



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Province 12 Southwark

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The Order of the Knights of St. Columba ~ Council 266, Streatham, Province 12 ~ Southwark

The Order of the Knights of St. Columba is a fraternal organisation of Catholic men, dedicated to the work of the Lay Apostolate. The Order has been Blessed by the Holy Father and has the fullest approval of the Hierarchies of England, Scotland and Wales who jointly appoint the Orders Ecclesiastical adviser.

The Order was founded in 1919 in Scotland and shortly after extended to England, Wales and the Channel Islands.

The Order will be celebrating our Centenary in 2019 with the celebrations starting from Supreme Council in October 2018.

In May 2016 our Province 12 ~ Southwark celebrated our 90th anniversary with a Mass at Our Lady of the Angels, Erith with Archbishop Peter Smith as the chief celebrant and afterwards a banquet at the Marriott Hotel, Bexley Heath.

At the banquet Archbishop Peter was presented with a cheque for £3,000 which was an annual donation towards the Seminary Fund.

We are Council 266 Streatham, Province 12 ~ Southwark. Covers the Diocese of Southwark. Councils cover several parishes in their area. We cover four parishes, St. Bartholomew, St. Michael's Pollard Hill, English Martyrs and St. Simon & St. Jude, Streatham Hill.

We assist at St. George's Cathedral by stewarding at big occasions such as the Chrism Mass. Also we carry out duties at Aylesford Priory stewarding at large Pilgrimages. The Council has been erecting the Christmas Crib on Streatham Common since 1956. We distribute Easter and Christmas posters in our four parishes. When the Bishops visit parishes we form a guard of honour for them.

Our last National Action Project was 'Mary's Meals' which ran from October 2013 to October 2015 with £120,382.55 donated by the Order and with match funding of £67,190.61. The total raised for Mary's Meals' was £187,573.16.



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The present National Action Project is 'Missio' (not the Red Boxes) working with Missio Scotland. (The Pontifical Mission Society) will run from October 2015 and end October 2018. The first year was for Sister Eulie at The Lindalva Centre, Cambodia which provides children with a chance of education and a place of safety. The amount raised was £20,700.

The second year of the National Action Project is for helping Sr. Francisca provide children with a meal a day and the chance of a better future at the Thika Feeding and School Programme in Kenya which started at Supreme Council October 2016. For 2016-2017.

We provided Stewarding/Guarding at the Pilgrimage Shrine of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Georges Cathedral on the 28th to 31st July 2017.

Also provided Stewarding/Guarding for the Pilgrimage Visit of the Relics of Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco and Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Marys Croydon on the 4th – 6th August 2017.

The Knight's motto is 'Serving God by Serving Others'.

Meetings are every 3rd Monday of the Month at 8pm in St. Basil Room, St. Bartholomew's Hall.

Dues are £50.00 per year.

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