

THE COMMANDERY OF THE PALM BEACHES AT WORK!

The May 14, 2016 Commandery of the Palm Beaches Food Project was chaired by Chevalier Austin Bohlman, invested in November 2015. Austin volunteered to chair the 2016 Food Project following in the footsteps of his father, Chevalier Chris Bohlman who chaired the first food project in 2003.

This year was the Commandery's largest Food Project to date. The Commandery donated over \$16,255. More importantly 82% of our membership contributing financially to help feed the Lord's hungry in our Community.

Chevalier Bohlman did an exceptional job in securing 1000 units each of rice, black beans, K Rice Pilaf, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti, Chicken Noodle Soup, Ritz Peanut Butter Crackers, Toiletries, Elbow Macaroni, Ziti Pasta, and Corn Flakes.

The Commandery filled 1000 red food bags with The Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knight's Hospitaller's crest imprinted on the front of the bag.

Fifteen Community Charities nominated by Commandery members were recipients of this year's food distribution. The filled bags were picked up by: The Academy of Nursing & Health Occupations, the Ascension Catholic Church in Boca Raton, Boca Helping Hands, the Children's Home Society, Delray Beach CROS Caring Kitchen, the Farmworkers Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, the First Haitian Baptist Church in Belle Glade, Matthew 25 Ministries, Operation Hope, Place of Hope, St. Mary's Catholic Church Pahokee, St. Vincent Ferrer's Care Ministry, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Tequesta, Urban Youth Impact, and the YWCA Child Care Centers.

This tremendous outreach effort was made possible by 47 volunteers! In addition to the 20 members of the Commandery of the Palm Beaches' who volunteered, one member from the Commandery of Nicaragua and two members from the Washington, DC Commandery participated. In addition to the Sovereign Order's members, 27 family and friends also worked diligently filling the food bags. One special aspect of the food project was the participation of younger relatives of our members Luke Greendale, Chevalier Andy and Dame Judi Miller's grandson who helped with the set-up; and the filling of the food bags on Saturday. Judge Bob and Dame Bernadette Shalhoub's four grandchildren: Alexander, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Jacob Seal also were on hand to participate. Fulfilling the Sovereign Order's mission to serve God's sick and poor starts at a young age.

Pro Fide! Pro Utilitate Hominum! For Faith! For Service to Humanity!

