

The Alliance Bulletin



Brother Knights

August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.

We put our trust and hope in the Intercession of Our Lady on this great Feast of the Assumption that this situation will be over soon and that normality can return to our daily lives.

Pope Francis asks the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede so that humanity might overcome the coronavirus, as the Church prepares to celebrate the feast of her Assumption.

In times of trouble we as Knights cannot be of more value than to focus our prayer for the dearly departed and those suffering during their final hours as we are faced with this pandemic and its consequences especially members of the International Alliance.

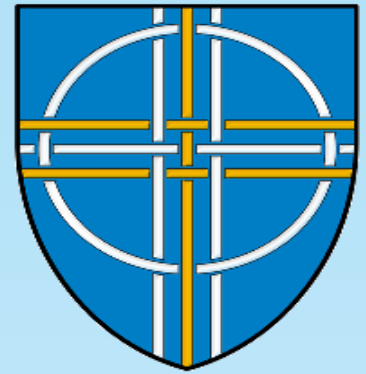
As you read this bulletin, I urge you to spend a moment and recite Pope Francis's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls
of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.

IACK 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.

A reflection for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary



One of the highlights of my annual holiday in France is the Feast of the Assumption. In some respects, it is always the same; the whole village gathers for mass celebrated in the open air and it is followed by a procession around the fields and plenty to eat and drink. The local band strikes up and the festivities continue into the late evening. It is a holiday for everyone and a holy day as well.

This year the celebrations are very likely to be restricted due to the coronavirus epidemic, but I am sure that with adequate precautions the feast will still be celebrated, and it is very important that this happens.

Its importance is perhaps not as obvious as we might at first think. When Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven it filled the whole church with great hope. This took place in 1950 just a few years after the end of the second world war when so many people died. Some 75 million people died in World War II, including about 20 million military personnel and 40 million civilians, many of whom died because of deliberate genocide, massacres, mass bombings, disease, and starvation.

With such human carnage it seemed that human life did not matter – more precisely bodies didn't matter. Well, bodies do matter. The dogma of the Assumption reminds us most powerfully that every person, body and soul is of concern to God and to humanity. It is not a doctrine that says everything will be all right in the end and we can spiritualise our time on earth because it is just a short passing phase. Because of the Incarnation of God in his son Jesus Christ we can be sure that our lives on earth are important in order to know, love and serve God in this life and the next. We are made to give glory to God through respecting creation by reaching out to others in love, because they are the work of God's hands. This doctrine is reinforced by the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven. It is a doctrine that gives us hope for now as well as for the next world.

During the difficult times of lockdown as a result of the coronavirus epidemic we have learnt the hard way that we should care for our own bodies by staying healthy. We have also reached out to other people so they are fed, clothed and sheltered in a way that far exceeds our previous attitude to charitable giving. Let us hope that we will not return to our previous more selfish ways but continue to act as temples of the Holy Spirit, being instruments of God's love, and not makers of war.

May Mary who was assumed bodily into heaven and who gave flesh to our Saviour intercede for us in this time of trial.

+Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool
International Council Chaplain



THE NOBLE ORDER OF focus on... KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF MARSHALL. Ghana

The Noble Order of Knights and Ladies of Marshall is a Catholic friendly society present in Ghana, United Kingdom, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Burkina Faso and Benin with the headquarters in Sekondi, Ghana.

It has a membership of about 27,002 made up of Catholic lay faithful, including a youth wing. The Noble Order is a member of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights, which has its headquarters in the UK.

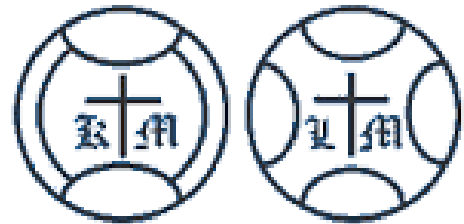
The society was named after Sir James Marshall, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was an Anglican priest who later became a judge after converting to Catholicism in the 19th century. James Marshall was posted to the Gold Coast as a chief magistrate and judicial assessor when the Church here was non-existent. Through his tireless efforts, two priests namely Augustine Moreau and Eugene Murat were sent to the Gold Coast as missionaries.

The idea to form this Catholic friendly society was mooted by a group of young men in 1926, deciding to name it after this great man in recognition of his role in bringing the Church back to Ghana and also to immortalize his name. The Ladies wing however, was inaugurated and consecrated on Saturday, 20th December, 1969. They are headquartered in Kumasi, Ghana.

Some important information on the Noble Order can be found below:

Councils of the Noble Order of Knights of Marshall

Number of Adult Councils(Knights):	152
Number of Adult Courts(Ladies) :	148
Number of Junior Council & Court	114
Total Number of Brothers;	9,265
Total Number of Sisters	9,974
Total Number of Juniors	7,766
Total Membership	27,002



Organizational Structure

The Supreme Council is the highest decision making body headed by the Supreme Cabinet. Regional Councils manage the several Adult Councils established at Parish levels. The Ladies structure is headed by the Grand Court down to the Adult Courts at the Parish level. Grand Knights and Noble Ladies head the Adult Council and Courts.

The Supreme Knight heads the Knights while the Grand Lady heads the Ladies. Currently Sir Knight Bro Charles Cobb is the Supreme Knight while Most Respected Lady, Dame Dr. Agatha Bonney is the Grand Lady.

Supreme Knight SIR KT BRO CHARLES L.L. COBB



Father McGivney to be Beatified during a special Mass
October 31st 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in
Hartford, Connecticut

VENERABLE MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

Rest in Peace to the last surviving Founding Members of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights



Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant RIP — KofC

Born September 24, 1930 - Died February 16, 2020

Virgil Dechant joined the Knights in 1949 and began his rise through the organization's ranks, eventually becoming the State Deputy in Kansas. He was a very successful businessman and moved to New Haven, Connecticut in 1967 to serve as the Supreme Secretary. Ten years later, he was elected Supreme Knight by the Board of Directors.

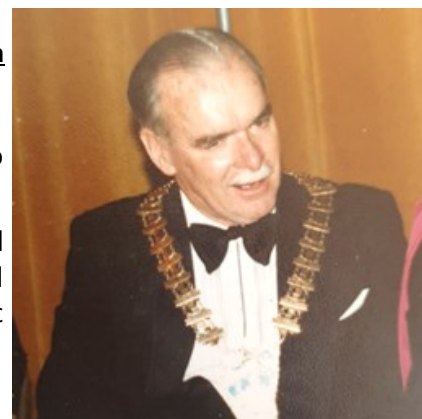
As Supreme Knight, Virgil Dechant oversaw tremendous growth in the Order's membership as well as in its assets and insurance business, while also opening the Order to greater involvement by the wives and families of its members. He was the Order's longest-serving Supreme Knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000. He leaves a lasting legacy and an excellent example of what it means to be a Knight and fraternalist.

Past Supreme Knight Alan Maitland Diesel RIP - Knights of da Gama

Born October 29, 1930 - Died April 27, 2020

Alan Maitland Diesel, Supreme Knight of the Knights of da Gama from 1979 to 1983. Alan and his wife Joan recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.


Born on 29th October 1930, Alan was 89 and a contemporary of PSK Virgil Dechant of the Knights of Columbus. Just over 40 years ago, in 1979, Alan and Virgil were two of the founding members of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. They were the last two surviving founders of the Alliance.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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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