



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

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Western Cape Commandery,
Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

NEWSLETTER

14th May 2016

Fellow Lazarites.

Since our last newsletter, I am pleased to report the following:

PROJECTS

Your committee has agreed to utilize a substantial portion of the funds raised at this year's Burns Dinner to assist both **Christine Revell Children's Home** and the **Sarah Fox Children's Hospital**. The money will be used to partner with a retailer to accrue best value in durables needed by both beneficiaries. **Micheil and Cherry Armstrong** will do this.

Cherry has taken charge of a project to upgrade the '**Mother's Room**' at Sarah Fox. This facility is used for short stays by mothers of the infants in critical care and is in need of painting, storage facilities, curtains, linen and the like.

Heather Allen is running with a project at the French School (Junior) in Seapoint, where the Commandery and the children's homes we support are likely to benefit a great deal from the generosity of these youngsters and their parents.

The Westlake Community Upliftment Project ladies are continuing to produce ever-better items for our **Tartan Teddy Project**, but we need to sell them on. Please keep an eye open for those church and school fetes where we can set up a table. If we do just ten of these a year and sell just thirty teddies on average at each, we'll make way over R40 000 for our beneficiaries and around the same for the teddy makers, to help support their families. Contact me on staghorn@iafrica.com or **Lititia** on littpo@gmail.com to get us involved, please.

James Bisset has agreed to take on the project of building a much wider database across parishes in the Western Cape, as an aid to recruitment and building our brand and a greater awareness of who we are and what we do.

I am leading a team to tackle the urgently needed upgrade of the **MILK ROOM** at Sarah Fox, which has recently failed a Dept. of Health inspection. The room - which is where the majority of the infant feed mixing is done in the mornings - is just plain worn out, so we'll be pulling in partners to sponsor materials and perhaps labour to replace work and wall surfaces, storage areas, implements, a vital air conditioner and a whole lot more.

O'Leen Louw is working with **Billy Downer** who has come up with a great idea for his staff at the NPA to do their commemorative community service on Mandela Day (18th July) by taking them all down to Sarah Fox to tackle a bunch of things that need doing there.

EXCURSION.

We are planning an excursion to the Leper's Chapel on Robben Island for the third quarter of the year. Our Order has quite a history with this site, - not only through our historic care of lepers in the example set by Saint Lazarus, but our own interest in this particular chapel on this iconic site. Some years ago, the Grand Bailiwick funded a restoration project for the chapel. We intend to hold a simple, private service there. **Jen Crocker** will manage this project.

NEW MEMBERS

You will be pleased to hear that the Membership Committee has approved applications for membership by six persons. We will be welcoming **Sandra, Terry, Shaun, Rouxlé, Garreth** and **Stefan** (who is already planning a major fund-raising project for us) to our ranks, with the potential that at least two more may come in, subject to their submission of the right paperwork in time.

DIARY: Please diarise the following dates:

The Commandery will be attending the Orchestral Mass **Corpus Christi** at St Michaels and All Angels on **Sunday 29th May**. You will have received a separate invitation by e-mail. We need to gather no later than 10h10 in the garden at the side of the church. We've been invited to join the congregation for their usually very good brunch of (this year) 'champagne and filled croissants'. Cost is R50 a head, payable at the door, but please confirm with me before next Monday evening (24th) so that I can advise them for catering purposes.

We will have our **VIGIL** on Friday 1st **July** and **INVESTITURE SERVICE** on Saturday 2nd **July**. We will follow the Investiture service with our usual formal dinner. Exact times and other details will be featured in my next newsletter, shortly

If you have any issue or idea that you'd like to be tabled for your committee's meetings please let **Anthony Lister** or me know.

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA for one of our projects or perhaps to run one of your own or even know of a person or organisation who would be willing to partner with us on one of our projects, please connect with me so that we can talk this through.

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