



ST. JOSEPH

COMMANDERY NEWSLETTER



July 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Thanks to everyone who has helped our Commandery support the sick and the poor in Santa Clara Valley in 2024. With this year's grants, we will have donated \$4.5 million to charities in the Valley. Thanks to you all, seniors have safer places to gather, students will have a place to complete homework after school and those without shelter will have a place to sleep. Details for 2024 charities are included in this newsletter. A special thanks to Dan and Charmaine Warmenhoven and Angela McConnell whose support has made it possible for us to have our 2024 fundraiser at Villa Montalvo.

Additional thanks go out to Fran Harvey for his years as Almoner and the creation of the evaluation matrix, Kathy Wiley for saying "Yes" to being the 2024 Almoner, Chris Worrall for his many years as Receiver General and Katrice Groothof for saying "Yes" to being the 2024 Summer Garden Party chair for two years in a row!

Thank you to Chevaliers Chris Citti and John Thomas for hosting our second St. John's Feast Day. Father Tony Mancuso lead a very meaningful prayer service. (Next year our singing will improve.)

Thanks to all who donated to the 2023 Summer Garden Party Auction. Photos from the super delicious pizza party at the home of Dame Kim Richman and Kurt Smith are included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to all receiving promotions in 2024 for their continued work to support the Order. We are grateful to all of you for your support in the mission of the Order.



- Allison Abbott Kline, Dame of Justice
- Valerie Burniece, Dame of Justice
- Chris Carroll, Knight of Honor
- Caroline Macnab, Dame Commander of Justice
- Ray Mendoza, Knight of Justice
- Kathy Wiley, Dame of Justice

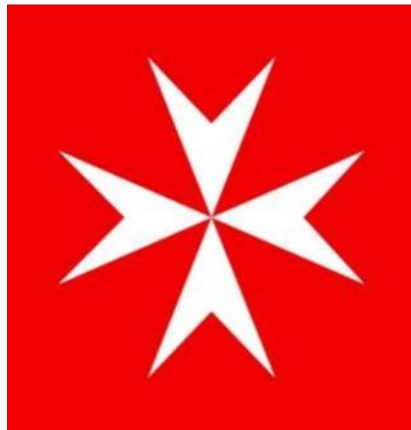
And special recognition to Dame Dennise Carter for her generosity to the Commandery since joining in 1999, the Certificate of Recognition.

If you have any questions about promotions, please see the following on the international website: <https://www.sosjinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Leadership-Progression-June-2023-2.pdf>

If you have any questions, please email me at sosj.stjoseph@gmail.com.
Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer. We will see you at Villa Montalvo on Friday, September 27 (if not before).

With my deep gratitude for your support and prayers,

Kristi



St. Joseph Commandry Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – Summer Social – Mark your calendars for the first St. Joseph Commandry Summer Social of 2024 Held at the home of Chevalier Jeffrey Strawn and Elizabeth Strawn's home. Look forward to great friendship, food and libations with fellow members and potential aspirants. Please bring a dish and bottle of wine to share. Address: 848 Lilac Way, Los Gatos, CA. RSVP to Strawnmail@comcast.net. For questions only: (408) 838-1051.

September 5-8, 2024 Sovereign Council Meeting Brisbane Australia

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

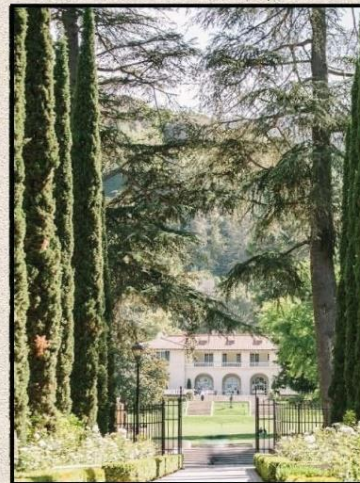
St. Joseph Commandry Summer Garden Party Save The Date

FRIDAY - SEPT. 27TH 2024

A KNIGHT AT THE VILLA

Discover the magic of Montalvo
where the past meets the present.

Summer is here and we are excited to be hosting our Summer Garden Party at Villa Montalvo. Please join us for a spectacular evening together as we raise funds for this year's charities in our mission to be of service to the sick and the poor.



