



ST. JOSEPH

COMMANDERY NEWSLETTER



May 2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Commander Kristi Smith Hernandez

Greetings to all as we celebrate the lengthening days and the joy of being together again. I am honored to have been elected Commander and sincerely thank Ed Lambert for his leadership during the past two years.

Welcome the 12 new members who joined the Order at our beautiful Investiture at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Photos and bios are included in this newsletter. The Welcome dinner, Investiture Service and Gala afterwards were inspiring and a lot of fun. Thanks to the team on the Investiture Committee from St. Joseph's Commandery. What a glorious weekend getting to know the new Knights and Dames, sharing time and, for some, dancing the night away. Thanks to Ed Lambert and the Iconics. Great to be back together.

Summer Socials return this summer starting with a St. John's Day Feast on June 24 at the home of Chris Citti and John Thomas. Please see details online at: [St. Joseph's Commandery Calendar](#) and later in this newsletter. A special thanks to Francis Jang for his work to create our new calendar. These gatherings are opportunities to both spend time with friends and introduce potential new members to the Order.

2023 Charities - Thanks to Fran Harvey, Kathy Wiley and the Almoner committee who are working diligently to find worthy charities to support this year. We have received 10 applications from charities that fit our criteria.

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Join us at our annual Summer Garden Party on Saturday September 23 at Mission Santa Clara Garden. Your generosity at the Summer Garden Party will support our 2023 charities. Thanks to Katrice Groothof, invested this year, and Nick Campo for their leadership of the Summer Garden Party.

Kudos to Barbara Avery who has been publishing the Commandery newsletter since 2006. Barbara, you are amazing! Bob Avery, our Commandery photographer, also deserves our heartfelt thanks. We really appreciate John Thomas, who was also invested this year, and will be taking over the newsletter for us.

“Thanks” and “welcome” are the words of the day. We look forward to serving the sick and the poor in Christ together in the years to come.

Yours in St. John,

Kristi Smith Hernandez, Commander





ST. JOSEPH COMMANDERY CALENDAR



2023



St. Joseph's Commandery Calendar

Information below and online [St. Joseph's Commandery Calendar](#). You should be able to access the calendar with the link. If not, email the Commander at: sosj.stjoseph@gmail.com. This will be our new Commandery email address.

Saturday June 24 at 4:30 pm - A St. John's Day Celebration, graciously hosted by Chris Citti and John Thomas. Invitations and additional information will follow via email.

Thursday July 8 at 6 pm - We will have our first summer social at the home of Jeff and Elizabeth Strawn. Join us for bocce and conversation. We will be welcoming new members and congratulating members receiving promotions.

Thursday August 10 at 6 pm - We will gather for our second summer social at the home of Kathy Wiley. Additional information for both summer socials will be emailed.

Saturday September 23 at 4 pm - We celebrate the end of the summer with our annual Summer Garden Party. This will be held on Saturday September 23 at Mission Santa Clara gardens. This is our opportunity to raise funds to support our 2023 charities.

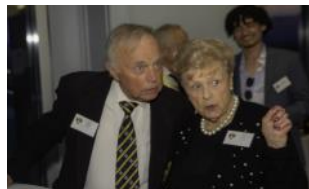
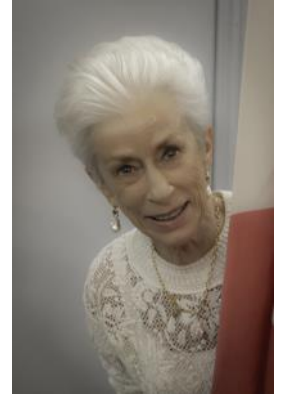
Thursday December 7 At 6 pm – Join us for the Commander's Christmas party at the home of Norm and Allison Kline.



