



St John

THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM

A serving Order of Chivalry under the British Crown:

- Membership bestowed by the Order's sovereign head, HM Queen Elizabeth II
- Founded on Christian principles around 1090, treating members of any faith and helping the sick and the poor
- First Great Principle: *Pro Fide* (For the Faith), Second Great Principle: *Pro Utilitate Hominum* (In the Service of Humanity)

International Charity providing health care and support services:

- Currently in 40 countries with 350,000 volunteers/staff
- Annually reaching 4.3 million people, and treating 1.78 million
- United Nations-accredited NGO (Non-Governmental Organization)



The Priory in the USA of the Order of St John:

- One of the Order's 11 Pories, with 1,300 Members
- Provides financial assistance to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza
- Provides Members with opportunities for service through the St John Volunteer Corps

Primary Mission: To support St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in its mission to combat preventable blindness by treating squints, lazy eye, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and congenital eye diseases.

Inquiries Welcome: Contact the Priory at 202-510-9691.

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital: Was established in Jerusalem in 1882 by Queen Victoria on site of medieval hospital founded by the Order of St John during the Crusades.

- Leading charitable provider in the region, JCI (Joint Commission International) Accreditation
- Annually treats more than 124,000 patients, 30% children
- Performs more than 5,200 major operations per year
- Over 230 medical, nursing, administrative and support staff

Hospitals in East Jerusalem and Hebron (West Bank)

Static Clinics in Anabta (West Bank) and Gaza

Mobile Outreach Program, with clinic-level medical vans, serving isolated West Bank communities.

Groundbreaking Interfaith Education Programs

Medical Residency Program: Trains Palestinian doctors as ophthalmic specialists. Residents rotate among several Jerusalem hospitals, notably Hadassah Medical Center and al-Quds University, and others. Provides comprehensive ophthalmic training, direct connection with Israeli and Palestinian colleagues and patients.

Specialist Ophthalmic Nursing Program: Trains local nurses as ophthalmic specialists. Unique one-year specialty curriculum is accredited by University of West London.

Peace in Sight: Researches genetic eye disease through Hadassah Medical Center Fellowship.

Hospital Visits Welcomed: Contact the Priory at 202-510-9691.