

The Alliance Bulletin



Brother Knights

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of "The Alliance" the bi-monthly e-newsletter of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights.

At the recent conference in Glasgow the Supreme Knights and their representatives from around the world decided that it was important that Knights across the world could share their thoughts, ideas and vision to fulfil the original ideas of Fr McGilvney. That all our Orders shared the same unity of purpose all over the world and it was important that each of us were aware of the actions of our brothers in different countries and indeed continents given that, sadly we now live in a world where attacks on our Christian and Catholic faith, both physical and otherwise, have become the norm and more worryingly accepted without question.

Where belief in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ in the West is ridiculed and denigrated and in other parts of the world where being a Christian puts your very life at risk.

A world where attacks on family life, attacks on the unborn and undervaluing the right to live a full life from conception to a natural death is part of mainstream politics.

And a world where Catholic and Christian principles in general, no longer apply.

That is why the mission of our Orders of Knights throughout the world are so relevant and so important today.

We as Knights, in all the countries we are based, are unafraid to say that all life begins at Conception and that all Life deserves to be nurtured and valued until we reach our eternal reward.

We as Knights are unafraid to proclaim that Marriage is between a man and a woman. And we as Knights are unafraid to promote and defend our Catholic faith no matter the cost.

Therefore, we as an Alliance need to take that strength we gain from each other across the world and share the work and campaigns we do with our individual orders, our parishes Dioceses and communities. In this world communication of that message is paramount. We need to let the world know what we are doing. Our brothers and friends and families in Britain do want to know what our brothers are doing and facing in Australia. Our actions in America can assist what we do in Ghana and vice versa. Hence the introduction of this new Bi-Monthly e-journal which will share the work of the Constitute Orders of the Alliance, not only internally but to the wider world.

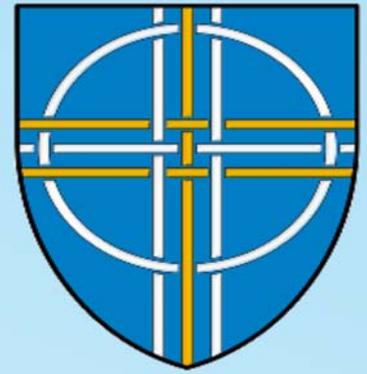
Our Secretary General will look for you to feed into him whenever something in your country is taking place and we will also pick up from your own Social media channels.

Brothers in doing this we can truly let those brothers in each order, their friends, families and dare And say it, even Bishops, know the work and spiritual initiatives and projects that Catholic Knights are doing in all corners of the globe.

In conclusion each of our Orders were founded on the need for prayer in the world and to share the Gospel message. We were all founded on the principle of the need to help those less fortunate than ourselves and we were all founded on the need to promote and share our Catholic values in our parishes families and communities.

These ideals still stand today as we embark on the 5th decade of IACK let us resolve to go forward in a spirit of unity, united in faith and love committed to assist those who need our help. By doing so we will **walk together in love to serve the Lord throughout the world.**

IACK President ~ Charlie McCluskey KSG



Apostles of the Third Millennium

The central symbol is a cross, triparted and fretted. This signifies the Orders of Catholic Knights coming together in their common allegiance to the faith

The cross is interlaced with a circle signifying the world. The Orders come from different parts of the world and through their union play their part in evangelizing it.

The blue background denotes the devotion of the Knights to Our Lady. The colours of the cross are silver and gold. These colours, taken from the Vatican Flag, express the deep loyalty that the Orders possess for the person and office of the Holy Father and his lawful representatives.

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Did you know?



That the Supreme Knight or National President of each Member Order would form an International Council and meet biennially and are responsible for the organization and development of the Alliance and provide a forum in which the leaders of the Orders could discuss matters of common concern.

Catholic Knights Walking in Love to Serve the World



When I was a lay member of the Knights of St Columba before I entered the Dominican Order and studied for the priesthood, I was greatly impressed by the dignity which was a characteristic of the members of the KSC. I found it an attractive quality which drew me to ask for membership. At a local level humble men would offer themselves for service in the church. This showed itself in the way they turned out when called. They were always smart and helpful,

dignified and calm.

The quality which I have described as 'dignity' is a gift which every Christian receives at their baptism. It is when they are baptised that they become a child of the Highest God, a brother or sister of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. It through this adoption by God that we become spiritually noble. Nobility carries with it a desire to be respectful of self and care for others. So, to be a Catholic Knight is not about being 'puffed up' with pride but to be available for service after the example of Jesus our brother.

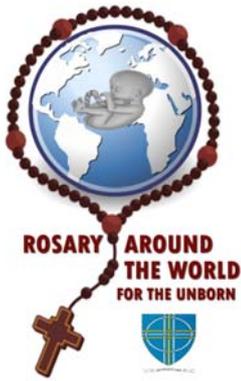
As well as being a personal gift dignity also joins us with our brothers and sisters in Christ on pilgrim journey as the holy, faithful, people of God. It is on this journey that Jesus walks with us as a companion. The word companion originally meant a person who shares bread, and that is what Jesus does with us on our journey by sharing his body, the Bread of Life, to sustain us on our journey. It is only if we walk with the Lord that we can share with others that love which comes from the God who is Love.

