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AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER ALL MY LIFE

My Dear Brothers,

As I come to the end of my three years as your Supreme Knight, I would like to thank you for giving me that honour. Overall it has been a very enjoyable experience.

As I head towards what I affectionately used to call the "Brother A. Doherty KSG the lemming dropping off the end of the table" I would just like to reflect on my time in this wonderful Order.

I joined in Blantyre Council 490 in October 1979 and then moved to Airdrie Council 100. Then moved with my dad to Council 520 Coatbridge. I have so many wonderful memories of those times when I was the young headstrong Knight wanting to change the world of the KSC. I believe I am still that headstrong Knight who promotes with many others the great things this Order has achieved. We are here to serve the Hierarchy and the Clergy; and of course our local Communities. The older generation at that time allowed myself and John Taggart our heads but the best bit of advice my dad gave me was, "run whatever you wish on behalf of the KSC. But make sure you make at least 1p profit. Then it becomes a success because you haven't cost the Council money."

There have been so many strong men and leaders who I have known in my time. I must put my dad John Welsh, Chancellor of Province 16 up

there as the best. I also have to mention the likes of John Carragher, Owen Boyle, John Magee, Joe Taggart, Joe McHendry, John McMahon, Joe Riley, Vince Jenkinson, Joe Gaffney Tony Murphy, John Tully, Archbishop Malcolm, Brother Pat Layden KC*SG KHS, Brother Frank Redmond JP, KC*SG and latterly Bishop Tom Neylon. There are so many people I have to thank for my career in the Order but these guys played a special part. I have so many stories and fond memories with them.

I started as Warden progressed through Youth Officer and then I believe finally finding my true calling as Council Action Convenor and Provincial Action and for more years than I would like to remember before becoming Supreme Director for Action.

It has been a privilege and an honour for me to have served in that position and I am very proud of the things that we have accomplished during that time. I presided over some of the most successful National Action Projects. As young Board Member I served on the Finance Committee for a year and while I was on the Membership Committee with Brother Fred Stacey as Supreme Director for Membership and Brother Ron Lynch, we came up with an idea that eventually led to our National Action Plan which I would say is still relevant today no 1 IMAGE.

I visited lots of Councils and Provinces and our

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AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER ALL MY LIFE - CONTINUED

Projects were brilliant. We also had the pandemic to deal with. We came up with the idea of weekly Rosaries and after we discovered Zoom, we really took off - Priests, Bishops, Archbishops and of course you Brothers led us in prayer and contemplation, but as usual we like the social side. There were many Councils doing Quizzes. I joined the Friday night quizzers. What a wonderful group! In fact we are all still in contact on WhatsApp. Thank you to Brother Charlie McCluskey and all the quizzers for many a good Friday night.

The Best compliment we as an Order received was when a Priest came up to me and thanked me for the Monday Rosaries because he was on his own in the Chapel House and he could look forward to meeting up and talking with Brothers. He said it was a tremendous source of strength. Brothers take a bow.

I so much enjoyed that role. As Sandra McCluskey says, "no Harry, no Party!". Look in your Action Handbook - there is a big section on why we should socialise Brothers. Don't forget to enjoy the Order.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank S.P.U.C for collaborating with us in Catholic Faith in Action. I have had the pleasure of working with them over this period and remember Brothers that this is a PROLIFE ORDER.

In October 2021, you honoured me by electing me as your Supreme Knight, for which I will be truly grateful for the rest of my life. Until you take this mantle on, you really do not know the extent of the workload that is involved, and I am sure our Worthy Past Supreme Knights will attest to. The burden can be very hard at times, but the rewards are so worthwhile.

During my reign I have travelled extensively throughout the country, and I can assure you at grass root level, this Order is thriving. If I could bottle the Fraternity that was shown me and pass on around the country, we would have 10,000 Members for this Order.

Brothers I thank you all. I have also had the great privilege to meet the Holy Father not once but twice, Cardinal Nichols for tea with Brother Danny - what an afternoon, and meeting the Papal Nuncio and having afternoon tea discussing the KSC and the knowledge that they have of us is impressive. Making them Members of Honour was a great honour. How many organisations can claim they have Pope Francis, Cardinal Nichols and Papal Nuncio Archbishop Maury as Members of Honour??

What a legacy to leave!

There are two major events that have happened during my spell, and I believe they contributed to our aims and objectives:

- ♦ The Mercy Bus.
- ♦ The Relic tour.

Brothers I could say so much about them, but I do not have the space, or the time. Let's just say they certainly helped us to promote the Order and the Catholic Church. I would personally like to thank everyone who took part and helped make them a roaring success.

I would like to finish with a few personal thank you's:

I would like to thank Archbishop Malcolm for being a true Knight and for putting up with me on the Apostolate Committee for all those years. I will never forget the times that we had and having my own "private Confessor" on the way to Scotland for Board Meetings. I am honoured to have met you and delighted to have the privilege to call you a friend. I will just say a couple of words to yourself and Brother Charlie "ROME

TIRAMASU", thanks for the memories.

Mental health.

We have over the last twelve months had our difficulties as an Order. I hope we have now rectified these problems. As they say every cloud has a silver lining! It forced us to look at the way the Order is run and hopefully made changes for the better.

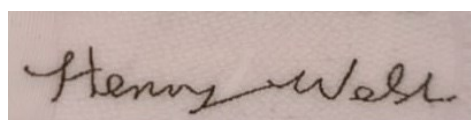
Part of the silver lining for me was when we went to Carlisle. Council 60 asked me to do a tour of four schools and talk to the children. I think I was more nervous talking to them than I was about the Emergency Supreme Council.

What a wonderful experience going around Carlisle in the Supreme Knights-mobile, thanks Brother Sean Crilly. We have made great inroads to the schools I pray the Youth Committee keep it up.

May St Columba protect you all and keep you safe.

Faternally

Henry Welsh



(Now Immediate Past) Supreme Knight.



Benedict XVI was 'a prophet' of Church's future, Pope Francis tells Malta's Jesuits

The bells ring out calling the faithful to pray
 Come worship the Gods you have chosen
 The bell echoes across the land
 Come kneel and pray, hope your sins will go away
 One hour a week to show your faith
 Shake hands with those you secretly hate
 The bells ring out calling the faithful to pray
 Come worship the gods you have chosen
 Read a passage from your holy book
 Preach to the converted, those that surround you
 Ignore the teaching within the text
 Change the words to fit your cause
 The bells ring out calling the faithful to pray

These words by a local poet David Cumming are just a few from his vast and varied collection which he posts on a regular basis on Facebook. I have known Davy from my teens and he has had a varied life and career from working as a furniture shop salesman to becoming a policeman and serving the community. The fact that he is writing so much inspirational verse is surprising but then again how often do we think of the talents that our friends have?

