

Ontario Commandery Fall 2018 Update

September was a busy month for the Ontario Commandery. On September 28th we welcomed SOSJ members from the Vancouver Commandery with a guided tour of the Ottawa Mission Dianne Robertson Hospice – currently the only hospice in Canada providing hospice care to homeless individuals. Their 21-bed hospice receives almost no government funding and operates through donations from the public. Following the tour SOSJ Ontario donated \$10,000 to purchase critically needed hospice equipment.



The following day, September 29th, the Commandery hosted the 2nd Annual Fun Run/Walk for Palliative and Hospice care in Ottawa! Thanks to the outstanding organizational skills of Dame Melanie Rock, the second year saw a doubling of participants and a 300% increase in donations to the Commandery. In addition, participants paid a registration fee to cover race costs allowing the Commandery to commit all of the funds raised to charity!

The run was followed by a barbeque hosted by Commander Daryl and Dame Melanie Rock where participants met several of the Commandery members and learn more about the history and mission of the SOSJ. Good fun was had by all! Next year we look forward to having many more participants, including any members of the SOSJ who wish to join us and take in the beautiful Fall colours of Ottawa in September 2019!