Our role as Catholic Knights is to be a sign of that love in the Church. Catholics Knights embody love not just symbolically through ritual and regalia but most importantly through their action for the poor and disadvantaged.

One of my early acquaintances in the KSC who first met nearly fifty years ago was Bro Tony Rouse, a founder of IACK. Many years later when I was bishop of Nottingham I met Tony again. By this time, he was in a wheelchair and needed considerable assistance to get by. But he was still cheerful and inspiring. He was always smart a man of true spiritual nobility whose charity was hardly diminished by age and infirmity. That is the kind of inspiration which draws us all to Christ, as we walk with him in Love. Even from his wheelchair Tony 'walked' in Love.

Awaiting every one of us is the adventure which involves walking together with Christ. We will meet other Catholic Knights from across the world. That in itself is a wonderful gift as we share cultures and friendship, but we will also be surprised by those we serve as we take steps into our future; a future which soon becomes God's future. Yes, we will get to know God in his son Jesus Christ in those we serve, but it is also likely that we will meet a stranger on the road – and that stranger is ourselves. When we see ourselves as men of dignity, strong in faith and love of God, then we are no longer strangers but Catholic Knights.

+Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool
International Council Chaplain



The International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) invites all its member Orders to join in a day of prayer to our **Holy Mother on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, 28th December 2019.**

We pray for the right of all unborn children to be born and to live their lives in freedom and justice through to a natural death.

We ask that Knights and Ladies along with friends, families, parishes and like minded groups and organisations throughout the world, join in saying the Rosary during the

Feast Day and conclude with the following prayer.

Ever living God, you made the Blessed Virgin Mary the new Eve and Mother of all who live, and your eternal Word took flesh in her womb, making her into a Sanctuary for Life itself: Through her intercession, grant that all unborn children, like St John the Baptist, may leap in their mothers wombs; Through her merits, give to all expectant mothers the virtues and graces they need so as to become like Mary, living sanctuaries of new life;

And through her prayers, bestow on us your help and protection in order that we might also be faithful bearers of your word, prudently proclaiming the Gospel of Life in what we say and what we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glasgow, Scotland, OCTOBER 2019

POST CONFERENCE STATEMENT

Under the Chairmanship of President Brother Colin Walsh, Knights of the Southern Cross (Australia) the 28th meeting of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) was held between the 6th-9th October 2019 in Glasgow, Scotland hosted by the Knights of St Columba.

There were 10 of the 15 Alliance member Orders present. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following statement was agreed:

Each of the members of the Alliance reported on their respective Orders in detail and their successes and challenges.

- **We are committed to the safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults and that safeguarding policies must be in place for all member Orders.**
- **We reaffirm our commitment to the sanctity and dignity of human life from conception to natural death.**
- **We commit to encouraging our youth to "*Walk in Joy to Serve the Lord*".**
- **We continue to voice our support of family life and the value of marriage as defined by the Catholic Church.**
- **We are committed to supporting the Catholic way of life in all societies.**

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Knights of the Southern Cross, Australia.

Bertie Grogan, Supreme Knight

Knights of St. Columba, Great Britain

Gerald Harbinson, Supreme Knight

Knights of St. Columbanus, Ireland.

James Ellis, Supreme Knight

Knights of Peter Claver, USA

Robert van der Walt, Supreme Knight

Knights of da Gama, South Africa.

Charles Cobb, Supreme Knight

Knights of Marshall, Ghana.

Geoff Renner, Representing the Supreme Knight

Knights of Ss. Peter and Paul, The Gambia.

Diamond Ovuera, Supreme Knight

Knights of St. Mulumba, Nigeria

Ron Schwarz, Supreme Treasurer

representing the Supreme Knight
Knights of Columbus

Gerard Payne, Supreme Knight

Knights of St. Thomas More, Belgium

The *International Alliance of Catholic Knights* (IACK) is a non-governmental organization made up of fifteen Roman Catholic fraternal societies from 27 countries on six continents. The IACK was founded in Glasgow on 12 October 1979

<u>Members Order</u>	<u>Region(s)</u>
Knights of Saint Columba	Great Britain
Knights of Columbus	United States, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Guam, Saipan, Poland, Ukraine Lithuania, South Korea
Knights of Saint Columbanus	Ireland
Knights of the Southern Cross	Australia
Knights of the Southern Cross (New Zealand)	New Zealand
Knights of Da Gama	South Africa
Knights of Marshall	Ghana, Liberia, Benin, and Togo
Knights of Saint Mulumba	Nigeria
Knights of Peter Claver	United States, Colombia
Knights of Saint Virgil	Austria
Fraternal Order of Saints Peter and Paul	The Gambia
Knights of Saint Gabriel	United Nations
Knights of Saint Thomas the Apostle	Pakistan
Knights of Saint Thomas More ^[5]	Belgium

The International Alliance of Catholic Knights was approved as a Catholic international organization by the Holy See in 1981. By a Decree dated 14 April 1992 the International Alliance of Catholic Knights was given official recognition by the Vatican as an International Catholic Association of the Faithful, in accordance with Canons 298-311 and 321-329 of the Code of Canon Law.

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