This poem however makes us stop and think of how we approach our Faith. Many give more than an hour but, looking at declining Church attendances on a Sunday, do we really keep Holy the Sabbath Day? Do we give the Sign of Peace freely and without reservation to those around us or are we holding grudges or resentment towards family, friends or neighbours? If so why are we at Church? We aren't fulfilling our obligation as we are told in Scripture, especially in the Gospel of Matthew 5:17-37 "so then if you are bringing your offering to the Altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the Altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first". Surely by being reconciled we are then lifting a burden from our brother and ourselves that we may



freely give praise and thanks to our Father who is full of love and mercy.

Davy sets us questions by asking if we practice what we read in Scripture, do we see Jesus in our neighbour and treat everyone as if he were Jesus – "whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do unto me". It's not easy to do this everyday. We are human, with faults, failings, emotions, feelings. Yes, we are Knights trying to live our lives in Charity/love, Unity and Fraternity and accepting our faults and failings helps us on this path as we strive to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.

Do we put our own interpretation on the Scriptures we read or do we try to follow the teachings of our loving Saviour who died that we might have eternal life? Yes, we try to be as good and loving as we can to some people, but it should be to all in society regardless of their creed, colour or lifestyle. Davy is questioning not only Catholics or Christians but all in society who claim to follow a Faith or way of life and asks us to look at ourselves and do we practice what we read and believe? We are asked to see Christ in our neighbour; to be the Good Samaritan; to be the Prodigal Son and also the Merciful Father because as we read in a hymn by Fr John Carroll of Glasgow, "God in his great mercy, has given us New Life through the death and rising of our Saviour Jesus Christ". As we have travelled through the darkness of Lent to the Light of Easter we allow the Light into our lives guiding us through this earthly journey and it's up to us to keep the light shining brightly for others to follow our example.

We sing "Christ be our Light" acknowledging the part He has in our lives and if He shines through the darkness for us, surely as Knights we can shine for others by being an example of Brotherly love.

We read in the Gospel of John "do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still, and trust in me". Let this be our message to our neighbour and as we pray we know that in Faith our message will enlighten our lives and that of those around us.

Deacon Joe Gallagher

The Catholic Relief Act 1926

By Brother Michael Doyle

For some years there had been a Eucharistic Procession through the village of Carfin near Glasgow, but on 22nd June 1924, it was due to start from the newly built Shrine to Our Lady of Carfin, continuing through the streets of the Village. Before it could take place, the Procession was banned by the Police, who invoked the Catholic Emancipation Act, which contained a clause prohibiting processions. The courageous Priest Father Thomas Taylor, was enraged and asked for help from the Knights of St Columba, some who were members involved in the Procession.

In 1924 the Laws of England were very different from those of today. Several ancient Laws remained on the statute book. Some of these laws had been repealed, but some had not, including those which were designed to oppress the activities of Catholics. These could still be invoked by anyone in authority. An extract from a Parliamentary Debate on the proposed Catholic Relief Bill describes one of these Laws – “If your Lordships grant us this Bill, a Roman Catholic Priest will be relieved from the possibility of a penalty if he attends processions in his Canonicals. Under the Law as it stands, he is liable on conviction to a fine of £50 and we ask that they should be removed.”

Father Taylor asked if the Knights could help and they did! One of their number was Nicholas Blundell, one of the eminent Catholic Lancashire family, the Blundells of Crosby. He was also MP for Ormskirk and therefore able to raise the matter in Parliament.

That year he introduced a Bill, which he called “The Catholic Relief Act”, to put an end to the system whereby, anyone if they wished, could call upon obsolete Acts, in order to prevent Catholics from witnessing their Faith.

Laws such as these were what Nicholas Blundell wanted to be swept away, though he had to deal with the complacency which existed among the majority of Politicians. Catholics they could say, were quite free to do as they wished, enjoying the same rights and privileges as other denominations, however, this was only true up to a point. They could say that they themselves were not responsible for the obsolete Laws, and could even claim they did not know anything

about them. This was the situation that Nicholas Blundell has to contend with, and it was an uphill task to change people’s minds, and to make them understand what effects this prejudice was having.

He gave a long and informative speech to the House of Commons, but the House rejected his argument. The following year the Bill was again brought before Parliament. Denis Herbert, an experienced politician, took up the Catholic cause. He was able to make some progress and gained a wider audience, The Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin seemed favourable toward the Bill. The Cabinet was against the Bill, claiming it was unnecessary and that it was a waste of time discussing it. In 1926 the Bill was re-introduced, but this time the tide had begun to turn. The Prime Minister let it be known that he had no objections to the Bill. The Bill was passed on 3rd December which became the Catholic Relief Act 1926.

The Bill brought changes for the Catholic Church. Processions would never again be banned. Priests could attend funerals and wear vestments outside Church without risking a fine. Even the carrying of a Missal, something which had previously been against the Law was no longer prohibited. Thanks to the Roman Catholic Relief Act 1926 Monasteries, Abbeys, Convents and Priories could flourish.

It was thanks to the Order of the Knights of St Columba and Nicholas Blundell MP D.L. JP Lord of the Manor of Crosby the Catholic Relief Act of 1926 gave Catholics full freedom in the United Kingdom. It is indeed wonderful to be part of an Order which fights for social justice and the common good of society.

Ref – The necessity for a further Catholic Relief Act by Richard France – February / March 2015 Catholic Life

With thanks to Brother David Miller – Grand Knight of Council 223 for his encouragement in my writing of this article.

I would also like to thank Padraig Doyle, my brother, who gave me a great knowledge of the Blundell Family of Crosby.

APPEAL FOR MOSQUITO NETS FOR UGANDA

By Brother David Mitchell - Province 10

From a young age we learn to express ourselves through drawing – you and I possibly have many pictures between us that our parents, relatives, and teachers may have stored when we were young. It is always a delight to pull them out of family archives and to flick through, laughing at the way we once scrawled our names or drew pictures of cars, the tress, butterflies and flowers.

I have been a member of the Knights of St Columba since 2018 and the Knights have always done a very good job of promoting drawing as a vehicle for engaging young people in our parishes, and we have seen some amazing results – such talent, such tenderness, such honesty in the pictures that have been produced. And what a blessing to have our young people deepening their faith as a result.