The Aspirants Reception At the Capital Club



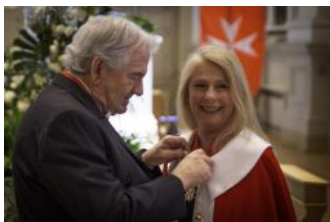
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The 2023 Investiture Service At The Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph



St. Joseph Commandery 2023 Investiture Service

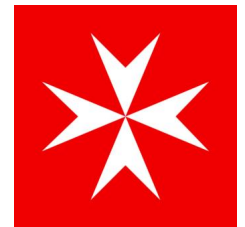
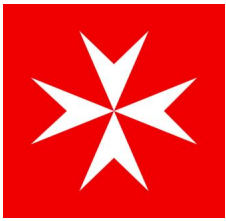


The Passing of the Sword Induction of Commanders, Prior, and Grand Prior



Congratulations to
Prior Caroline A.H. Macnab

Congratulations to HE Conventual
Bailiff Grand Conservator Grand
Prior Brian Joseph Rauschhuber

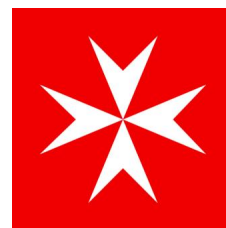
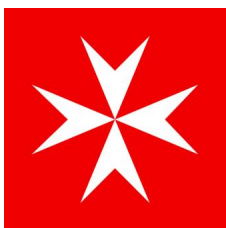


Congratulations to Our New Commanders

Kristi Smith Hernandez of St. Joseph Commandery
Bryan Patrick Avery of The Commandery of St. Francis
Donald A.A. Witt of The Commandery of The Sierras



The Investiture Service At The Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph



St. Joseph Commandery

2023 Investiture Of New Members



Row 1 Right to Left

Gerrard Dowd

Donna Dubois

Dr. Christian Foglar

Katrice Michelle Groothof

Lynn Marie Elizabeth Gross-Cerf

Jill Jerrehian

Row 2 Right to Left

Heather Jerrehian

Father Anthony Joseph Mancuso

Ray Martino

Geoffrey Morgan

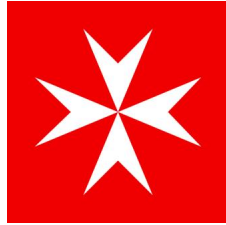
John Thomas

Adam Drapeau Wimmer



St. Joseph Commandery

2023 Investiture Service



Knights and Dames Invested with the Rank of Knight or Dame of Honor

Gerrard Dowd (St. Francis Commandery)

Donna Dubois (St. Joseph Commandery)

Dr. Christian Foglar (St. Joseph Commandery)

Katrice Michelle Groothof (St. Joseph Commandery)

Lynn Marie Elizabeth Gross-Cerf (St. Joseph Commandery)

Jill Jerrehian (St. Joseph Commandery)

Heather Jerrehian (St. Joseph Commandery)

Father Anthony Joseph Mancuso (St. Joseph Commandery)

Ray Martino (St. Joseph Commandery)

Geoffrey Morgan (St. Joseph Commandery)

John Thomas St. Joseph Commandery

Adam Drapeau Wimmer (St. Joseph Commandery)



2023 Investiture of Chevalier Gerrard Dowd



Gerard (Jerry) William Dowd was born in Philadelphia, PA, and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Temple University. He served in the U.S. Army with the famous 101st Airborne Division. Following college graduation and active-duty military service, Gerard entered the corporate world as a business executive and was promoted to Vice-President of Dean Industries in Culver City, CA.

Also in 1979, he founded Pacific Marketing Associates (PMA), a representative firm for commercial food processing equipment. As the President and CEO of PMA, he grew the company to represent twenty manufacturers in seven western states. Gerard retired on January 1, 2020, after successfully selling the company he built to the Empire Group, a subsidiary of PNC Bank in Goldsborough, NC.

Gerard is a member of three prestigious non-profit organizations: 1) The Hoover Institute at Stanford University, a public policy think tank promoting the principles of individual, economic, and political freedom; 2) “The Family”, an inclusive, invitation-only club that sponsors a hospital in Nicaragua; and 3) Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the oldest and largest food and wine society in the world.

An old school gentleman of generosity, good humor, intelligence, and most of all integrity, he is a man of faith and charity. Gerard is a member of the Catholic Church and resides in Woodside, CA with his wife, Christine.

