



ST. JOSEPH

COMMANDERY NEWSLETTER



November 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



It has been quite a year. I'd like to thank Kristi Hernandez for all she's done for our St. Joseph's Commandery during her time as our Commander! I'm also offering a big thanks to the committee that elected me as your new commander. It's a proud and humbling appointment and I look forward to what we will accomplish this year and in the future.

In this newsletter you will see some of the pictures from July when the Strawn's held a Summer Social.

Please also enjoy the pictures from our Summer Garden Party at Villa Montalvo and thanks to all the good people who helped the sick and the poor by bidding so generously this year. Included in this newsletter are some of the tangible things we have been able to accomplish with your generosity.

A special thank you to Katrice Groothof and her committee for putting on such a spectacular event for the second year in a row.

Please review the calendar of upcoming events and save the dates so you can make plans for them. Our next big event will be the December 11th Christmas Party at the home of Chris Citti and John Thomas. There will be good food, good company, and some special entertainment. I encourage you to bring along potential aspirants. It will be a memorable and enjoyable evening!

Until then, I wish you a meaningful Thanksgiving.

Yours in St. John,

Ray Mendoza



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Save the Date!

*Priory of the Western United States of America and
Priory of the San Francisco Area*

Invite you to a joint-Priory Investiture on April 25 - 26, 2025

Please mark your calendar now for an Investiture of Aspirants

Friday, April 25

11:30am - 1:30pm	By Invitation Aspirant Lunch at The Westin Marriott
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Aspirant Rehearsal at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph
6:30pm - 9:30pm	Welcome Reception at the San Jose Museum of Art

Saturday, April 26

1:00pm - 3:00pm	Investiture Ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph
4:30pm - 9:00pm	Reception and Gala Dinner at The Westin Marriott

Formal Invitations will be sent out soon.



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CELEBRATING OUR PROMOTED KNIGHTS/DAMES

On August 30 of this year those who were promoted in the Spring celebrated each other at Kristi and Larry Hernandez' home.

A toast was made to Kristi Hernandez to thank her for her leadership as Saint Joseph's Commander. A toast was also made to Ray Mendoza as our incoming new Commander.

- 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



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ST. JOSEPH COMMANDERY PROJECTS

In 2023, St. Joseph's Commandery dedicated funds to complete the playground for Mt. Pleasant Elementary School. We are pleased to announce that this work has been completed as shown in the pictures below.



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SUMMER SOCIAL AT THE STRAWNS'





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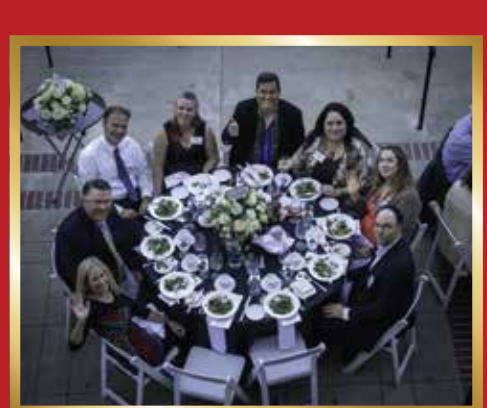




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