A few years back when I was living in Chingford, there was an appeal by Ted and Judi Fawcett from EVC Uganda. After a period of absence from the Church since my late teens, I was starting to go more frequently, motivated by a desire that my children should know more about God and to deepen their understanding of the faith. There are so many problems in the work and religion seems to be either radicalised or less and less of a priority. The appeal inspired me to set up a monthly payment to sponsor a child in Uganda who might not be able to benefit from an education in the same way that my children could. I wanted to put the sponsorship in my daughter's name, but she was too young – perhaps 9 or 10 at the time. In the months that followed we would receive beautiful hand-drawn pictures from the children we sponsored. Some of them sadly were not always able to complete their studies for various reasons – poverty being a major factor. But the drawings and letters always demonstrated such gratitude – it was always a heart-warming experience to receive one and know that we were making a difference in a young person's life.

In 2022 my family and I moved to Frinton. The parish here is a lot smaller, and when I started going there, there were only a small handful of children including my own that would attend Mass each Sunday. I'm still a member of the Knights Chingford Council (401) – an honour which I am very grateful for. They are a very kind and supportive council and have always made me feel welcome and it has always been a pleasure to serve the community with them – some of whom have been Knights for many years, and their fathers before them. There are less Knights now than there were a few years back but those who remain possess great spirit and a sense of duty.

I got to thinking about what could be done to

support young people in my new home and the idea came to me that I needn't be limited by borders – there were plenty of children who would be happy to draw pictures given a specific theme. I put this to the Marketing and Fundraising committee at EVC Uganda and they invited me to join them as a member of the team. They put me in touch with a supporter named Roger Nicklen – a kind man who had contributed a great deal to the building of a dorm for young people in memory of his dear wife. At Roger's suggestion we decided to organise a drawing competition with the theme being the Crossing of the Red Sea. At the time of getting started there were many logistical challenges that we needed to overcome.

By the grace of God and the support of the Headteachers (Joseph and Josephine) at St Matia Mulumba and St Kizitio schools, we were able to arrange for a joint competition between 40 children ranging from 8-10 years of age. This took place on 11th October 2023. I have enclosed some pictures of the children smiling as they presented their entries. They demonstrated such joy, such pride and such a willingness to participate.

A young boy named Ssebayiga Charles can be seen in some of the pictures alongside his school friends holding up his drawing. Just under a fortnight later I was informed that he had died of a severe case of malaria. His parents had taken him for examinations, but his conditions worsened, and he passed away on 23rd October 2023.

It's difficult to relate to something that may have happened to someone in another country miles away from home – there are little vignettes that one can imagine from the period just before his death – I understand he had a little brother who is also at the school. I imagine his parents struggling to make a living but taking pride in their young boys' education and the prospect of them growing into responsible young men capable of bringing positivity to their village and the world around them.

How those hopes must have faded that day – the cruel consolation that only one of their children remained – a gap in the fabric of their family life that would never again be the way it was – the prospect of their youngest child now having to go to school alone.

I understand that between St Kizitio (where Ssebayiga Charles went to school) and St Matia Mulumba, there are close to 850 children without simple protective measures such as mosquito nets. It is expected that the parents provide these when they send their children to the

APPEAL FOR MOSQUITO NETS FOR UGANDA

The festive period is a time of expense and no doubt you will have had much to buy in the run-up to Christmas. As we edge closer to spring, my prayer is that you and your families are blessed in the years ahead. May we never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas – the child who came to lay down His life for us all. May we hold fast to His message and strive always to love God and our neighbours. Who knows how many children we may save, and how many childhood memories we may allow to form, delicately expressed through the universal language of drawing.

If this article has moved or inspired you in any way, I humbly ask that you leave a small donation to support the funding of mosquito nets for the young children in Uganda.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/mosquito-nets-for-vulnerable-children-in-uganda>



schools but not all families can afford what we might otherwise take for granted.

I was in the Philippines around the time of the drawing competition but had been too busy prior to go and get anti-malarial tablets or vaccinations – medication that was trivial for me to get access to. Decent quality mosquito nets cost around £4, and I estimate that around 1000 will mean that there is a surplus in the schools.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAITY HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT

Every ten years, since 1801, we have been obliged to answer questions in a census. Over the decades the information requested has increased.

Each new census includes questions which are obligatory and others which are non-compulsory. Among these non-compulsory questions this time was a section on Religious affiliation.

As Catholics we have been, all too aware, I believe, for some time that Christianity in this country has been in decline, indicated by the fall in attendance, first within the Nonconformist and Anglican Communion and more recently in our own Catholic Community.

The census put this decline into perspective showing that of those who answered that particular section 27.5 million or 46.2 per cent claimed to be Christian, of one persuasion or another, whereas the figure in 2011, the first time this matter was addressed, the number was 33.5 million.

The census showed there was an increase in the number of Muslims, Hindus and Jews. The largest increase was, however, in those who declared they had no religious persuasion, some 14.1 million.

The figure of no religious persuasion is alarming in so far as all our traditional values are based on Christian values and if the number of those with no religious affiliation grows there is a good possibility that those traditional values will be undermined and perhaps quicker than we would imagine.

We have undoubtedly seen the first steps in this decline with the attack on the Right to Life.

In 1960 Abortion was illegal, by 1967 it was permitted under certain conditions, supposed safeguards and with conscience clauses. By 2023 all these safeguards and conscience protection clauses appear to either have disappeared or are effectively ignored.

It does not take a prophet to show that the same will happen with regards euthanasia.

All one needs to do is look at Canada, a supposed Christian country. First limited "assisted dying", then widening the number of those eligible for this. The next step perhaps euthanasia for all by request.

Once the traditional base of morality is undermined the whole structure, like any building, is likely to collapse and do so quickly.

It is an old adage that for evil to triumph it is only necessary for good men to do nothing. Perhaps we have been the silent majority for too long and are now the silent minority?

I am by no way saying that those non-practioners are evil. I know there are many good people with high moral values among them but that like the house built on sand, without foundation, it is easy for them to fall for the "propaganda" of those who want to undermine our traditional values.

We are seeing this in the Law, the Health Service and increasingly in Education. In some universities students are unable to register Christian based societies, which are deemed to be against the "current progressive trend", thereby undermining the traditional acceptance in academia of freedom of expression.

Perhaps, the problem is that the Christian Church, including the Catholic Church, has become too much part of the establishment?

Once we had to fight for recognition, for acceptance, for schools and so on. Has the Church militant perhaps become the Church complacent?

Since Vatican II and reflected in the various Post-Conciliar Social Encyclicals along with the various Synods on the family and young people the role of the Laity has been increasingly emphasised. The aim, of this being, as Pope Francis stated, in his Sermon at the Mass celebrating the Anniversary of the start of Vatican II, "enabling everyone to participate in an essential ecclesial duty."