He has been a guest of the St. Francis and St. Joseph Commanderies at past Investitures and special events. “I admire the splendid work this Order has done for those in need,” Gerard has observed. He is sponsored by Chevalier Weldon Wood and Chevalier Reverend Eric Metoyer.



2023 Investiture of Dame Donna Dubois



Donna DuBois has spent a lifetime in service to others, first as a teacher in Kansas, where she taught at the historic Monroe School in Topeka, KS after the Supreme Court decision for desegregation in Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education. The Plaintiff, Linda Brown's son, Cory, was one of her students! She served on the Kansas NEA Committee for curriculum, before NEA was a union; coached summer softball; and taught swimming. She volunteered at the YWCA in Topeka, becoming its President, and later served in the National YWCA. Donna was a charter member and Vice-President of

Topeka's Every Woman Center.

Upon moving to California, Donna taught as a substitute teacher for 40 years in several San Jose School Districts. She coached swimming and diving for six years in San Jose schools and clubs. Donna volunteered with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and became a charter member of the Grandview League, chairing committees and helping with the Cattle Baron's Ball and Design and Discovery Events. For twenty-five years, Donna taught piano lessons in Topeka, KS and San Jose, CA, even after double knee surgery, so as not to disappoint her students.

Donna was raised in a Christian family, which for many generations gave back to the communities in which they lived. Her grandfather, a Methodist Minister, insisted on Sunday church service attendance, so she had thirteen years of perfect church attendance as a girl!

Affectionately known to many in the St. Joseph Commandery and Western Priory for being an active and participating friend of the Order for more than 25 years, Donna has served along-side her husband,

Chevalier John Wayne DuBois, and daughter, Dame LaDonn Renée DuBois. She has contributed time, talent, and treasure to the Commandery, opening her home for many Commandery events, most notably the Meet the Aspirant and Christmas Parties. Donna is sponsored by Commander Ed Lambert and Chevalier Barry Bakner, and her family and the Commandery are very proud and thrilled that she will now be an official member of our Order.



2023 Investiture of Chevalier Dr. Christian Foglar



Dr. Christian Foglar's twenty-one year career as a topflight orthopedic surgeon began in his native Switzerland. After relocating to the U.S.A., he served many major hospitals, not only as an orthopedic surgeon, but also by training Fellows and Residents and engaging in significant research. His specialty of interest is Traumatology. He is beloved, admired, and respected by his peers, staff, and patients.

His impressive associations include: Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, Society of Military Orthopedic Surgeons, Societe International de Chirurgie et Orthopedie et Traumatologie, etc. He has published and presented countless research articles and studies in the U.S.A. and abroad.

Born in Switzerland into a family of physicians (he is a fifth generation physician) and Croatian refugees from Communist Yugoslavia, he became a life-long student of history. His family was always very proud of their title as "The Wall of Christianity" against the Turkish onslaught in the 15th to mid 18th century, a title bestowed upon them by the Pope for actively defending the borderlands between the Habsburg Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Ottoman Empire. Dr. Christian believes history is a part of his DNA, that those who do not study history are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past, and that his fate has been a consequence of history.

He became an American Citizen in 1999 and due to his deep sense of patriotism, joined the U.S. Army and served his new country as the Officer in Charge of the Orthopedic Dept, 352nd Combat Support Hospital, deployed in Kosovo and in the War on Terror for two tours, for which he received many medals. He has an incredible sense of duty to his fellow man, and has volunteered to serve in poor countries, both as a surgeon and teacher.

Dr. Christian Foglar is sponsored by Chevalier John DuBois and Commander Ed Lambert. He has a very proud wife, Dariana, and three children. His historical knowledge of our Order is incredible, and his family history dovetails so well with that of our Order, that it seems Dr. Christian Foglar was destined to become a member of our Sovereign Order!



