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From Support to Strength

In September 2025, the Order held its annual Humanitarian Symposium at the Honourable Artillery Company in London. Building on last year's success, the event once again brought together experts, practitioners, and supporters for an evening of reflection, learning, and fellowship.

The theme, "Compassion in Action – From Support to Strength," focused on how military personnel, emergency responders, and their families can be better supported as they cope with the physical and psychological effects of trauma. The Symposium explored what "caring for the carers" means in practice – how those who protect, respond, and heal can themselves find recovery and resilience.

The evening combined a welcome reception, expert presentations, and a closing buffet for discussion and networking. The Symposium achieved

four key outcomes: raising awareness of the hidden toll of trauma, sharing research and best practice, strengthening partnerships across sectors, and inspiring new actions to support carers and their families.

True to the Order's enduring principle of "Honour in Service," the event reaffirmed our commitment to humanitarian relief, education, and veteran welfare. It was a powerful reminder that compassion, shared knowledge, and collaboration remain our greatest strengths in service to others.



▲ Dame Sylvia Edwards greets Hitesh Patel and Demoisselle Hinali Patel, who helped out on the evening. ▼ The meeting took place in the historic Long Room at the Honourable Artillery Company. ► This vintage Underground sign was one of the items featured in our auction,

► Frank Chege provided insights from the front line of emergency response at London Air Ambulance. ▼ Professor Rosemary Sage highlighted how intercultural dialogue fosters compassion even in times of crisis.



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The Order of St. George On-line event will shortly be available on our official YouTube channel for everyone to watch and share.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to like, subscribe, and share the channel to help spread awareness of our work. The archive includes coverage of events from the UK, Canada, and the Americas – some dating back to 2016 – offering a wonderful record of the Order's continuing mission. Watch and subscribe here: www.youtube.com/@theorderofst.george



An international gathering of service and fellowship

Our latest St. George On-line meeting in September showcased the impressive range of humanitarian work being carried out by our Order and was an opportunity to bring together members from around the world. Friends from Taiwan, the Philippines, Australia, the US, Canada, and across the Atlantic to the UK, Italy, Ukraine and Turkey joined the event – making this a truly global gathering of the Order.

"A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to another successful St. George Online broadcast," says Americas Grand Prior Robert Soderstrom. "Our gratitude extends especially to our speakers, whose presentations once again showcased the impressive range of humanitarian work being carried out across the Order, and to those whose behind-the-scenes coordination ensured everything ran seamlessly."

"It was inspiring to see the breadth of the Order's humanitarian engagement – from medical support and education initiatives to aid projects around the world. The discussions were insightful, the presentations timely, and the sense of shared purpose was unmistakable."



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Our humanitarian work is global...



Our regular consignments of kindly donated medical equipment have included a wide range of materials including:

- ✓ Ophthalmic Retinal/Vascular Identifying system with extra accompanying computerized system;
- ✓ A medical electronic multi signal plotting system with built in visual screen;
- ✓ ECG machines.

These have been sent to destinations as far apart as Bolivia, Egypt and Tanzania!

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

Whether supporting frontline and humanitarian relief, providing safe spaces and education for vulnerable young women in Tanzania, or delivering welfare and dignity to veterans and their families, nothing we achieve would be possible without the help and encouragement of our worldwide family of supporters. Thank you for your support!

Combining fundraising with fun at the Annual Golden Hearts Dinner in support of Ukraine.



Working with valued partners, we've been able to send toys and educational supplies to child refugees in Moldova, Ukraine and Jordan.



DELIVERING HOPE AROUND THE WORLD

Logistical and transport support is essential to sustaining our humanitarian mission worldwide. So the Order is proud to be a participant in the US Government's Denton Program, through which the US Air Force can provide transport for humanitarian supplies, helping ensure that critical medical aid and relief items reach their destinations quickly and reliably.

- ✓ Our Americas Grand Priory is developing a worldwide Clean Water initiative to help bring this basic necessity to rural communities.

- ✓ Our Canadian Grand Priory has supplied over C\$300,000 worth of medicine in three shipments to Ethiopia.



Please visit www.george.st/ukraine to support our Ukraine appeal



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▲ Members and friends of the Order's South East England Commandery gather at the County Club, Guildford, Surrey, for their regular Commandery dinner.

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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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