Over the last decade we have seen a growing shortage of Priests thereby putting, once again, greater emphasis on the Laity. The problem is that for many Lay People their religious development stopped when they left school.

Now is the time, if ever, for the Laity to become an educated Laity. There is enough material out there, if we want to use it, which would enable us to discuss and answer the questions thrown at us and to be able to present, to a misinformed world, exactly what is the relevance of the Gospel in the twenty-first century.

KSC 110 CLUB TO CLOSE AFTER 61 YEARS ON YORKSHIRE STREET

By Brother Terry Hephrun

PRESS RELEASE

The Knights of St Columba Burnley Council 110 has announced that it is closing the KSC 110 Club. The KSC Club moved from a small property on the back of Manchester Road to the building at the corner of Yorkshire Street and Albert Street in May 1962.

Since then the Club has been the base for the KSC for its Community, Spiritual, social and sporting activities. Over time, the Club expanded into adjacent properties and, on a number of occasions, redeveloped all three floors of the building.

At the present time, the Club has a multi-purpose lounge on the ground floor, a function room on the first floor and a games room on the top floor.

Council 110 Grand Knight, Tony Young, said "This is a very sad day for all of us involved in the KSC in Burnley, but I'm afraid the Club has suffered from a loss of its traditional clientele and it has been impossible in current trading conditions for the Club to take enough money over the bar to pay all the bills. The last few months have not been helped by restricted access as a result of the construction work at our front door. We are very grateful for the sympathetic approach taken by some of our suppliers, but there are really no prospects for us to increase trade to the level that would be required.

"We are also grateful for all our members and customers who have supported us for 61 years. Over that time we have seen parties for Weddings, Baptisms, birthdays and Funerals. We have been a consistent venue for live music and have had some well-known names appearing at the club including Mike Harding (at Burnley Folk club), Les Dennis, Frank Carson, Jimmy Cricket, Emile Ford and even a punk rock group. Our children have often had their first experience of work here and we thank all the people who worked and volunteered here over the years.

We provided a lot of sporting activities for our members, including football, cricket, table tennis, snooker and darts teams. Unfortunately, in recent years, the number of teams have diminished which in turn has contributed to the decline in Club use. We have also welcomed thousands of football supporters on their way to and from Burnley FC matches.

"The Club has been the base for the KSC fundraising activities and we have raised many thousands of pounds for local, regional and national charities - most recently the Handicapped Children's Fellowship and the Georgia Fourie Butterfly Fund at Holly Grove School.

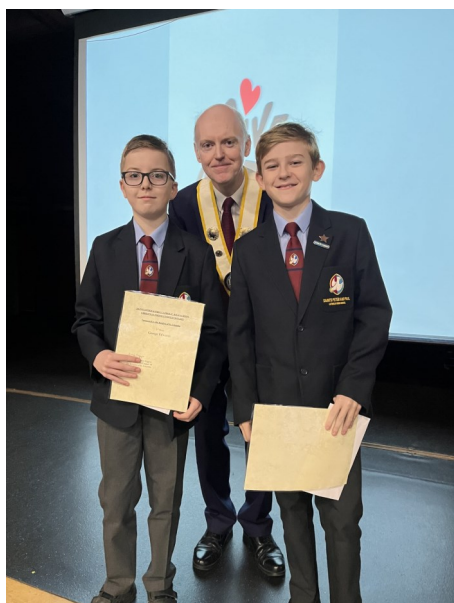
"This will not be the end for the Knights of Saint Columba in Burnley as we move towards our Centenary in 2025. We will continue with our work and intend that the money raised from the sale of the property will enable us to continue to support the Roman Catholic Church, our Schools and other good causes and KSC 110 will continue to fund raise for charities."



The KSC 110 Club Building in Burnley

COUNCIL 18 WIDNES PRESENTS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS***By Brother David Keane***

Council 18 Widnes ran a Christmas photo competition at a local school, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School Widnes and the winners were 1. Luke Brocklehurst, 2. Brooke Knibb and 3. George Edwards. We congratulate each of the winners. Luke and George are seen here receiving their prizes from Brother Phillip Higgins of Widnes KSC Council 18 on 18th December. Brooke however was not available at the time and was given her prize separately.

**PROVINCE 2 INITIATES 5 NEW BROTHERS*****By Brother David Keane***

St Marys, Little Crosby Village, Liverpool was the venue for the occasion of a joyful celebration for the Order in Liverpool Province when 5 new Members were Installed during 11.15am Mass on 3rd December 2023 at this beautiful and historic Church.

The Mass was arranged and celebrated by Fr Dunstan Harrington, Parish Priest and Chaplain to Liverpool Province of the Order. The installation coincided with the Provincial Quarterly Meeting in the Parish Hall which was preceded by refreshments provided by Fr Dunstan, for which we thank him and for arranging the Mass and for also participation in the Installation of the 5 New Brothers whom we warmly welcome to the Order and trust that they will find both spiritual and social fulfilment by participating actively in the work of the Order in their local communities.

They are seen here in the photo taken at the Mass in a group along with other brothers and Fr Dunstan. They are all wearing purple collarettes and are from left to right Paul Duff (Co 146) Anthony Bux (C 493) Christopher Condliff (C 584) David Brockway (C 493) and David Evans (C 146) A further photo shows the newly Elected Brothers with Bro Harry Welsh, Supreme Knight.

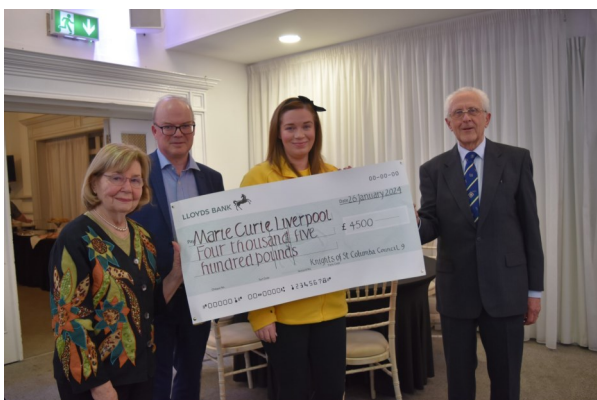


COUNCIL 9 - LIVERPOOL SOUTH SPONSORED WALK RAISES £4,500

By Brother David Keane

Council 9 based in South Liverpool has raised £4,500 for Marie Curie the proceeds of the Annual Steve Dooley and Pat McGann Annual Memorial Sponsored Walk. The Walk took place last September and with all donations in arrangements were made to present the Cheque at a Council Social Evening at Liverpool Cricket Club on Friday 26th January.