2023 Investiture of Dame Katrice Michelle Groothof



Katrice Michelle Groothof is a real estate specialist with Coldwell Banker, who also served as their Operations and Marketing Manager until 2022. She has built her real estate business around focusing on helping the elderly community with their real estate needs, holding their hands every step of the way as they struggle through all the complexities of downsizing in this modern technology-driven age. In 2003, she founded KMG Personal Concierge and Event Planning Services, which she continues to own and operate to this day.

Giving to others has been a part of Katrice's life since she was a little girl, when her grandmother instilled in her the importance of volunteering to assist those less fortunate. With her grandmother, she volunteered at numerous church activities throughout her youth, eventually becoming a youth group leader and serving on the vestry.

Katrice is passionate about helping Veterans, having worked with the Walking Point Foundation and their Operation Laughter comedy benefit for Veterans, to give Veterans suffering from PTSD a much-needed fun night out. Unfortunately, this worthwhile program was shut down at the beginning of the Covid Pandemic. She currently volunteers to work with individual senior citizens who need assistance with various projects and who do not have family around to help, including working with today's technologies, paperwork, organizing their homes, and driving them to medical appointments, plus just visiting with and keeping them company. Through the years, Katrice has assisted with holiday toy drives and collected donated items for the homeless. She volunteered as an Intermediate Team Lead at the Bair Island Aquatic Center, where she worked with the Director of Rowing, Coaches, Board Members, and the Rowing Ops Committee with operations, budgeting, and hiring, as well as planned social events within and outside the rowing club.

She has attended several St. Joseph Commandery functions in the past, where she became intrigued by the Order and eager to become an Aspirant. She is sponsored by Prior Caroline Macnab and Chevalier Jeff Strawn. "I look forward to joining the organization so that I can continue to utilize my skills to assist in any way that I can and help others."



2023 Investiture of Dame Lynn Marie Elizabeth Gross-Cerf



Lynn Marie Elizabeth Gross-Cerf has over thirty years' experience in training executives and their teams on how to maximize their effectiveness. In 2012, she retired from Organizations and MORE, the company she founded in 1994. At Organizations and MORE, Lynn worked with executives, business owners, and their organizations to increase effectiveness through better time management; streamlining work flow; and analyzing, revising, and creating systems that matched the clients' needs and work style.

Since becoming a member of the Silicon Valley Capital Club (SVCC) in 1999, Lynn immediately joined the Charity Council, whose mission was to give back to the local community. She began and continues to run the Annual Holiday Toy Drive. She founded the Community Connections Council, the signature event of which is the twice yearly gathering of professional clothing to benefit the back to work programs at Sacred Heart Community Service and City Team Ministries. She has served on just about every Committee, as well as the Board of Governors for thirteen years, eventually serving as Chair, and currently serves as Chair Emeritus.

Quite the philanthropist in many other ways, Lynn was a founding member of the Community Inns Rotating Shelter Program, in which homeless rotated through different congregations, where they were given three meals a day, a place to sleep, passes to the local YMCA, and a VTA Pass. Lynn served on the Board of the Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. She has been a member of the philanthropic Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority for 55 years and founded the Love and Purrs Sanctuary (LAPS) in 2019, a cat rescue and sanctuary.

Lynn currently serves on the Board of her HOA, a position she has held for over twenty years. For over 30 years, she has been an active member of the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Willow Glen, CA, currently serving as Head Usher.

As a perpetual student of life, she holds an instrument rated private pilot license, has passed Level 3 of the WSET Sommelier exam with merit, and is studying for her Italian Wine Scholar Certification. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her dog, travelling, photography, and cooking. She is sponsored by Chevalier Chris Citti and Dame Allison Abbott Kline.



2023 Investiture of Dame Jill Jerrehain



Jill Jerrehian is a life-long philanthropist, who has dedicated her life to improving the lives of families, children, and the elderly in her community. She has been a devoted wife to the late Chevalier John Jerrehian, loving mother of three, and doting grandmother of five.

Since 2016, Jill has served on the Executive Committee and as Vice-President of the Valle Monte League in San Jose, a non-profit volunteer women's organization dedicated to raising funds that

provide and promote better mental health in the community through mental health agencies. Founded in 1954, they have raised over \$10M to date to help those in need in our community.

