

Commander's Report on Investiture!

What a wonderful Commandery we have! The Investiture weekend was a marvelous success. I had so many compliments that they never saw such a beautiful service.

My thanks to many people: Our Marshal Jamie Siemon. You did a fantastic job of organizing the entire service; Mimi Howard and Daniel at St. Mark's for changing up the program and giving us a beautiful new look. The three of us had many hours of meetings to get things just right before passing it up the ladder for approvals; Grand Prior Suzanne Turner & Prior Gayle Landen-Greene for always being ready to answer any questions we had and giving a final blessings over all programs. We killed many trees but all programs were wonderful and organized!

To our beautiful singers Pam & Monique – added a sweet touch with beautiful harmony!

To our Deputy Marshals – Dave Barninger & Gary Templeton – great job keeping us in line and on target! All of the members locally and from other Commanderies who participated in the procession!

To my Co-Chair Judi Miller – many hours on the phone laying out all the events and taking charge at the PGA. Of course we need to thank the Chevalier husbands who did all the carting of things around and went with many fast food dinners!

To the Flower Committee and Walter Jones who said “we need tropical” – thank you for creating beautiful designs that totally changed the boring red & white theme! They were gorgeous even at the Church Walter insisted – tropical! They were all spectacular! Even at the aspirant luncheon change up with purple orchids! At the end the Committee sold the Gala flowers and contributed \$525 to Belle Glade Project! What a blessing! The Aspirants received the Orchids! Special Thanks to Maddy from In Jacob's Shoes for her help!

To the Goodie bag ladies who overwhelmed our out of town guests with that wonderful treat bag. The wine was a hit!

To the Invitation committee going of the list & Bunky for all those beautiful calligraphy ones for out of town guests!

Thanks to the Fundraising committee for the work on the zip drives and setting up the display. We did receive \$4,925 in donations so far!

I would also like to thank those special members who contributed Sponsorships both financially and time and talent: Prior Gayle Landen & Chevalier Paul Greene; Commander Toni & Chevalier Joseph Mastrullo; Dame Claire Clarke; Dame Rebecca Doane; Dame Vera Eakin; Chevalier William & Dame Barbara Garbizo; Dame Mimi Howard; Chevalier Walter Jones & Patricia Jordan; Dame Nancy Marshall; Dame Pamela Martyna & Chevalier Glenn Smith; Dame Elaine Meier; Chevalier Andy & Dame Judi Miller; Chevalier Joe Rude; Chevalier Msgr. Tom Skindeleski; Chevalier James & Dame Maria Siemon; Dame Candace Tamposi & Chevalier Dave Barninger; Chevalier Gary & Dame Chelly Templeton; Chevalier Chip Williams; Dame Eloise Bunky Witham. We couldn't have been so successful without you!

Wonderful job my dear friends! If I have omitted anyone I'm sorry! God Bless you all!

Last but certainly not least congratulations to our new Knight and Dames – we welcome you and get ready to work! Make sure you attend as many events as possible!

Congratulations to those members who were promoted – truly deserving of your promotions. Rebecca Doane congratulations on your promotion to Dame of Justice. We were sorry you weren't able to be with us but totally understand!

Commander Toni Mastrullo