The presentation was made to Jen Corrigan, Marie Curie Community Fundraiser (Merseyside) by Brother Kevin Jones, Grand Knight of Council 9. Brother Steve Dooley was one of the founding Members of this annual event which has raised thousands of pounds for worthy causes over the past number of years.



Mrs Barbara Dooley (Widow of Brother Kevin Dooley), Kevin Jones (Grand Knight of Council 9, Jen Corrigan (Marie Curie), Sean Morgan (Council Treasurer)



A group of walkers at the start of the walk.

COUNCIL 487 SURREY NORTH, PROVINCE 12 BROTHER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS of SERVICE

By Brother Alex Maranzano, Council Spirituality & Welfare Officer

Council 487 kicked off the New Year with Mass at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth on the 8th of January, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Ignatius Edet Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph Udh and Fr. Tony.

The Mass was dedicated to all our Deceased Brothers and a Fifty Years of Service, the Golden Jubilee Award presentation certificate and medal was presented to Brother Leo Di Lieto by our Provincial Grand Knight Brother Paddy Boyle. Bro Leo Di Lieto joined the Order in 1973, and has been a stalwart of our Parish assisting in many different ways and continues to do so today. He is currently Council 487's Action Convener. May he be blessed with many more years of service.



Provincial Grand Knight of Province 12 - Southwark Brother Paddy Boyle presents the Golden Jubilee Award to Brother Leo Di Lieto.



Fr Joseph, W GK Mark Draper, Bro Leo Di Lieto, Parish Priest Fr Ignatius, WPGK Paddy Boyle, Fr Tony Bassey

'HEAR ANGELS CRY' GETS VATICAN APPROVAL

I am sorry you were unable to make it to our Ecumenical Advent Service in Glasgow Cathedral last Saturday; the IT link for the simulcast was perfect this year and we had a good turnout; hopefully we can see stronger support from the Knights of St Columba next year.

I am sure that the members of the Knights of St Columba and their families have been upset by the terrible news unfolding in our media regarding the war in Gaza; it was heartbreaking to hear of the events yesterday in the Holy Family Church. Therefore, I write to ask for your help with a global project that Pope Francis supports to promote peace in the Holy Land which has a tight time schedule through which your members and their families can provide some response and support .

As you know, Friends of the Holy Land is a small charity which is registered in the UK and in Palestine. We have an office in Bethlehem, and we work directly to support Christians and others across the area especially, the West Bank and Gaza. We have produced a Christmas song which we hope will inspire many people throughout the world to pray in solidarity for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land. Full details are as per the attached press release with the song image. The song has reached the ears of Pope Francis who has endorsed our song and this message of a light shining in the darkness, a voice of hope rising from amidst the rubble of war. I attach his message from the Apostolic Nuncio to the UK for your information.

The Christmas Song has been promoted on the Vatican News, here is the link - <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-12/pope-praises-fundraising-christmas-song-for-peace-in-holy-land.html> and I understand it is being played on Vatican Radio.



The song is non-political – a light in the darkness, hope rising from the rubble and ruins and a prayer for peace; a message that resonates with the Christmas message. We seek to share this message without the graphic scenes we see unfolding on our TV every day as a way for people to engage in this message of hope without being upset or divisive. We do benefit in a small way from each download and stream/watch from the international platforms where it is carried but obviously, we need many, many people to buy the song on Amazon and other platforms, to stream it and to share it so that it gets noticed by the wider public. Like all song projects, this

depends on a great volume of people getting engaged. However, I would emphasize that the song can be watched on YouTube, listened to and shared free of charge; the cost to buy as a download is minimal, around £1. All monies donated by downloads and streams will help bring relief to Christians in Gaza and the West Bank. Some people may be also inspired to visit our website [Hear angels cry | Friends of the Holy Land](https://www.friends-of-the-holy-land.org).



I was hoping you would be able to also endorse and promote this story and song through the members and communications contacts of the Knights of St Columba online, on TV and radio, and in print. This is very much a project of love, awareness and giving from the grassroots to individual Christians and their families in Gaza and the West Bank as you can see on our website. If you or anyone else wishes, Ooberfuse and myself are available for interview whenever you like. I can be contacted easily on WhatsApp +44 7538792400.

I am most grateful for any help you can give so that we can help those suffering at this terrible time,

'HEAR ANGELS CRY' GETS VATICAN APPROVAL

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Your Eminence,

I have received a communication from the Secretariat of State,
asking me to pass on to you the following message:

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS
ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE
BETHLEHEM SONG PROJECT, WHICH FOR THIS YEAR'S
CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD SEEKS TO DRAW
ATTENTION TO THE SUBLIME SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CITY WHERE
JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN. INDEED, THE LAND WHICH WAS HOME
TO THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS CALLED TO BE A PLACE OF
ENCOUNTER, DIALOGUE AND HOPE FOR ALL, AND HIS HOLINESS
TRUSTS THAT THIS MUSICAL INITIATIVE WILL INSPIRE MANY
PEOPLE THIS CHRISTMAS TO PRAY FOR A NEW FLOURISHING OF
FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY, RECONCILIATION AND PEACE IN THE
HOLY LAND.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

With all good wishes and warm personal regards, I remain,

devotedly yours,

+ Miguel Maury
A.N.

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Apostolic Nuncio

H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

COUNCIL 163 HANWELL - RELIC VENERATION

By Council 163 Grand Knight Brother Mario Baretto



Council 163 Hanwell had the Veneration of the Relics of the three Saints on 28th July 2023. Fr Christiano, the Chaplain celebrated the Mass.

He spoke briefly on the lives of the three Saints. He also took the opportunity to thank the Knights for their services to the Clergy and Parish. There were eight Knights and a large congregation at the Mass.

Brothers from Province 30 - Westminster and Council 163 Hanwell join Regional Director Brother Rosario Fichardo and Father Christiano with the Relics

COUNCIL 291 - DAGENHAM ACTION UPDATE

By Brother Jude Adigwe

Dagenham Council 291 was represented by Officers and Brothers at the Province 10 Mass for Deceased Brothers and their families held at Brentwood Cathedral in June 2023. Also at the Mass two Brothers, Matthew Onyemah and Laserian Ihuoma were Elevated to Full Knighthood.