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2024 – Charity Selections from the desk of Almoner Dame Kathy Wiley



HEARTS & MINDS
ACTIVITY CENTER

Hearts and Minds Center (formerly Alzheimer's Activity Center)

This is a past recipient. The center is a large capacity adult day care center licensed to serve 150 persons per day. However, since the pandemic, Hearts & Minds had to severely limit the daily number served. The Center is requesting funds to repurpose a significant section of their outdoor yard. The proposed project is to cover the lawn space with a louvered roof that can be operated electronically. This will increase their activity space by 1320 feet. The Center has received a grant from the CA Department of Aging and is requesting \$65,884 to finish the project.



Lupus Foundation of Northern California

The mission of the Lupus Foundation is to be a premier source of information on lupus by providing programs and services to educate, promote lupus awareness and patient and family support. The organization also supports others with autoimmune diseases. The organization uses technology to deliver many of their programs. They requested \$6100 to purchase new computers, monitors, keyboards and mice.



Grace Solutions

Grace Solutions serves the unhoused in downtown San Jose. Grace has an Emergency Shelter program in the winter. The shelter is run in the gymnasium in their buildings. Grace is expanding their program to accommodate women in separate rooms. The project will include beds, mattresses, sleeping bags, hygiene supplies, other kitchen and cleaning equipment. The total cost of the project is \$80,000. They have received \$33,000 and are requesting \$47,000 to complete the project.

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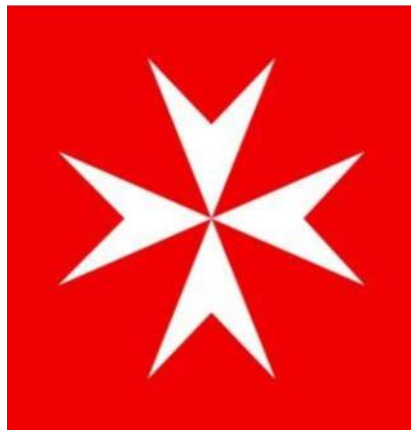
Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Senior Services

Yu-Ai Kai is a 50-year-old private 501(c)3 non-profit providing supportive services and activities for seniors in Japantown and Santa Clara County older adult population. They provide approximately 2500 cooked on-site fresh meals on-site monthly. The kitchen is over 30 years old and they need to replace the freezer, 55-cup rice cooker, can storage rack, kitchen sink and kitchen wall panel. They also transport meals through Meals On Wheels and need Thermal Food Transport Bags. They are requesting \$48,000 to upgrade the kitchen.



Live Oak Adult Day Services

This request comes from the Live Oak Adult Day Services center in Willow Glen. The center has been in use for 23 years and needs upgrades to the facility. The property perimeter fence needs to be replaced. Also, the flooring in the program room has become worn down and the clients and staff can't push the chairs up to the tables. They are requesting \$25,000 for the upgrades.



Pizza Party

Held at the home of Dame Kim Richman and Kurt Smith.



April 5, 2024 A Trip to Filoli

Our SOSJ Excursions team of Kim Worrall and Helen Lambert organized a day of sunshine and flowers at the historic Filoli Gardens.



June 23, 2024 Second Annual Feast of Saint John

Held at the home of Chevalier Christopher Citti and Chevalier John Thomas. This celebration was officiated by Father Anthony Mancuso. The day was a beautiful one and this years' service was an especially spiritual one in nature. The responsory portion of the service had everyone responding and then alternating responses from only the Knights and then only the Dames in a back and forth that was inspiring to everyone present.



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Congratulations Are In Order!

Kelly Dippel

On Wednesday, June 25, the San Jose Rotary named Kelly Dippel the "Red Badger of the Year." She is rekindling the Service to Seniors Committee. The purpose of the Red Badge program is to help new members get better acquainted with Sunrise Rotary and its members. The program gets its name from the Red ring around the outer edge of the Rotary Badge given to each new member.

By serendipity, two of the three charities the Rotary committee is focusing on are two we named as 2024 grantees: Hearts and Minds and Live Oak Adult Care!

Congratulations Kelly Dippel!

