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**INVESTITURE**

On March 4th the Bishop of Nottingham, England, invested Brother Tony Rouse as a Knight Commander with Star of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. This honour was bestowed on Bro. Tony in recognition of his many years of service to the Church through the International Alliance. It is the second highest rank in this Papal Order and there are currently only three holders of this honour in the UK. Among the attendance was Bro. John Doran, Supreme Knight of the Knights of St. Columba and Bro. Tony Doherty, Immediate Past Supreme Knight. Representing the Alliance were Secretary General Niall M. Kennedy KCSG, Eamonn Fleming KCSG, Past President and Ken Hargreaves KSG, Assistant Secretary for Finance.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend our congratulations to Brother Tony Doherty, PSK, Knights of St. Columba upon whom the Holy Father has conferred a Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great. Well done, Tony!

**THE WAY FORWARD**

Following on the discussions at the International Council meeting in South Africa a Committee meeting was convened in Dublin on Friday 7th April to examine the results of the workshops held in South Africa. The Secretary General took the chair and in attendance were Bros. Paddy Byrne, SK, Knights of St. Columbanus, Vincent Gallagher KCSG, PSK, Past IACK President, William F. Roe KCSG, PSK, Past Chairman IACK, Charles Kelly KCSS, PSK Legal Advisor, Eamonn Fleming KCSG, PSK, Past President IACK and James Smith DSK, Knights of St. Thomas Moore. The meeting concentrated on the perceived weaknesses and threats of and to the Alliance. Discussions are ongoing.

**Annual International Day of Prayer**

The Feast of our Lady Help of Christians on May 24th will again see all Knights around the world uniting in prayer and giving thanks to Our Holy Mother Mary, Patroness of all Knights, for her continued guidance and inspiration. All Member Orders are requested to promote the participation of their Councils and individual members in masses and acts of devotion on this special day. It is hoped Prayers for Peace in the World will be part of our devotions and wherever possible a special Mass should be celebrated.

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