L to R: Bro Jude Adigwe (PMO), Bro Ben Oshedo, Bro Doug WDS Officer, Bro Andrew Burns (Region 6 Director - Elect), Bro Anthony Adesina, Bro Liam Rands (PGK), Bro George Johnson (Region 6 - Director) Bro Casmir Utonwanne, Bro Martin Yedenu (Council Treasurer), Bro Cyprian Alozie (Provincial Treasurer)

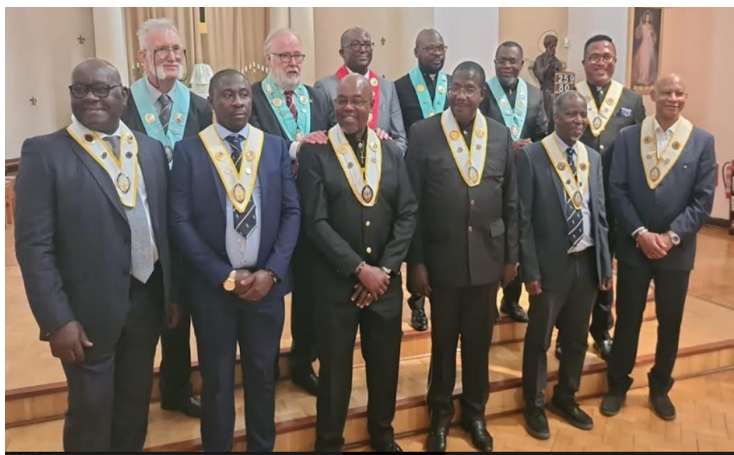
Back L to R: Bro Brian Rodgers (PS), Bro Liam Rand (PGK), Bro Michael Akinrele (WSD), Bro Jude Adigwe (PMO),

Front - Bro Cyprian Alozie (PT), and Bro Anthony Opara (GK) with Newly Knighted Brothers; Bro Matthew Onyemah and Bro Laserian Ihuoma



COUNCIL 291 - DAGENHAM ACTION UPDATE - CONTINUED

By Brother Jude Adigwe



Back - From Left: Bro Brian Rodgers (PS), Bro Liam Rands (PGK), Bro Michael Akinrele (WSD), Bro Jude Adigwe (PMO), Bro Cyprian Alozie (PT), Bro Ken Dike (Council A&Y). Front - From Left: Bro Matthew Onyemah (Secretary), Bro Elvis Ehinanya (Social), Bro Anthony Opara (GK), Bro Anthony Adesina (Warden), Bro Martin Yedenu (Treasurer) and Bro Oliver Ngwu (Membership)



In Photo: Bro Brian Rodgers (PS), Bro Liam Rand (PGK), Bro Michael Akinrele (WSD), Bro Jude Adigwe (PMO), Bro Cyprian Alozie (PT), and Bro Anthony Opara (GK) with Newly Initiated Brothers: Bro Ejike Vincent Ojiako and Bro Remigius Nwankwo.

PROVINCE 10 BRENTWOOD – JOYCE CUP COMPETITION

Dagenham, Council 291 won the Joyce Cup at the Provincial Council meeting in July 2023 which was presented at the Council Chamber on behalf of Brother Liam Rand (PGK) by Brother Jude Adigwe (Membership & Dev. Officer) to Brother Anthony Opara (Grand Knight).

The Joyce Cup is won by the Council with the highest number of Membership attendance at every meeting and it is calculated Quadrimestrely. (4 Months interval)

Bro Jude Adigwe (PMO), presenting the Joyce Cup to Bro Anthony Opara (GK). Congratulations to the Dagenham Council 291.



PROVINCE 10 BRENTWOOD – PROVINCIAL NATIVITY PAINTING COMPETITION



10-year-old Victor Grobleny won the Knights of St Columba Provincial Nativity Painting Competition with his drawing of the Nativity.

He was presented with his certificates and prize by Basildon KSC Council's Grand Knight, Jonathan Emelieze and Action Convenor, Vince Toman at St Therese Church which he regularly attends. The Knights hold Easter and Nativity painting and photo competitions annually for youngsters in Parishes throughout the country. Hope this encourages more youngsters to participate. Well done, Victor!

Action Convenor Brother Jonathan Emelieze and Grand Knight Brother Vince Toman present Victor with his Award.

COUNCIL 212 BROWNEGE - PLATINUM JUBILARIAN AWARD

By Brother Dave Gorman

Congratulations and best wishes to Tim McAloone, Council 212 Brownege, Province 7, who was presented with a framed Platinum Jubilarian Certificate to mark an amazing 70 years, in February 2023, as a Knight of St Columba.

The presentation took place on Tuesday 10 October, during the regular monthly Meeting of Council 212 Brownege of which Tim has served as Grand Knight on several occasions. Tim was presented with his certificate by Cuthbert Culshaw, Provincial Grand Knight, Province 7, who is pictured here with Tim and Philip Swarbrick, Grand Knight, Council 212, Brownege.

Tim first joined the Knights of St Columba in Barrow-in-Furness in February 1953 following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who both served as Grand Knights of the local Council 19, of which his grandfather was a Founder Member.



Brother Tim receives his Platinum Jubilarian award from Philip Swarbrick (Grand Knight Council 212) and Brother Cuthbert Culshaw (Provincial Grand Knight)

COUNCIL 106 - TOTTENHAM INITIATES 2 BROTHERS

By Brother George Egesi

An initiation into the Order of the Knights Of St Columba was held at St Francis De Sales, Tottenham during 7pm Mass on Saturday 2nd December 2023.

The two new Brothers were Brother Kenneth Ozo and Brother Richmond Aiyonatu and are seen here in our photo on the front row wearing their purple Collars.



Newly initiated Brothers Richmond Aiyonatu and Kenneth Ozo with Brothers from the Council

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN BURNLEY COUNCIL 110 EAST

Burnley Council 110 originated and is responsible for the annual publication and distribution of the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' posters on behalf of East Lancashire Province 21.

The Council has been running the campaign for over 30 years. In 2021 we distributed 40,000 posters including 3000 to Her Majesty's Prison Service. They are distributed to Christian denominations all over the country.

In the past we have sent posters to Saint Helena, Camp Bastion and, via a priest in Santa Maria, Texas, to the Knights of Columbus. He remembered his mother putting the posters up at Christmas and asked if we could supply. We sent him a complementary 200 but he did return \$50. He subsequently wrote saying the posters

were a success and would we mind if they produced their own; we had no objection.

At the 2014 KSC Supreme Council a representative of the Knights of Columbus was present. Provincial Grand Knight Brother Ray Williamson asked him about the Christmas posters and he said they were all over America.

In addition to spreading the message, the Province has recently donated the proceeds from the money they raised from the 2021 Poster Campaign. £4,000 was distributed to:

- £1,000 to the Ukraine Appeal;
- £1,000 to the John Foster Home for Boys in India

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PROVINCE 2 LIVERPOOL - BROTHER IS ORDAINED A DEACON

By Brother David Keane

On Sunday 16 July 2023, Peter John Renwick, Justin Malewezi Jr and Brendan Kelly were Ordained as Deacons at a Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool.

