



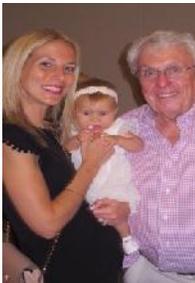
Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller

THE COMMANDERY OF THE PALM BEACHES CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF OUR PATRON SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

On Saturday evening, June 24th 25 Knights, Dames, Aspirants and Friends came together to celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint. Rev. James Cook and Deacon Mimi Howard held services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens. This is the Church where the Investiture will be held in November.



After the beautiful service, our attendees gathered in the meeting room of the Church and the great display of delicious food for our Pot Luck was enjoyed by all. Of course, we had a nice display of wines!



Our thanks go out to our Hospitality Committee chaired by Dame Nancy Marshall and to Dame Mimi Howard who set up along with Aspirant Julie Bird Winchester who is a member of St. Mark's. Thank you for the lovely table centrepieces and for all the help in the kitchen before and after the party.

Of course the evening wouldn't have been complete without our 2017 Charity Champion Challenge fundraiser. The Hospitality Committee were busy collecting treasures from the members and aspirants and put on a beautiful Chinese Auction.



The Treasure Hunt netted \$900 thanks to many generous guests. The 2017 Charity Challenge has already raised enough funds to award the second challenge recipient. This will be awarded at our July 24th Board Meeting. Phase 2 of the challenge is now open and 3 recipients will be awarded by year end. Great job Committees. Review of the recipients was completed by members of the Philanthropy and Hospitality Committees who set up the criteria and select the recipient of the Charity Champion award of \$2,017.

As you know, the Palm Beach Commandery is busy working out all of the details for the upcoming Investiture on the weekend of November 3 – 4, 2017. Invitations will be on their way shortly and we have many already confirmed at the PGA Resort & Spa. We hope that all will come out and witness the 15 Aspirants (at this time) to be invested in the Order we so love. There will also be a VIP Hospitality Suite with a Boutique of SOSJ items!

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