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Welcome

The warmest of greetings to the esteemed members of the Orders. We are honored to present the Knights of Saint Mary of Bethlehem Fortnightly Bulletin for April 13th, 2025 to our members and honoured guests. As spring unfolds, our Order continues to demonstrate remarkable progress in our mission to serve those in need across the United Kingdom.

Recent developments showcase our commitment to expanding our reach while strengthening our operational capabilities. The collaboration between various branches of our Order and external organizations continues to flourish, creating a robust network of support for vulnerable communities.

NHS Scotland Partnership Development

We are pleased to announce a groundbreaking partnership with NHS Scotland to develop recognised mental health training essential for outreach work. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in professionalising our support services and ensuring our volunteers are equipped with the highest standard of training.



Infrastructure and Operations Update

St George's Church, Manchester

The acquisition process of St George's Church continues, with negotiations ongoing. While there have been some delays, we remain optimistic about securing this historic venue as our future operational hub.

Woodbank Hall Development

Weekly meetings regarding Woodbank Hall in Stockport are progressing positively, with productive discussions involving a Scottish Veterans Charity and Stockport Council leadership. Operational models are being refined to ensure maximum community benefit.

Upcoming Events

Walk the Loch Event - April 27th, 2025

Comprehensive literature distribution to 30+ organizations

Collaboration with Andy's Man Club

Mental health awareness resources available

Professional banner display and information station

First aid and Naloxone administration training for Knights Templar members



Investiture Weekend - May 24th-26th, 2025

Saturday, May 24th

Investiture ceremony at St Mary in Stockport (11:00 AM)

Evening fundraising sleep-out event (Location TBC)

Sunday, May 25th

Walk the Bridge in Stockport Starting point: Woodbank Park

Destination: Stockport Sea Cadet unit

Evening outreach care pack distribution in Stockport centre

Monday, May 26th

Participation in Manchester City Centre Whit Walks (Morning)

Regional Development Updates

Stockport

The Order has established itself a primary outreach service in Stockport, with strong connections to the Public Health department for mental health initiatives.



Bognor Regis

Community engagement is expanding through supermarket partnerships and potential church collaboration for clothing collection points.

Midlands

Operations are being streamlined with the identification of a major wholesale supplier, offering nationwide delivery capabilities and cost-effective solutions for care pack materials.

Organisational Improvements

Implementation of professional email addresses

Migration to Microsoft Teams for enhanced communication

Development of QR code-based donation system

Introduction of official ID cards for all members

Creation of comprehensive volunteer support systems

Volunteer Recruitment

We continue to seek dedicated individuals across all regions, with particular emphasis on those with professional experience in social work, veteran support, and substance abuse counseling. The Order welcomes those who share our vision of service and compassion.

Conclusion



The Knights of Saint Mary of Bethlehem continue to evolve and adapt to meet the changing needs of our communities. Through strategic partnerships, enhanced training, and dedicated volunteer efforts, we are building a stronger foundation for our charitable work.

The coming months promise exciting developments across all our initiatives. We encourage all members to participate in upcoming events and welcome suggestions for further improvement of our services.

Yours in faith and service.

Privy Chamber, OKSMB