A volunteer since 1998 with the Grandview League, a twenty-nine year old volunteer fundraising branch of the American Cancer Society, Jill has led the League as President. Since 1990, she has served in many roles, including three years as past President, of the Peninsula Volunteers, Inc (PVI) in Menlo Park, helping seniors to remain vibrant while lessening the load of their caregivers. She volunteered with the Children's Home Society Auxiliary in Los Altos; served as a Board Member of the American Cancer Society in San Jose; and held various chairmanships in her local PTA in Saratoga and Los Altos. She volunteered to be a Girl Scout Leader in Saratoga, and served as President and many additional roles in the Eastfield League, now Family First, in San Jose, dedicated to strengthening the family.

She remains involved with and committed to her beloved alma matter, the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Jill is sponsored by Chevalier John DuBois and Dame LaDonn DuBois. She states, "To me, my best life is a work in progress, where I'm open to new opportunities and ways to make the most of what has been given to me, and to make other's lives and our world better. Helping those with life challenges has always been my passion, and in doing so, I've been rewarded beyond measure!"



2023 Investiture of Dame Heather Jerrehian



Heather Jerrehian is an accomplished technology executive and award-winning entrepreneurial leader and turnaround expert, with key executive roles as a start-up founder, CEO, COO, CFO, and VP/GM for Fortune 500 enterprises and start-ups. She has extensive software, consumer, and technology expertise and is a recognized global business builder. She is known for her ability to identify trends and quickly capitalize on growth opportunities, with a consistent record of building multi-million-dollar businesses (\$0 to \$75M).

Since 2020, Heather has worked as CEO of Hitch Works, Inc/Hitch B.V. (Acquired by ServiceNow), a global HRTech company with offices in San Francisco and Amsterdam, Netherlands. Also in 2020, she launched How Women Invest, an early-stage venture capital firm focused on funding female-founded/led companies, particularly by women of color. She served as COO of Emtrain, Inc, VP/GM of Drop Inc, COO/CFO of AgLocal Inc, etc.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business/ Lloyd Grief Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, Heather was named one of the 2019 Silicon Valley Business Journal's Women of Influence, and the 2017 Watermark Make Your Mark Award Senior Executive of the Year. She has written and published several articles.

She grew up in a very philanthropic family, where from a very young age, she sought out opportunities to be of service and give back. In grade school, she served holiday meals to those less fortunate, in college she helped a blind woman with the chores of living, she fund-raised for the San Francisco ballet to bring programming to children who would not otherwise have access to the arts. She has delivered Meals on Wheels, supported the American Cancer Society, and travelled to Cuba to bring supplies to schools and communities in need. She currently sits on two non-profit Boards supporting the advancement of women in leadership: How Women Lead and Upward/Hi Power. She is a founding member of How Women Give, which has donated over \$1M to help women and girls in The Bay Area.

Heather is sponsored by Dame LaDonn DuBois and Chevalier John DuBois.



2023 Investiture of Chevalier Father Anthony Joseph Mancuso



Father Anthony (Tony) Mancuso has served as a priest of the Diocese of San Jose, CA for over 37 years and a Board Member of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph in San Jose. He has served as Associate Pastor/Pastor in several Parishes; as a faculty member and Chaplain in various Catholic High Schools; Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of San Jose; and Episcopal Vicar for Priest in the Diocese of San Jose.

With a life-long passion for helping families and students in need, he has worked to help those in socio-economically challenged communities his entire life. “I have a great love for humanity, and I see the Jesus Christ in each person, most especially those who are ill or on the fringe of society...who seem invisible to the world and society.”

Father Tony has served on the Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, and presently sits on the following Boards: Ethics Boards of Valley Medical Center; Jesuit Retreat Center; Truck of Love, Rock Hill, SC; and Bishop’s Council of Advisors of the Diocese of San Jose. He has served as Assistant Director of Character Education at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University; Chaplain, Director of Campus Ministry, and interim President of St. Francis High School; and adjunct faculty at the SCU Graduate School of Education.

