

The Alliance Bulletin



Brother Knights

I would invite you to please join the International Alliance of Catholic Knights as we engage in a journey of prayer intentions during Lent.

Each of the intentions was highlighted in the Post Conference Statement as an important issue for all our Orders at the most recent International Conference of Supreme Knights in Glasgow.

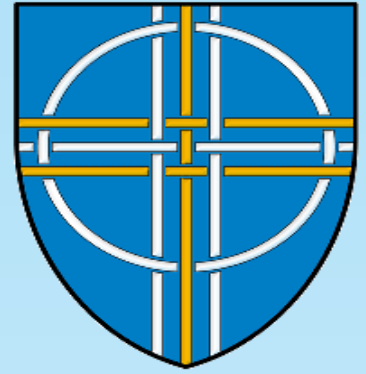
Therefore, in line with our official aim **“To unite all our brothers throughout the world in prayer”** I hope you will encourage your members and families to take part in this initiative.

The Initiative called **“A Lenten Journey of Prayer”** will have the following intentions and the Alliance will use all our news channels to promote and advertise.

A Lenten Journey of Prayer. We ask you to remember the following intentions during each week and take the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross on the specific Friday mentioned.

- Friday 28th February – **We pray for the Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy and Religious** – That the Lord guide them as they lead and assist us in our Christian faith journey, throughout the world.
- Friday 6th March – **We pray for all those who have been victims of abuse both inside and outside the Church** – That all victims will find peace and healing after their ordeals and that all those who inflicted their pain will face justice
- Friday 13th March – **We pray for life in all its stages** - That all societies, peoples and countries throughout the world will uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life through all its stages through to a natural death.
- Friday 20th March – **We pray for all those who are forced to flee their native countries through war, poverty or persecution**– That governments throughout the world will value the dignity of all human beings and open their doors to those who have to leave their countries and homes to find a just and peaceful life.
- Friday 27th March – **We pray for all Christians in the world who are persecuted for their faith** – That freedom of religion will be upheld as an integral value of a just society and that all peoples will be able to practice their faith free from violence, ridicule or denigration.
- Friday 3rd April – **We pray for all young people throughout our world** – That in the weekend where we mark World Youth Day on Palm Sunday, that all young people will be able to grow in the likeness of Christ in wisdom and grace.
- Good Friday – Normal Holy Week Intentions

JACK President ~ Charlie McCluskey KSG



UBI CARITAS ET AMOR

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.

On the twelfth day of October 1979 at Erskine, Scotland, The International Alliance of Catholic Knights was established

These Orders are the '**Founder Orders**' of the International Alliance



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBANUS



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (AUSTRALIA)



THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA



THE KNIGHTS OF DA GAMA



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (NEW ZEALAND)

The following Supreme Knights present at that meeting

Anthony Rouse (President)

James J. Eccles

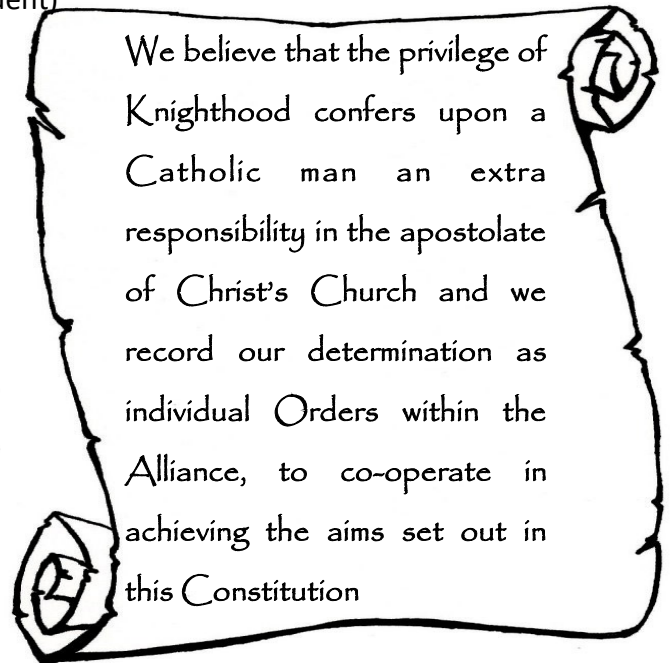
Virgil C. Dechant

Alan M. Diesel

Peter Taylor

Kevin Greene

Kevin Hart (Secretary)



Please remember in your prayers Mrs Charlotte McNeil RIP laid to rest on 7th February 2020, mother of Sandra McCluskey wife of our International President Charlie McCluskey KSG.





focus on...

The Knights of St Thomas More, Belgium

The Knights of St Thomas More, Belgium, numbering about 30 members, is based at the international English-speaking Catholic Community of St Anthony's in Kraainem, on the outskirts of Belgium's capital city, Brussels. Our members include men who are part of other Belgian parishes, including that of St Joseph's Catholic community in the city of Brussels, which is part of St Anthony's wider parish.

We are a relatively small, multi-national organization changing with the constant transition of the English-speaking population who come to Belgium on international employment assignments. This helps our group to re-new itself in numbers and dynamism however, a number of our members permanently live in Belgium which helps to maintain continuity of our overall mission.

The members of the Knights of St. Thomas More are very visible within the parish life, supporting or leading a number of parish activities such as our annual Parish Summer Fayre, open days, social activities and after Mass pancake breakfasts. We also help to maintain the church grounds and property. Our Chancellor is a permanent member of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights are seen

as one group within the parish which helps to keep it alive and provide support to the parish priests as required.

Our Knights also carry out charity fundraising activities within the parish, such as regular after mass pancake breakfasts, raffles and an annual wine tasting and dinner event. We are currently supporting the 'Thari Trust' charity providing educational support to under privileged schools in Lesotho, Africa.

In our important role to help develop the spiritual and fraternal support among and for our brother knights, we invite guest speakers to our monthly meetings. These present a wide range of topics – spiritual, cultural and political – looking at how these things impact our Church and our faith. In October 2019 immediately after the IACK meeting in Glasgow we held our annual retreat, at the Trappist abbey at Westmalle, Belgium. The themes of the retreat was: "What it means to be a catholic Knight in today's world."



OBITUARY - SIR KT. BRO. COMMANDER LAWRENCE OWUSU AKYAW PREMPEH

It is with great sadness to announce the death of Brother Lawrence Past SK, Knights of Marshall and Past President of IACK.

The Late Sir Kt. Bro. Commander Lawrence Owusu Akyaw Prempeh was the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall from 1995 to 1997 and also President of IACK in 1997. He was 95 years. The burial of Sir Kt. Cdr Owusu Akyaw Prempeh is scheduled for Saturday, 29th February, 2020 after Requiem Mass at the Holy Spirit Catholic Cathedral in Accra, Ghana, at 9.30am.



+ May he rest in peace +



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.

✉ Secretary General ~ Frank Stanley

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