Clergy, friends, family, and parishioners of the deacons joined together for Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon Ecclesiastical Advisor to The Order of the Knights of St Columba.

Of particular interest to the Order is that one of the new Deacons, Brother Justin Malewesi is a member of Council 584 Liverpool. Deacon Justin is a native of Malawi in Africa. He serves in the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Swithin's, Liverpool, as well as the Likuni Parish back home in Malawi. His father is the late Justin Malewezi, a senior politician in Malawi who served as vice president from 1994 to 2004.

On his father, Justin said: "My father taught me from a young age that 'as a community, we need to look after each other' and that 'every person in society is valuable and should be respected.' This is something I will live by in my role as a deacon. "These values are important to me as I interact with people from diverse backgrounds. My wife, Emmie, and I strive to teach our children, Leoni and Maya, the importance of these values. "For the past four years, they have been serving God by singing at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral."



Since his arrival in the UK, Justin has taught at both primary, secondary and college level at different institutions in England. Currently, he is a lecturer at Edge Hill University in Liverpool.

We offer Brother Deacon Justin our warmest congratulations. He is seen here in the photo with the other new deacons mentioned above and Bishop Tom Neylon.

Deacons Peter, Brendan and Brother Justin with Ecclesiastical Advisor Bishop Tom Neylon after the Ordination Mass.

LANCASHIRE PROVINCE 21

By Brother Terry Hephrun

(the KSC National Action Project);

- £1,000 to one of Salford Diocesan Priests who is leading a children's Pilgrimage;
- £500 to Mary's Meals a charity which feeds people in countries of drought and famine;
- £500 for Action for Youth

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ANNUAL ECUMENICAL PROCESSION OF WITNESS FOR COUNCIL 188 - ACCRINGTON

By Brother Bernard Holden MBE, JP

Knights of St Columba Council 188 Accrington have organised this annual event for over 50 years. However, this year is the first time it has taken place for three years due to the Coronavirus.

The Stations start at the bottom of the hill and each year readings are provided by students from Mount Carmel High School and St. Christopher's High School.

Approximately over 200 adults walked with the procession. This year it did not rain or snow and we did not have high winds. Most unusually, it was fine and hot!



Parishioners and Knights at one of the Stations on the hill

SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT DRIVE BY COUNCIL 93 COVENTRY

By Brother Peter Sturgeon

Council 93 have leapt into action this Spring with the first of their recruitment drives for new Brothers. On Saturday 19th and Saturday 20th March Brothers attended four Masses at St Stanislaus Kostka Church, Springfield Road, Coventry.

There was a large turnout of fellow Brothers and a presentation was delivered at each Mass by Deacon Keith Millage, who is the Chaplain of Council 93, encouraging Parishioners to join the Order. Seeds were sewn at the Church by the Knights and we have had seven members of the Parish say they would like to know more and join.

Membership Officer Brother Peter Sturgeon said: "It was an excellent recruitment drive and very inspiring us all to to learn more about Polish Culture and food. Farther Romualad made us very welcome and strong links were forged and we will be looking to do more with the Parish in the very near future."



Brothers of Council 93 with Father Romualad

COUNCIL 223 - LEYLAND BROTHER CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

By Brother Cuthbert Culshaw, Provincial Grand Knight, Province 21 Tyne, Tees & Yorkshire

Brother Alan Kirk of Council 323, Leyland celebrated his 90th birthday in July 2023 with a party with family and friends and fellow Knights in Leyland St. Mary's Community Centre.

Brother Alan is the most senior member of the Council and joined the Order in 1990. Instead of receiving birthday gifts Alan asked for donations for the Knights National Action Project and this raised the grand total of £865.00

Brother Tony Kirk (pictured on the left) on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.



COUNCIL 246 - CARFIN YOUTH AWARDS 2023

By Brother Michael Roche

Congratulations to Maham Shahzad winner of Council 246 Carfin, Nativity Painting Scene Competition senior grade. Province 16 was so impressed by Maham's entry that it was forwarded to the KSC National competition 2023.



Pictured from left to right: Brother Michael Healy, Maham and Brother Michael Roche

COUNCIL 577 - STANDISH ASSIST AT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

By Brother Alan Mitchinson - Provincial Grand Knight, Province 8 Salford

Just before Christmas, the Brothers of Council 577, Standish, assisted at the Christmas Fayre in the church hall of St Joseph's, Wroughtington. The Brothers organised the bottle tombola, which is always very popular and raised nearly £300.



(l-r) Brother Charles Tetlow, Provincial Grand Knight Brother Allan Mitchinson and Brother Tom Hatton,.

COUNCIL 125 HORWICH RELIC TOUR VISIT AND NATIVITY SCENE COMPETITION PRESENTATION

By Brother John Chamberlain, Council 125 Horwich

At St Mary's Church, Horwich during the visit of the Relics, students from St Mary's Junior School came to venerate the Relics. Our Parish Priest Fr Richard Howard joined with Brothers of Council 125 Horwich. Grand Knight John Martin was joined by Brothers Paul Hancock, John Chamberlain and David Mackay.

A presentation of prizes for the Nativity Scene Painting Competition was given at St Mary's Junior School on 19th January. Awards were given to the best three paintings in both categories. Our Grand Knight brother John Martin and Brothers Paul Hancock, David Mackay and John Chamberlain all took part in the presentation.

The Grand Knight thanked the headteacher Mrs Dominique Hayes and her staff for their continued support for the competitions.



Knights from Council 125 - Horwich join Students from St Mary's Junior School who came to Venerate the Relics of St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew when they visited the area.



(back l-r) Brother Paul Hancock, Grand Knight Brother John Martin, Brother David Mackay and Brother John Chamberlain present the children of St Mary's School with their (2023) Nativity Scene Competition prizes

COUNCIL 338 - BEDFORD COUNCIL HAS “A TIME FOR REFELCTION” AT THEIR DECEASED BROTHERS MASS WITH NEW COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

By Brother Dermot Horan, Council Secretary

On the 12th October 2023, the Brothers of Bedford Council 338 attended the Mass for Deceased Brothers and their families at the Holy Child and St Joseph Church in Bedford. As it was the regular Parish Mass at 10.45 on Thursday morning, Brothers were supported by the usual weekday congregation. Mass was Concelebrated by Canon Seamus Keenan, Parish Priest, and Fr. Galeji Mulupuri, our new Council Chaplain.

The Mass provided all the Brothers with the opportunity to reflect on all those who had gone before us over several decades. The work carried out by our predecessors is now the foundation on which the current Bedford Council is built. We will always be grateful for the strong Council that they created here in Bedford. We remember them in our prayers at every Meeting and strive to continue their great work in our Bedford Parishes and in the Northampton Diocese. May they always be held in the palms of God's hands.



