



Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller

**THE COMMANDERY OF THE PALM BEACHES IS ON A ROAD TRIP TO
IN JACOB'S SHOES FOUNDATION IN MARGATE!**

Our monthly meeting on July 24th was changed to a road trip for a shoe cleaning night at In Jacob's Shoes in Margate, FL. Our group was made up of the Grand Prior from Washington, D.C., Past Commander from San Francisco Commandery, 8 members from Palm Beaches, 7 future Aspirants and other guests. What a fun night!



“In Jacob's Shoes provides 15,000 – 20,000 pairs of shoes and 500 -750 backpacks with school supplies annually. In Jacob's Shoes provides for children in need by requests from schools, shelters, partner charities and social service organizations and agencies. One such partner is The Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, Commandery of the Palm Beaches (SOSJ). Together, In Jacob's Shoes and SOSJ have worked together to provide for the youth and families in need at the following schools, agencies and churches: The Caring Kitchen at C.R.O.S. Ministries, Family Promise of Palm Beach, First Haitian Baptist Church in Belle Glade, Florida Outreach Center for the Blind in Palm Springs, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Tequesta, Warfield Elementary School in Indiantown, St. Mary's Catholic Church of Pahokee, St. Vincent Ferrer Care Ministry of Delray Beach, The Academy of Nursing and Health Occupations in West Palm Beach, Lake Park Elementary School in Lake Park, Tree of Life Center, Inc., Women's Circle, Inc. in Boynton Beach, Adopt-a-Family of Lake Worth, and the YWCA of Palm Beach.” Quote from founder Harlene Zweig.

In 2017 the Hospitality Committee created the 2017 Charity Champion Challenge. The Commandery raised funds and along with the Philanthropy Committee developed the application for charities to be recognized. The criteria was the charity, along with the guidance of the SOSJ member, would need to raise \$2,017 and a committee made up of

members from the Hospitality & Philanthropy committees would judge the competition. The first recipient was The Jacob Zweig Foundation aka In Jacob's Shoes Foundation. The check was present to Harlene Zweig co-founder and most important Jacob's Mom!



The individuals in the picture on the right from right to left – Commander Toni Mastrullo, Dame Nancy Marshall, Chair of Hospitality Committee, Harlene Zweig, Co-Founder and Maddy Chusid, Director of Operations from In Jacob's Shoes, Dame Gayle Landen, Co-Chair of Philanthropy Committee and Dame Josette Veltri, Member of the Philanthropy Committee and Judging Committee. Thanks to all who participated!

Dame Marshall announced that we will have 3 more grants to be awarded by the year end so get your applications out!



Snacks were provided and of course we had WINE! Shoe cleaning goes faster with WINE!!! Thanks to all who attended and supported our many endeavours! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Come out and support your Commandery!

Toni Mastrullo, Commander