

The Commandery of the Sierras, led by Almoner Larry Lange, KSJ the first half of 2022 and Almoner Don Witt, KCSJ the second half of the year, donated \$10,000.00 from Commandery funds to the not-for-profit Renown Hospital's lovely Spiritual Center, to purchase thirty-five prayer boxes and prayer cards, each to be emblazoned with our SOSJ visual identity, plus a privacy screen. The prayer boxes and prayer cards will be distributed to all three main Renown Hospital facilities in the Greater Reno/Sparks Area. These are just about completed and ready to be installed.

The Commandery also raised and approved a donation of \$52,000.00 to the Reno Sparks Gospel Mission, for the purchase of a much needed late-model refrigerated box truck, to aid in the collection and distribution of perishable food items to those in need in our community. The MOU has been signed, and the Mission's Executive Director is currently searching for a truck to meet their needs. Once the truck has been purchased, it will be wrapped/painted with our SOSJ visual identity, the final design to be approved up the chain of command before it is installed on the truck.

Thank you to our Almoner Committee (Almoners Larry Lange and Don Witt, H. E. Conventual Bailiff Brian Rauschhuber, H. E. Bailiff Emeritus Brooks Mancini, Dame Diane Mancini, Chevalier Richard Harris, and Commander Renée Verrier) for their hard work! Thank you to our members for their generosity in 2022!