd September	Guildford & District	551	34
Monday	23rd September	Hoxton Square	637	41
Tuesday	24th September	Hartley	632	12
Wednesday	25th September	Eastbourne	433	34
Thursday	26th September	Thames Valley	984	41
Friday	27th September	Bromley, Kent	200	12
Saturday	28th September	Solihull	481	18
Sunday	29th September	Hempstead	528	41
Monday	30th September	Streatham	266	12



## DAILY MASS SCHEME

### OCTOBER 2024

DAY	DATE	COUNCIL NAME	CO. NO.	PROV. NO.
Tuesday	1st October	Southend	192	41
Wednesday	2nd October	Plymouth	94	42
Thursday	3rd October	Palmers Green	261	41
Friday	4th October	Basingstoke	169	42
Saturday	5th October	Middlesbrough	29	45
Sunday	6th October	Glasgow Central	22	1
Monday	7th October	Nottingham	67	9
Tuesday	8th October	Dagenham	291	10
Wednesday	9th October	Croydon	974	12
Thursday	10th October	Brendesbury	240	41
Friday	11th October	Bedford	338	38
Saturday	12th October	Sutton Coldfield	293	18
Sunday	13th October	Carfin	246	16
Monday	14th October	Accrington	188	21
Tuesday	15th October	Anfield	493	2
Wednesday	16th October	Hull	45	45
Thursday	17th October	Manchester	104	8
Friday	18th October	Worcester Park	328	12
Saturday	19th October	Upminster	397	10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20th October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>SUPREME</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
Monday	21st October	Poole	232	42
Tuesday	22nd October	Honerton	968	41
Wednesday	23rd October	Menevia	253	37
Thursday	24th October	Brighton	277	34
Friday	25th October	Isle of Sheppey	625	12
Saturday	26th October	Carlisle	60	6
Sunday	27th October	King's Lynn	319	10
Monday	28th October	Paignton	329	42
Tuesday	29th October	Penwortham	468	21
Wednesday	30th October	Medway	151	12
Thursday	31st October	Horwich	125	8



## Youth & Young People

READ AND ACTION THIS IMPORTANT BULLETIN.  
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PROVINCIAL & COUNCIL YOUTH OFFICERS

**Lord Jesus**

**in journeying towards the Synod, your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world. We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered.**

**Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.**

**Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you. May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Franciscus*

Brothers, hope you have all had a very nice summer break and are ready to dive in and get started on the Youth programme for 2024.2025. You will see the dates firstly below. Those interested in dates in comparison with last year will be keen to note that we have reverted to preferred dates. But of course, we have to be conscious that they still might not suit someone. All said and done. Please forward them on to your contacts. Again, the advice as in previous years is that you forward ALL the competitions to your contact in one go rather than sending them piecemeal. Please forward them together once you have decided what dates you want them back at both Provincial Level and then Council Level.

The details are:

### **COMPETITIONS:**

#### **Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.**

Photography Competition: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age.	10th January 2025
Photography Competition: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age.	10th January 2025
Photography Competition: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age.	10th January 2025
Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades	4 to 7 years of age.	7th February 2025

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Nativity Scene Painting: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age.	7th February 2025
Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age.	2nd May 2025
Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age.	2nd May 2025
Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age.	2nd May 2025
Photography Competition: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age.	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Photography Competition: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age.	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Photography Competition: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age.	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Prayer Composition: Primary Grades	7 to 11 years of age.	30th May 2025
Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age.	30th May 2025
Prayer Composition: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age.	30th May 2025
Essay Writing: Secondary Grades	11 to 14 years of age.	30th May 2025
Essay Writing: Senior Grades	14 to 18 years of age.	30th May 2025

**Thank you all for your participation and helping to evangelise our Youth and Young People.**

**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**

**CAFOD in your classrooms!**

We have a huge range of professionally researched and thoughtfully put together material available. For primary, secondary or beyond, CAFOD can help you inspire students on their faith journey.

Take a look

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Walking, cake-making, CAFOD fundraising**

There are many ways to fundraise for CAFOD's work - sponsored events, coffee mornings, cake sales, the list is endless. Or you can choose to take part in CAFOD's own fundraisers like the Big Lent Walk, World Gifts or Brighten Up.

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**In solidarity - LiveSimply Award**

Could your school demonstrate living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity with the world's poorest communities? Could you work towards a LiveSimply Award?

**LiveSimply**

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**Catholic Social Teaching**

Did you know we have a wealth of engaging resources to help children put Catholic Social Teaching into action?

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL,  
LAMBETH RD, SE16HR  
EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
18-40 YRS



# AN EVENING WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

THU 31.10.2024 @stgeorgesya  

6:30 PM	Arrivals
7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration and Confession Praise & Worship from One Hope Project
7:50 PM	Benediction
8:00 PM	Talk by Archbishop John Wilson on Pier Giorgio Frassati, followed by social & refreshments in the hall

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### **March For Life UK ·**

Great to meet so many enthusiastic young Pro-Lifers at this year's Youth 2000! Looking forward to meeting you again on Sept 7th at the march!

Abortion is [#NotHealthcare](#)

**Consider taking your Young People to these great events.**

<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 and 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 I will welcome any feedback about everything we have asked 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](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.*

[youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth@ksc.org.uk)

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