



# ***Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller***

## **THE COMMANDERY OF THE PALM BEACHES**

### *Commandery Communique*

#### ***Who We Are***

The Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller is an international community of members who continue 900 years of tradition to help the sick and the poor of all nationalities, races and creeds and is based on Christian principles. The Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem originated in a hospice founded in approximately 1070 to care for pilgrims, which was dedicated to St John the Baptist.

The modern-day Sovereign Order is divided into 27 Commanderies (chapters) in 14 countries in Europe and North and Central America, consisting of approximately 850 members worldwide. Each Commandery chooses the charities it will support. Most charitable activities are for the benefit of the local area. Members of the Commandery of the Palm Beaches serve on boards, donate money, and time to local charities and work together on projects of the Order. Fifteen local charities were recipients in 2017.

#### ***Our Charitable Focus***



It was decided in April 2017 that the SOSJ Palm Beach Commandery would concentrate its' charitable focus on rebuilding an after-school community center for the First Haitian Baptist Church of Belle Glade. Their Youth and Children Development Center is currently in an old 1940's house, too small and beyond repair. Our goal is to raise \$500K, over the next three years, to get this building built and bring *Hope and Change in Belle Glade...One Child at a time*. Please see our Belle Glade project brochure or go to [www.sosjpb.org](http://www.sosjpb.org) for details and photos describing this project.

#### ***Our Goal***

Our goal is to have fun! There are many opportunities to attend events to meet people with like minds, while accomplishing our purpose. Some events ask for a donation to help pay for the event, with the balance going to charity.





***In the coming months our calendar includes:***

**Sept. 23, 2018** – Our annual Commander’s Birthday Celebration Luncheon at the Colony Hotel, 1:00 p.m. \$30. Please consider a \$70 donation in honor of her 70<sup>th</sup>! Go to [sosjpb.org](http://sosjpb.org). (News and Events) to register.

**Oct. 13, 2018** – VIP Belle Glade Field Trip 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church, West Palm Beach. No charge, includes lunch. Go to [sosjpb.org](http://sosjpb.org) News and Events) to register.

**Oct. 14, 2018** – Afternoon Tea at the Chesterfield Hotel, 2:30 p.m. hosted by Judi and Andy Miller, Silent auction. No charge. Go to [sosjpb.org](http://sosjpb.org) (News and Events) to register.

**Dec. 6, 2018** – *Worth It* event, hosted by Sequin of Worth Avenue, Palm Beach, 5:30 p.m. Wine and shopping fun, with percentage of sales going to SOSJ Belle Glade project. No charge. Go to [sosjpb.org](http://sosjpb.org) (News and Events) to register.

**Dec. 8, 2018** – Merry Christmas Party at the home of Monique and Axel Stepan. Enjoy food and musical entertainment. More surprises. Go to [sosjpb.org](http://sosjpb.org) (News and Events) to register.

**2019 – Save the Date – November 9 – 2019 Investiture**, PGA National Resort and Club. Go to [sosjpb.org](http://sosjpb.org) (News and Events) to register.



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