



## The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

FOUNDED AS A HOSPITALLER ORDER IN 370AD AND AS A MILITARY ORDER IN 1098

Western Cape Commandery,  
Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

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### NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Fellow Lazarites.

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

Working with our Almoner, **Mac Bissett**, I have visited and met the key folk at our two beneficiary Homes, Christine Revell and the Sarah Fox Children's Hospital, as a means of strengthening the relationship bridge and getting a closer look at their more immediate need areas where we can help them in the good work they do.

At our next Commandery Committee meeting next week, I will place on the table for discussion and approval a project proposal for capital work that urgently needs to be done at Sarah Fox and which is within our funding capabilities.

It's good to hear that **Jen Crocker** is recovering fast and is back on her feet and running. She'll be taking on her Commandery committee portfolio (treasurer) shortly.

**Mike Allen** is currently formalizing meetings and paperwork with around six new candidates for membership.

We are planning an Investiture Service for June and will confirm this after the committee meeting once all details are in place. **Anthony Lister** is intimately involved in the planning and arrangement process.

**Heather** and **Mike Allen** are developing a fund-raising project proposal which they'd like to run in partnership with a local school.

**TARTAN TEDDY PROJECT:** This week, we have been able to bank a further **R9000** from tartan teddy sales made specifically for Wynberg Boys' High School. Further amounts will come in through the year as we complete their order for 175 units. Congratulations **Lititia** for all your work on this.

**IDEA:** Please scout around your contacts and let us have the names and contact details of any suitable retailer who may be approached to take a few teddies on consignment to sell on our and our beneficiaries' behalf. We're also looking for events where we can potentially set up a stall and sell these there too. Lititia has approached a corporate body which is considering putting their logo on the teddies and use these as part of their staff incentive scheme. It's a win-win for everybody.

**James Bissett** is working on growing our contacts with other parishes to increase the visibility of the Order and potentially increasing membership, awareness and support, as well as building a contact database.

**INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE:** You will be pleased to know that a great deal of work has been done in recent months to improve the Order's international website. It is the public and private (members only) noticeboard for information about the Order and the activities of local jurisdictions around the world.

Our successful Burns Dinner has been featured there already for quite a while.

Here in the Western Cape, we tend to work in isolation, but must remember that we are part of a very much larger organisation that achieves a great deal on many projects around the globe. Much of this is quite inspirational.

I earnestly suggest that you simply log onto the Website

<http://www.st-lazarus.net>

and register as a member. It's well worth dropping into from time to time and they will be aware that members of our Grand Bailiwick are involved at that level.

**CHRISTINE REVELL:** Word on the grapevine is that we may soon receive confirmation of funding in Euros from a European jurisdiction in the Order, who were approached on our behalf by **Marny Gilluly**, DGCLJ, Vice Grand Chancellor (Administration).

**AGAIN.... We need a member or someone who supports us, to take on the task of helping build our own Web presence and social networking facility.**

**Thinking caps on and a volunteer, contact me, please.**

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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, please connect with me so that we can talk this through.

**WILL CARTER**  
Commander: Western Cape Commandery