He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of San Francisco; a Masters of Divinity, Sacred Theology, from Saint Mary’s Seminary and University of Baltimore; a MA in Counseling Psychology from Santa Clara University; and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology, Pontifical Degree, from Saint Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore.

Father Tony is sponsored by Chevalier Chris Citti and Dame Allison Abbott Kline, although he has been a friend of the Commandery of St. Joseph for over seven years, attending and contributing to the Commandery’s annual fund-raiser Summer Garden Party. He was instrumental in securing the Cathedral Basilica for the 2022 Investiture, and presided over this Investiture Ceremony. He truly embodies the mission of our Order, “For faith, for service to humanity”.



2023 Investiture of

Chevalier Anthony Joseph Ray Martino



Anthony Joseph Ray Martino is an entrepreneur and technology executive, with a broad mix of technical, operational, and general management experience in high-growth environments. In 2012 he co-founded and served as COO of Specific Diagnostics, which developed a system for determining the effective antibiotic treatment for life-threatening infections. Specific was acquired in May 2022 for \$425M by bioMerieux, a world leader in infectious disease diagnostics.

Prior to this, Ray co-founded and served as COO of iSense from 2009 to 2013. iSense developed a unique identification technology, imitating animal recognition by scent, as many animals rely more upon scent than sight. Earlier, he joined Symbol Technologies when it was a small company with \$20M in annual revenue, starting as an engineer and progressing to CTO and with annual revenues of over \$2B. Symbol developed mobile computers, wireless networks, and sensor technologies for retail customers like Walmart and Target, supply chain customers such as FedEx and Amazon, manufacturing customers like GM and P&G, and distribution customers such as Coke and Anheuser-Busch. The company sold to Motorola for \$4B.

Ray earned a M.S. in Communications Engineering from University of CA, Davis and a B.S in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

He is also a committed philanthropist, and in 2001 joined Hands of Hope, a charitable organization that cares for orphans and at-risk children in Zimbabwe by partnering with local churches. Hands of Hope has helped thousands of children over the years in Zimbabwe. In 2005, Ray founded the family-led Luke 12:15 Foundation, whose giving is focused on Christian charities and missions in the U.S.A. and across the world.

When not working, Ray and his wife, Cecily, care for their nine children, ranging in ages from 17 to 28, five of whom still live at home. He is the father of four, step-father to five, and a grandfather. He is the lead cook and contributes to teaching, cleaning, and home repairs. Ray is sponsored by Chevalier John DuBois and Commander Ed Lambert.



2023 Investiture of Chevalier Geoffrey Morgan



Geoffrey Morgan has held executive positions in real estate development in both market rate and not-for-profit organizations, but most of his career has focused on affordable housing. Since 2015, he has been the President and CEO of First Community Housing (FCH), a nationally recognized non-profit developer and owner of environmentally sustainable, service enriched affordable housing for low income seniors, families, veterans, and households with disabilities. FCH serves over 4,000 residents in twenty-three communities in San Jose and the broader

Santa Clara,

Monterey Bay, and San Mateo County Regions. FCH does not merely address the real estate side of affordable housing, but also provides day to day support for those it serves, including counseling, food, and other services.

Prior to this, Geoffrey was the Vice-President of Real Estate Development for Christian Church Homes (CCH) in Oakland for six years. There, he directed development for an over fifty year old national non-profit affordable senior housing company. CCH had a sixty property portfolio and served over 6,000 seniors.

His impressive resume includes having earned a M.S. in Real Estate Development from MIT and a B.S. in Hotel Administration, with a concentration in Properties Management, from Cornell

University. He served as an Officer in the U.S. Navy and is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm. Geoff is an Eagle Scout and served as a former Scoutmaster, and has two sons.

He is active in his church and a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose, as well as sits on the Board of Directors of the Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern CA. He has participated in many charitable endeavors through these and First Community Housing.

After attending Commandery events and getting to know several members, Geoff enthused, "I was very taken by this venerable organization's great history of service and its impressive members. I decided I, too, wanted to be a part of this group so I would have an opportunity to grow my service to 'the least of these'". Geoff is sponsored by Chevalier Richard Conniff and Dame Helen Lambert.



