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## Overview

The tragic deaths of three young girls in Southport has brought turmoil, anger, grief and frustration to the UK with resulting riots and division. Adding venom into a highly emotional situation rarely works. I am hoping that politicians, communities and individuals work together from here to create some long term solutions which are workable, fair and effective.

## Developments

The preparations for the new Order and Charity are moving at a steady pace with the publication of the Orders constitution, you may have received a copy of the constitution which details the structure and terms of the condition of membership.

We have set a membership cost of £30 per year to cover administration costs for the Order. Those of us who were paid members of KST can pay £15 for this year as we appreciate you have already paid and have joined us here in a new Order. With the cost of living crises continuing we can negotiate the fee on an individual basis. In this Order money will never be a barrier for a person wishing to improve society or to be considered a highly valued Member of an Order.

We have now a supplier for the Orders regalia and the charities outreach bundle. The regalia has been sourced at a highly competitive price, we are fully understanding of economic circumstances in the country and we have anticipated the impact of it. The Order has mantles and tunics which may be used for the day in return for a contribution for the garments upkeep.

A new bank account in the name of the Order is pending, as is another account for the Charity. We will keep you updated as to development regarding this. To this we are now getting the formulation of the work we will be doing as a charity for initiating activity. This will help now as we get nearer to sending off our registration for a charity number.

Please be patient with us there is a lot of work to get this right first time. We are highly appreciative of the continued support that we have received and once we are up and running it will enable us to make a significant difference to our communities.

## **Distribution of Childrens Articles**

The Knights Templar Goodwill Charity of Scotland has been approached by a charity which is about to go bust, what this means is that multiple shipping containers of infant clothing, prams, bottle, nappies will be placed in landfill if other organisations do not distribute. If you can help please contact Gary. I am very sure there are a lot of organisations which would be able to benefit from the articles - it is just how to transport, store and distribute effectively which will be where the solution lies.

## **Event - Walk The Bridge, Matlock Baths - 7/09/24.**

### **Meeting Point - Jubilee Bridge, 11:30AM.**

The high-priority work of smashing the stigma of mental challenges continues. This month Matlock Baths is the meeting area where mutual support and raising the profile of support for mental health is occurring. Following this there is a BBQ at the Duke of Wellington Pub. Matlock Baths is a beautiful place for an important event. Many members of the Order are attending, It would be good if you could make it.

### **Let's Keep Going!**

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts of everyone involved and convey very sincere thanks for the work which is collectively creating a new and beneficial Order strengthening and supporting those we serve.

With every good wish.

Privy Chamber.

