



# **Knights of St. Mary of Bethlehem**

**28th of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Four**

## **Welcome to the fortnightly bulletin**

A fortnightly bulletin to keep members of our Order informed of events and announcements is a useful way of keeping affairs on track. The FB group is a wonderful way to stay in touch but important points can be missed at times due to the volume of communications especially when discussion or much needed humour is being shared especially when done at a fast pace. So this bulletin serves as an assay of circumstances and outlines the major happenings in the Order. Edward is collating the bulletin and would welcome contributions.

## **Overview**

This past few weeks has been a period of intense activity and gratifying progress. I am deeply impressed by the collaborative spirit and dedication everyone has demonstrated, resulting in some truly impressive outcomes within a remarkably short time frame. Teamwork remains an undeniable cornerstone in achieving exceptional results with such commendable speed.

## **Name Clarification and Potential Partnership**

We have received confirmation regarding the use of the original Order's name, albeit subject to certain defined conditions. Bethlem Hospital, a world leader in psychiatric research and a distinguished NHS Trust, along with its associated charity, the esteemed Maudsley Institute, have requested that we maintain a clear distinction between ourselves and the original Order or hospital. Their communication also hints at the potential for future collaboration, should we formalise a partnership agreement. This swift resolution is particularly encouraging, considering the potential complexities of navigating approvals within such large organisations.

## Website and Project Progress

Our website development is progressing favourably. Graphic design elements are finalising (as seen at the top of this bulletin) and content is being meticulously drafted, and discussions regarding the Order are taking a fruitful and constructive direction. We anticipate a process marked by greater efficiency and productivity compared to the previous group, fostering a powerful synergy within the team. It is important to remember that creating a high-quality product necessitates both patience and unwavering dedication. Our continued commitment will unquestionably yield substantial rewards.

## Knights Templar Goodwill Charity of Scotland: An Inspiration



I would like to draw your attention to the commendable work undertaken by the Knights Templar Goodwill Charity of Scotland. Their recently established hub, celebrating its first anniversary, has provided thousands of meals, hundreds of care packages, and access to free clothing for those in need. Their vital services extend to supporting veterans, the homeless, individuals facing mental health challenges, and those living in poverty. This social space offers a critical resource for those experiencing social anxiety, vulnerability, or financial hardship. Their dedication serves as a true inspiration to us all.

This is superb work, a true service to the community and a credit to Scotland. And an example to emulate.

And talking of service – the new range of KOSM clothing is ready to order. Gary has skilfully negotiated the price down to £80.00 which includes delivery and the package includes;



X1 polo shirt

X1 hoodie

X1 high Viz

X1 cap

X1 beanie

Please contact Gary with your size and payment details when ready.

## **Mental Health Awareness Initiative**

The arrival of the "Walking The Bridge" T-shirts represents a positive step forward in our collective effort to combat the stigma surrounding mental health. We are proud to support this growing initiative.



## **Positive Momentum and Appreciation**

This month has seen immense productivity for the Order and our valued collaborators. The constructive and positive discussions taking place on the communications page are a testament to the exceptional teamwork spirit that has taken root. I feel immensely honoured to be a part of this journey and express my sincere gratitude to each and every member whose contribution has facilitated our progress. The future holds great promise, and I have a strong sense that even more impactful work awaits us.

## **Thank You and a Word of Encouragement**

In closing, I would like to reiterate my sincere appreciation for your continued efforts in successfully navigating what was a tumultuous time in which some emotion and bewilderment came and went. Life happens to all of us every few years and occasionally a clear out of what is not working and sowing new seeds must occur, it is how we keep healthy. It was a truly wonderful sight to behold that the core of the previous order maintained its integrity and simply morphed into a new, revised and less problematic order. Giving up does not work, and we have not diminished by any means, it is just the reverse, we are stronger for it and between us, we have created a potent and streamlined platform for the future. This is a truly exciting time to be involved, and I eagerly anticipate our collective achievements in the weeks ahead!

**And Finally.**





# *Up The Rebels*

**Kindest Regards as Always.**

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