2023 Investiture of Chevalier John Thomas



John Thomas, a native of California, is Vice-President of Wells Fargo and Company, where he is currently managing projects related to real-time payments both in-house and with the Federal Reserve Bank. He has received multiple awards, including two Gold Coin Awards, the highest form of recognition awarded by Wells Fargo. His yearly community service with Wells Fargo includes time and treasure given to many worthwhile charities throughout the Northern California area over a nearly twenty year career with the company.

A very giving and caring person, John begun his work life as a nurse, serving as a Naval Hospital Corpsman, caring for servicemen. He has been putting that nursing training to use again the past four years, selflessly caring for his 98 year old neighbor, who has been battling cancer. John is now his primary care-giver.

For the past twenty-five years, John has been active in giving back to his community. He is active in the Movember Foundation, a charity that raises funds for men's mental and physical health when they are not able to afford this needed care themselves. He supports and participates in the Veterans' 5K Run every year. John has supported immensely the Citti Family Golf Tournament, which raises funds for academic scholarships for children without the means to attend better schools. He participated in the annual fund-raising events of the Silicon Valley Capital Club's (SVCC) Charity Council, helping to make these a success.

John is well-known to members of the St. Joseph Commandery, as well as the Western and San Francisco Area Priories. He was an invaluable help to partner Chevalier Chris Citti when he served as Commander, helping with many events and functions, including several annual Summer Garden Party fund-raisers. He worked diligently to procure items for the silent auctions, helped plan and set-up the events, and even served as book-keeper and treasurer. John has continued to support the St. Joseph Commandery beyond his partner's term as Commander. He is enthusiastically and proudly sponsored by Chevaliers Chris Citti and Colin Macnab.



2023 Investiture of Chevalier Adam Drapeau Wimmer



Adam Drapeau Wimmer is a financial executive with two decades of experience in both the debt and equity markets, as well as management consulting. He has worked with recapitalizations, mergers and acquisitions, real estate development, public-private partnerships, and troubled company turnarounds.

He co-founded Painted Sky Partners (PSP), a privately held firm founded by Adam and other executives with backgrounds and extensive experience in management consulting, real estate, and financial services, with offices in Denver, CO and Bogota, Columbia. PSP specializes in acquiring, repositioning, and asset management of underperforming assets across multiple asset classes, with a strong focus in North America and Latin America. PSP implements focused and creative business plans to unlock value through operational efficiencies, local expertise, and thoughtful management.

Adam holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Finance from Drake University and Certificates in various finance-related focuses from the University of Virginia Darden School, Iowa State University College of Agriculture, and the Colorado School of Mines.

Having exhibited a life-long dedication to charity and a staunch belief in the need to help others, Adam likes to say that charity work was sewn into the fabric of his being since he was born. Throughout many decades, Adam has dedicated his time, energy, and treasure to two basic causes: 1) those who cannot help themselves (the elderly, mentally/physically handicapped, the infirmed) and 2) children. The organizations he supports in Columbia and Mexico that work with the elderly, the abandoned, and children, attest to this passion and his constant pursuit for personal and spiritual growth.

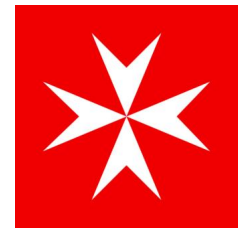
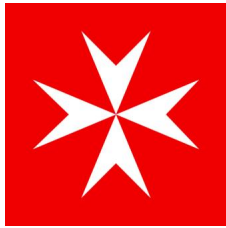
In his free time, Adam enjoys fly fishing and traveling with his two dachshunds. Adam is sponsored by Commander Ed Lambert and Dame Helen Lambert.