(L-r) Brothers Kyle Ford, Peter Commons, John Moore, Phil Hills, Chris Field, Dermot McCloskey and Dermot Horan with Canon Seamus Keenan.

(l-r) Brothers Kyle Ford; Peter Commons; John Moore; Canon Seamus Keenan - Parish Priest of The Holy Child and St Joseph's Church, Bedford; Phil Hills; Chris Field; Fr. Galeji, our new Council Chaplain; Dermot McCloskey and Dermot Horan.



BROTHER JOHN MICHAEL KILBURN (6 July 1946 – 4 February 2024)



Brother John

John Michael Kilburn was born on 6 July 1946. Although he was known as Michael throughout his life, he was baptised as John Michael because his mother wanted her first child to have the same initials as her, Joan Mary.

He was educated at St Thomas's Primary School, Burnley and St Mary's College and Sixth Form, Blackburn. From an early age, Michael was a star pupil in Maths at school.

After leaving school he spent a year as a trainee at St Thomas's before going down to St Mary's College, Twickenham for teacher training. On completion, he returned to Burnley to teach at St Hilda's RC Girls School where he spent his entire career as a Maths and Science teacher, retiring through ill health in 2003.

Whilst at St Hilda's, Michael put in a lot of energy in supporting extra-curricular activities. Michael was involved with many school productions, helping to build scenery and taking care of the lighting and electrics and sound systems. A keen photographer, capturing many thousands of images from school and producing super 8 films of school shows and key Catholic

events in Burnley. Michael also ran the annual school sponsored walk, when pupils from St Hilda's joined their male counterparts from the former St Theodore's RC High School, for the 25-mile trek over the surrounding moors and hills raising money for local and regional charities especially the Catholic Children's Rescue Society.

Michael was well thought of by the thousands of girls he taught which was evidenced by more than 600 Facebook comments from those who benefited from his lifelong commitment to Catholic education. The kind and generous comments have been a great comfort to Michael's family.

Travel was another of Michael's passions and he had enjoyed train journeys all over the world including Australia, New Zealand, China, Canada, USA including Alaska, Peru, Scandinavia and most countries in Western Europe. He kept a detailed record of every journey made, as well as logging down every pub entered and beer drunk.

Until recently, Michael was a keen supporter of Burnley Football Club, a long-term season ticket holder and follower to away matches all over the country, visiting more than 100 grounds.

Michael joined the Knights of St Columba in 1965, joining his father as a member of Burnley Council 110. He served as Secretary, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight (1976-79). He also served in the same roles for Province 21. He was instrumental in introducing electronic minutes and providing individual copies for Council Brothers.

Michael was a great quizzer: setting many quizzes for the Club and participating in the Provincial Heats and the Finals days of the KSC National quiz competition on a number of occasions.

He also devoted much of his spare time to KSC 110 Club as Chairman/President and Secretary for many years, stepping down only when his health deteriorated. He played snooker for the Club (unusually with a metal cue) and also acted as scorer for the Club's cricket team. It was doubly sad that Michael died just two weeks after the KSC 110 Club closed down.

The family were grateful for KSC support at the Rosary and forming a Guard of Honour at the Requiem. He was buried in his KSC Past GK Collar.

Michael leaves four brothers, five nieces; a nephew pre-deceased him.

BROTHER TERRY LONG (14 September 1935 - 17 February 2024)

Terry was born at 19 Reed Street to humble beginnings. His parents were Bernard, a native of Wales, and Rose a Burnley lass, who had met in the NAAFI. Terry was joined later, by his sisters Kathleen and Anne. After a short courtship, which started with a date to the cinema to see 'Because you're mine', Terry married Elsie on 2 April 1954 and he created with her a legacy of love, humour and kindness passed on to Carole, Julie, Stephen and Angela and also Michael and Terry (who both pre-deceased him) through to his nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Terry was always immensely proud of all of his family and loved them equally, despite telling his children frequently that he had no favourites, he disliked them all the same!



Aged 15, and much to his father and mother's annoyance, Terry turned down apprenticeships as a motor mechanic and an electrician, to go down the pit. An early sign of his singlemindedness. By the age of 17 he had finished his training and was promoted to coalface delighting his mum when she saw his first wage of £12 - more than double what his father had ever earned.

Terry was a man who embraced hard work to support his growing family: before putting in an arduous shift in the coal mines, he delivered milk before dawn. On Friday nights he went door to door collecting TV rental money and even had a job as a hospital security guard!

After 20 years of working in the mines he went on to lay asbestos roofs. He must have had lungs of steel!

He then moved onto much safer jobs, becoming the steward of the KSC 110 Club and finally landlord of his own pub. Neither of these enterprises were exactly 'Succession' but they did become huge family concerns, with all the children and some of the grandchildren, honing their bartending skills there. Eventually the KSC 110 Club would even name the bar after him.

Terry and Elsie enjoyed many holidays to Europe where Alcudia was a particular favourite but also to the USA where Angela had built her family. Despite having left the life of a coal miner, Terry never lost the vernacular. Expressions such as "Let's get nearer t'shaft," "never walk down t'pit face empty handed" and "it's a big firm is Coal Board" were his favourites.

In addition to his work as KSC 110 Club Steward, Terry joined the Order in 1968 and served as Deputy Grand Knight. He was also Club Secretary for a number of years and made a real contribution to the development of the Club as one of the best establishments in Burnley and a lively base for Council 110's social and fundraising. Sadly, the Club had to close in January 2024 as drinking habits have changed and members grew older.

He was also a lifelong fan and season ticket holder at Burnley FC – located a couple of hundred yards away from the Club.

Sadly, after Elsie died, his health deteriorated and he spent the last 20 months at Heather Grange Care Home where he had a great rapport with the staff who enjoyed his sense of humour. The family were very grateful for the care he received.

Coming so soon after the death of another KSC 110 Club, stalwart, Michael Kilburn, Burnley Council 110 has lost two of its longest serving members and men who made a real contribution to the success of the KSC's social life.



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However, if you would like to continue to sponsor a child for any of the amounts listed below, you can send any donations direct to "Let the Children Live" by using the details on the left.

1. **£50** would provide lunch and a healthy snack for **one child** at *Casa Walsingham* for **one month**.
2. **£25** would pay for **one child's** bus fares to and from *Casa Walsingham* for **one month**.
3. **£10** would buy a school pack for **one child** of primary age.



THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA WILL ANNOUNCE THEIR NEW
NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT IN THE NEXT EDITION OF COLUMBA