



ST. JOSEPH

COMMANDERY NEWSLETTER



March 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Commander Kristi Smith Hernandez

My heart is bursting with gratitude to all members of St. Joseph Commandery and to everyone who has helped bring us together to support our charities and enjoy each other's company. Special thanks go out to Dame Dennise Carter who in December, at the last minute, opened her beautiful home for the St. Joseph Commandery Christmas Party. A lovely evening was had by all, thank you Dennise. Thanks also to Chevaliers Chris Citti and John Thomas for inaugurating our first Lunar New Year dinner in February. Fifty-five Knights, Dames and guests enjoyed a remarkable evening together.

We will have many more opportunities to gather. Please check your email for details about the upcoming Feast of St. John on Sunday June 23 and Summer Socials on Thursday July 11 and Thursday August 22.

2024 Summer Garden Party – Great news - thanks to the wonderful generosity of Chevalier Dan and Charmaine Warmenhoven and Dame Angela McConnell, our 2024 Summer Garden Party fundraiser will be held at Villa Montalvo on Friday September 27. We are very grateful for this opportunity and look forward to seeing you all in this spectacular villa helping us raise funds to support the sick and the poor in Santa Clara County. More information will follow.

Charities Supported by St. Joseph Commandry - In this Herald, you will find an update about the status of 2023 charities. Thank you again Chevalier Fran Harvey and the entire Almoner committee for all your work. For 2024, the deadline for submitting a request is right around the corner on Sunday March 31. Check your email. If you have any questions, please contact Dame Kathy Wiley.

With my deep gratitude for your support and prayers and wishing you all a blessed Easter,

Kristi

St. Joseph Commandry Calendar of Events

Monday April 1 – Last date for a Charity Funding Application Form. Please email it to Kathy Wiley (kathy@kathywiley.com) no later than April 1, 2024.

Friday April 5 - Our SOSJ Excursions team of Kim Worrall and Helen Lambert invite you to a day of sunshine and flowers at the historic Filoli Gardens. Please join them on April 5th for a tour and lunch.

Rsvp to Kim at kim_worrall@icloud.com.



April at Filoli

*The days grow longer and warmer bringing
a burst of color.*

Join us as we

Walk Amongst the Flowers

Friday, April 5th, 10am

*We will tour the gardens and historic house
then lunch at the Quail Cafe*

**Please RSVP to Kim Worrall at
kim_worrall@icloud.com by April 1st**

**REMEMBER to purchase your
ticket ahead of time at filoli.org**

*Spouses are welcome with
or without member*

Friday April 19 - April 24th – Investiture in Vancouver, Canada. We have no local investiture in 2024. This is the closest opportunity for new aspirants.

Other Options:

- Hungary Commandry – May 25th
- Victoria Commandry – October 19th



Sunday – June 23 – Celebrate the Feast of St. John at the home of Chevaliers Christopher Citti and John Thomas.

Friday, September 27, 2024 - We celebrate the end of the summer with our annual Summer Garden Party.

KNIGHTS AND DAMES SAVE THE DATE

FOR OUR SUMMER GARDEN PARTY
AT VILLA MONTALVO - SARATOGA

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2024

JOIN US FOR

A KNIGHT AT THE VILLA



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ST. JOSEPH COMMANDERY

ADDITIONAL DETAILS - COMING SOON



JW House

Sometimes the best reminder of home is a hot meal with good People. The JW House community provides home-cooked meals to our guests Monday-Friday at 6 p.m.

JW House keeps families together during medical crisis by offering a welcoming home close to the hospital and providing a caring and compassionate environment that inspires hope.



From left - Dennis Young (guest), Maria Crowder (aspirant), Valerie Burniece, Lynn Cross-Cerf, John Thomas, Sandra Jewett (chair), and John Koeplin.



Knights of St. John Annual Christmas Party 2023
Held at the home of Dame Dennise Carter



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2023 Charities



Gift certificates donated at the Commandery Christmas Party were delivered to the Christopher Clubhouse, Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley by Chevalier Ray Mendoza



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I want to extend my sincere thanks to each of you for your assistance in making this beautiful project come to life. Our San Jose Community Center got a big upgrade thanks to Knights of St. John, and we are truly thankful for your support. - Chris Eichinger-Salvation Army



Note: The Knights donated the Deck, but not the tables/chairs



Lunar New Year Celebration February 3, 2024
China Stix Restaurant, Santa Clara, CA



Our Venue ready for the evening



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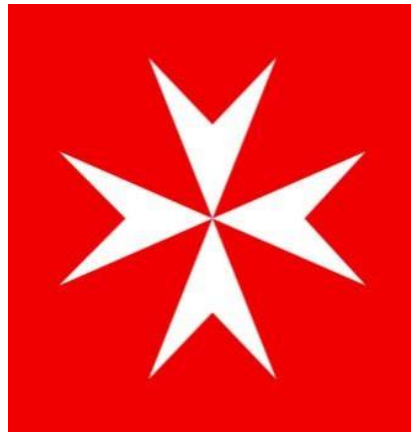
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A Message from the St. Joseph's
Commandery Caregiver
Dame Valerie Burniece

The St. Joseph Caregiver role is to honor our members by:

- 1) communicating prayer requests to the Council,
- 2) sending cards (Get Well, One Day at a Time, Condolences, or upbeat news such as weddings, births, graduations, retirements, etc.). We also will check-in on progress. If requested, we will visit. Most of you are clear on how broadly you want a situation communicated. – Whether to the Council, only the Commander, the Commandery or broader if desired.

In recent times, the communication network has been informal and word-of-mouth. To be sure we reach everyone, please, if you have or know of a situation; contact the Caregiver directly and if possible, indicate how broadly you want the information shared.

