



# Knights of St Columba

## eColumba August 2021

### Brother Bertie Grogan KSG -

Congratulations to our Supreme Knight who was presented with his KSG award (Knights of St Gregory) by Past Ecclesiastical Advisor Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP during the Biennial Deceased Members Mass in Liverpool. His is one of the five Orders of Knighthood of the Holy See. The honor is bestowed upon Roman Catholic men and women in recognition of their personal service to the Holy See and to the Roman Catholic Church, through their unusual labors, their support of the Holy See, and the examples they set in their Communities and their Countries.



**Youth & Young Peoples Competitions 2021-2022** - The competition rules for the next School year have just been announced. The four KSC National Competitions for 2021-2022 for Primary, Secondary and College age Young People are, **Nativity Scene, Easter Season, Prayer Composition, Essay Writing.** A virtual Youth Seminar takes place on 10th July. For details please email [youth@ksc.org.uk](mailto:youth@ksc.org.uk) or visit our website <https://ksc.org.uk/>



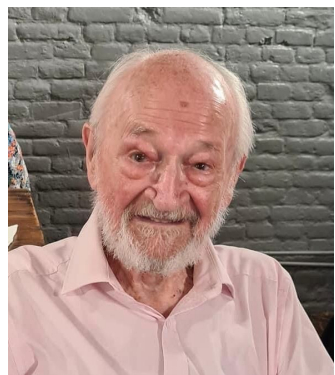
**Congratulations to Brother Frank Stanley on his Bene Merenti medal award from Pope Francis.** The medal is awarded to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church.

Brother Frank served on the Knights Board in the 2010's and went on to do important work for the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. He is a member of Province 14 in Portsmouth and Clifton and services as the Action Officer.

**Supreme Council 2021** will be held in the Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson, Liverpool, L3 5QB, on Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd October 2021.



**100 years old and 86 years as a Knight** Bro Raymond Brookes finally received his special Cake and Cards at a ceremony on the Isle of Wight. The weather was glorious on 18th July as members of the board made a special presentation.





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**His Grace, Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley KC\*HS** was kind enough to give us his thoughts recently on the work of the Knights of St Columba, especially in own his Diocese, at the centre of which is St Chads Cathedral supported by Province 18.

Q. What role do the Knights play in your Parish/or with you personally?

**A. The Knights are a great support to me personally and to Clergy across the Archdiocese. Their prayerful witness is highly valued.**

Q. How would you describe them to others?

**A. The Knight offer an opportunity for Catholic Men to live their baptismal vocation as fully as possible. By coming together in Prayer and reflection they support the mission of the local Church.**

Q. What would you say to anyone thinking of joining the Knights?

**A. Put your trust in what Our Lord might be inviting you to do through the Knights of St Columba. Being in the KSC opens up other opportunities in the life of the Church and creates a network of Christian friendship**

Q. Any other comments?

**A. The Knights different projects help strengthen family life and they offer some wonderful opportunities to Young people through the Schools.**

**Do you know someone you feel would be willing to complete one of our Testimonies?**

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