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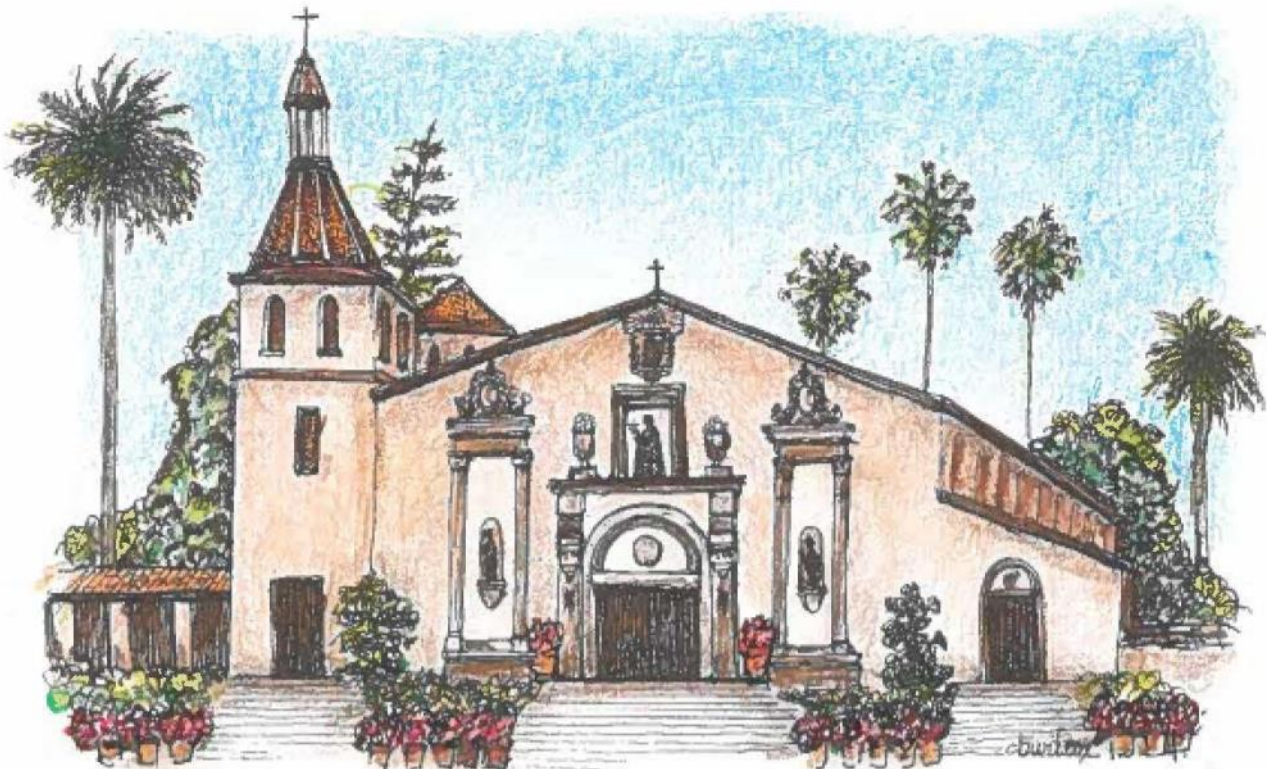
2023 Investiture Service

The New Members



“Save The Date”
Saturday – September 23rd, 2023

Mission Santa Clara de Asis



The beautiful gardens of Mission Santa Clara de Asis
will be the site of the 2023 Summer Garden Party.

Be sure to mark your calendars for
“A Knight at the Round Table”
Saturday September 23rd, 2023



ST. JOSEPH COMMANDERY

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

1000 YEARS OF HISTORY AND SERVICE

SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023

HOSTED BY CHEVALIER
CHRISTOPHER CITTI & CHEVALIER
JOHN THOMAS
895 GARDEN DRIVE, SAN JOSE

4:30 PM ARRIVAL COCKTAILS
5:00 PM PRAYER SERVICE
5:30 TO 7:00 PM COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS

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Save The Dates For Future
Sovereign Council Meetings



Australia in 2024



The Palm Beaches in 2026



With Gratitude

A special thank you to a few people for their assistance with this newsletter:

Dame Renee Verrier for providing biographies of each new Knight and Dame.

Grant Atwell and Robert Avery for capturing the Investiture Weekend in pictures so very well.

