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New members welcomed at our 2025 London Investiture

The Order of St George held its 2025 Investiture on 3 May at the historic Church of St George the Martyr in Southwark, London. The service welcomed new members into the Order, celebrating their commitment to humanitarian service and charitable endeavour.

The Rt Rev Alastair Cutting, Bishop of Woolwich, delivered a powerful sermon which was deeply appreciated by all in attendance., serving as a meaningful spiritual centrepiece to our celebrations.

Following the service, members and guests gathered for a celebratory banquet, where friendships were renewed and partnerships forged.

Reflecting on the day, Stuart Notholt, Grand Prior of the UK Grand Priory, said: "This Investiture reaffirms our mission –

rooted in tradition but looking forward. We are proud to honour those who serve with compassion and integrity."



Left to right: We were privileged to have HG the Bishop of Woolwich lead our worship; Welcoming our very first Demoiselle to the Order; The City of London North East Sector Army Cadet Force provided a magnificent honour guard. Top: Relaxing and celebrating at the after Investiture banquet.

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Saving lives and restoring hope

The UKR Train & Equip Project has recently completed its sixth mission to Ukraine, combining life-saving medical support with compassionate humanitarian outreach. The Project is a humanitarian aid initiative conducted by the Order of St. George to provide pre-hospital trauma care (PHTC) training, related medical equipment and other humanitarian aid to civilians and frontline personnel operating in the most affected areas of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

The Project aimed to address the two major causes of survivable combat-related deaths; catastrophic bleeding (80-90% of potentially survivable deaths) and compromised airways and breathing (8% of potentially survivable deaths).

Equipment. This equipment included items typically found in individual first aid kits specifically designed for use in combat. Also, items used for casualty search, recovery and evacuation such as chainsaws and assorted tools

Training. The training followed international clinical guidelines and were an opportunity to refresh learning, enhance first

responder confidence and to introduce developing PHTC best practice with the full engagement and consent of their own medical chains of command.

Teddy Bears: In partnership with The Teddy Trust, 1,040 teddy bears were delivered directly to children in conflict-related distress, displaced children and war orphans. The teddy bears are donated by British children for this purpose.

"This mission reflects the heart of our Order's calling," said Stuart Notholt, Grand Prior of the UK Grand Priory. "It's about standing with those in need—not only with supplies and training but with humanity and hope."



THE RESTORATIVE POWER OF SPORT

Tackling Matters is a humanitarian organization that, through sport, supports and rehabilitates communities affected by war and disaster. By providing football pitches, equipment, and rehabilitation units, they offer physical and psychological aid to those injured, displaced, or traumatised by conflict.

In April 2025, Tackling Matters hosted a charity amputee football

tournament at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, at which our Deputy Grand Prior Keith Homewood represented the Order. The event featured over 70 injured Ukrainian veterans alongside UK teams. A temporary pitch was erected for the occasion, which was later transported to Ukraine to serve as a lasting rehabilitation facility for war-affected communities.

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Our thanks to the South East England Commandery and in particular Chevaliers Omer Kokou-Tchri and Nick Hinchliffe who represented the Order at the official VE commemorations held at Guildford Cathedral, Surrey.

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A Tanzanian update

The Order of St. George Educational Scholarship Fund aims to help eliminate educational poverty in Tanzania by providing young women a way to escape from Gender Based Violence, complete their education and become productive citizens of Tanzania. Scholarship recipients have now started their catering studies.

"What we are doing with the St George fund is changing lives. It is not just giving food or medicine, we give them a new life," says Chevalier Thomas Smith, who leads the programme for the Order. "They go from gloom and despair to become individuals with good self esteem and a life of productivity."

As part of their training, the girls created a variety of juices, popcorn, and both regular and deep-fried groundnuts.

"They are truly making a significant impact as they transform their lives," Programme Director Onesmo Ngowi told us.

"The practical sessions will extend until the end of May, after which they will commence their internships.

"Thank you once again for your generosity in positively influencing these girls' lives."



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CONGRATULATIONS, SIMON!

Congratulations to Special Constable Simon McIlwaine, a.k.a our Grand Prior Emeritus, on the award of a Metropolitan Special Constabulary Chief Officer's Commendation for his swift action and professionalism, while off duty, in dealing with a violent man suffering from a mental health episode.



ST. GEORGE'S 'DAY' IN LONDON



Members of our London Commandery and their guests joined in the National Liberal Club St. George's Day dinner in London on 23 April – which technically wasn't St. George's Day this year as saint's days cannot be celebrated during Easter!

About our Order

The International Knightly Order Valiant of Saint George takes its inspiration from the ancient and honourable Christian Order of Knighthood founded in 1326 by King Károly Róbert of Hungary.

St. George is the Patron of soldiers, and also holds a special place in the affections of Christians in Africa and the Middle East. In seeking to honour this tradition we work for the welfare of armed forces personnel in the UK and the USA, and provide medical aid and educational support internationally.

Today, the Order has members in over 30

countries worldwide. Admission into the Order recognizes achievements in the community, whether large or small. Membership is an honour that is awarded to people who deserve it, as people who have changed things for the better.

For information about joining the Order of St. George, kindly see the *Joining the Order* section on our website at www.george.st.

"The Order of St George promotes and pursues the timeless traditions of chivalry by compassion and supporting works of charity. We focus on supporting charities that work with current and former service personnel, and with Christian communities suffering poverty or religious persecution."

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