



Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller

THE COMMANDERY OF THE PALM BEACHES

The Creator intended His people to be happy, joyous and free!

WE AGREE!!

The Knights and Dames of the Commandery of the Palm Beaches celebrate the glory of God and our mission declaring,

Let the good times roll and they did!!!

On a beautiful evening, March 27th, Chevalier and Dame Shalhoub hosted over 50 members, future Aspirants, potential Aspirants, and friends to a wonderful BBQ in their home!

The menu was wonderful. Cooked by Smokin' Gators, Chefs Bob and Paul Shalhoub, father and son and of course, the wonderful appetizers and side dishes prepared by the lovely mother, Bernadette Shalhoub. What would a party be like without the WINE! Yes there was plenty of wonderful wine selected by Chevalier Charles Schoech and his wife Frances. Many guests contributed appetizers and desserts and Dames Lois Cole and Pamela Martyna did a beautiful job decorating the tables! (See pictures on the attached sheet).

Our Hospitality Chair, Dame Nancy Marshall, was busy coordinating her now infamous 2017 Charity Champion Silent Auction table. Several members donated items and the Commandery raised over \$2,000 with only the dining room table filled!

The 2017 Charity Champion Challenge was created by the Hospitality Committee in an effort to allow the Knights and Dames the opportunity to create both projects to involve other members, aspirants and friends their favourite charity and community awareness through a public relations plan of action. The Member in conjunction with their Charity and the Hospitality Committee may identify a time to spotlight their Mission and activities in a 10 minute presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting during the Hospitality Committee's Report. The Member's challenge is to work with the Charity to raise \$2,017 in a fundraising activity and complete the application. Members of the Philanthropy and Hospitality Committees will select the recipient of the Charity Champion and award the \$2,017. The Commandery's matching funds are being raised by the Hospitality Committee's Silent Auctions at Commandery special events. Stay tuned for further details and awards in a future newsletter!

As you know, the Palm Beach Commandery is well known for their hands on projects on helping the Sick and the Poor in our community. At this event the attendees brought children's Easter baskets and food baskets for families that Dame Judi Miller delivered to the Florida Outreach for the Blind for their Blind Easter Egg Hunt!

Thanks to all who attended and supported our many endeavours!

**THE COMMANDERY OF THE PALM BEACHES
INVESTITURE WEEKEND NOVEMBER 3 – 4, 2017**

Plans are well underway for the weekend that will be held at the beautiful PGA Resort and SPA located in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. The Investiture will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church just down the road from the resort. Details will be forthcoming!

We are hoping to have a wonderful group of Aspirants and are working diligently to get all the Petitions completed and submitted.

There will also be a VIP Hospitality Suite with a Boutique of SOSJ items!

New Aspirants will be showcased shortly!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Hospitality Committee is hard at work planning events.

On June 24th to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist we will attend services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (a wonderful way for us to see the Investiture venue) and afterwards hold a Pot-Luck Dinner (Bring your own WINE!). There will be a Treasure Hunt Fundraiser for the 2017 Charity Champion Campaign. It will be fun to see what Treasures we come up with to donate and buy back!!! Way to go Hospitality Committee on clever ideas!

Come out and support your Commandery! Any ideas you may have, please let us know!

Yours in St. John,

**Toni Mastrullo,
Commander**

PS I would love for someone to work on creating a fancy newsletter! This isn't my forte and it needs to go on the International website!



WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS!