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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my brother knights throughout the world I bring greetings from the officers of the Supreme Commandery!

I would like to start this article out by thanking all of the bowlers who participated in the National Bowling Tournament on the weekend of April 26 – 28, 2013 in Lorain, Ohio. The local tournament committee headed up by Past Supreme President Frank Waseleski did a great job and we want to thank them for their fine effort for this year's tournament.

Additionally, I want to congratulate all of the newly elected Grand Commandery officers in the Indiana, Michigan, Cincinnati, Kentucky, New York and all other Grand Commanderies that have had their conventions this year. The Supreme Commandery wishes all of you well on your successful administrations.

It has come to my attention that some of the newer commanderies do not, as yet, have approved by-laws. I would ask that all of those commanderies that do not have approved by-laws work to finalize them and submit them to our Supreme Secretary, Lt. Gen. Thomas Zdanowicz. Also, I would ask that all newly formed commanderies submit by-laws for approval within 6 months to 1 year after they have been granted their charter.

Please remember that the July Supreme Board meeting is just around the corner. I would like to remind all of the Supreme Committees to be prepared with a summary report of their activities since the November meeting.

I would like to focus this article on the basic tenets of the Knights of St. John International, namely, Fraternity, Unity and Charity. As we examine current events happening around us, we might see that these tenets (or pillars of Knighthood) are slowly being eroded. I would like to reinforce the meanings of these pillars that we originally learned in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree rituals and ask all of my brother knights to reexamine how you are living out these three ideals to

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

When my Commandery decided to host the 2013 New York Grand Convention, I jumped at the chance to chair the event. I wanted it to be the best, most elegant, elaborate affair that the New York Grand had ever had.

As anyone who has ever chaired a convention on any level knows, there comes a time when you are faced with minimal registrations, a paltry number of room reservations, the hotel chef pushing you for a dinner count and you are sure that you are heading for a bust.

I shared my stress with a dear family friend, originally from India. She could see that I was on edge, under pressure, a bit touchy and overall, stressed out. She told me to relax and shared an old Indian proverb. *"Everything will be all right in the end. And, if it's not all right it's not yet the end!"*

Coming up fast and furious is the July 13th Supreme Board Meeting in Columbus, OH. Can't wait to see old friends, but we also have a lot of important issues that need to be discussed, as this meeting will be the starting point for a busy year of preparing for the 2014 Convention. The Constitution has the need for clarification and strengthening in many sections. We must all, not only the Constitution Revision Committee, role up our sleeves to tackle this task. There is much work that challenges us and we will be calling on all of you to assist and add input.

Supreme Officers, Dale Gossiaux, Terry McCann and I are also headed to West Africa this August. I am sure that Dale and Terry are going through the same apprehensions on what to expect, just as I did prior to my 2009 visit. That trip provided me the opportunity to learn first hand what a loving, caring people our brothers and sisters in West Africa are. I look forward for the opportunity to visit Sierra Leone for the first time and to return to good friends in Ghana and Nigeria. The warmth and respect that Tim Hoerst and I experienced was chock full of good memories and will never be forgotten. One bit of advice that I share with Dale and Terry is to keep your camera in your pocket.

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

The celebrations of the Easter season and Pentecost is over. We now return to the season of Ordinary Time. What does this mean for us? Do we return to our ordinary lives, just as it was before the Lenten and Easter seasons began? Will we be like Peter who said to the other disciples after the resurrection of Jesus Christ: "I am going fishing."

Peter said this growing impatient for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He was going to return to what was most familiar to him: fishing.

Little did Peter realized that his life would drastically change. Little did he realized that he would be in the forefront preaching the word of Jesus Christ and bringing people to Jesus while transforming their lives. Little did he realized that much responsibility would be laid upon his shoulders. His thought of going fishing was not what he thought it would be. Returning to his ordinary life was not in his future. His going fishing would be throwing the bait (the Word of Jesus) to anyone who would listen, then catching them to experience a spiritual newness in their lives.

Peter assisted in the growth of the Church. Through his speech and actions, Peter brought many people to believe in Jesus Christ and assisted them on their spiritual journey toward the Kingdom. As a witness to Jesus Christ, Peter helped people to believe in Jesus, nourished their belief, and encouraged thousands to do the same.

During the season of Lent we were called to transform our lives, believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and deepened our relationship with Him. During the season of Easter, we celebrated a new life in Jesus Christ, receiving into our lives, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, our Hope to the hopeless. We were challenged to share that Light with others.

We then concluded the season of Easter with the celebration of Pentecost. Jesus breathed upon His disciples the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In turn they

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March 2013 thru June 2013

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1ST LIEUTENANT VINCE BINDER SUPREME UNDER-SECRETARY OF RITUALS

The Supreme Secretariat of the Supreme Commandery is proud to announce and introduce 1st Lieutenant Vince Binder as the new Supreme Under-Secretary of Rituals.

Vince has served the Knights of St. John in the Buffalo Grand since being installed on April, 1994. His grandfather, Noble Sgt. Robert Solo, was his sponsor. He is a member of the 4th Degree Order of the Chevaliers and the Noble Order - Buffalo Temple.

The Knights of St. John has played a role in almost every facet of this man's life. At his grandfather's funeral, Vince was presented with his sword and wore it until the day he was commissioned an officer. In 2009, as Sgt. Major, he was married to Karen Ann Hummel, in full military uniform, with four brother knights in his wedding party and sixteen uniformed knights forming a full honor guard. Noble Knight, Rev. Steven Frenier conducted the wedding ceremony at St. Francis Church in Athol Springs, NY.

Vince is an active Knight serving our Order at all levels, Commandery, Regimental and Grand. We now welcome him to the Supreme. We know that he will serve us well.

Welcome.



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became His witnesses of faith, truth, hope, and proclaimers of His Holy Word.

My fellow Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary, as believers in Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded that we are His witnesses today. To a fragile world filled with hopelessness, lack of faith, terrorism, war, and disrespect for human life, we are the modern day disciples of faith

and truth. We are Christ's witnesses proclaiming His word, demonstrating our faith and living up to the values and mission of our patron St. John.

We must be about Jesus, and not about titles or the size of our commandery. We must be fishers for Christ inviting others to know and believe in the One we follow: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I thank you for your faith, your charity to the needy, your concern for the hopeless and those in need. I thank you

for your commitment to the Roman Catholic Church.

May God continue to bless each of you, your families and your commanderies. Keep the faith, know it, understand it, and proclaim it. Continue to be the modern day witness for Jesus Christ.

God Bless you.

*Msgr. Federico Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Mary Elizabeth Forbes Honored

Not often do we read something in the "Journal" that recognizes the deeds of a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. It is not often we have a dedicated member like Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Forbes of Incarnation Ladies' Auxiliary 207. Mrs. Forbes has been a member of Auxiliary 207 for more than 60 years and still has the desire to support her Church and community.

Recently, the Church of the Incarnation celebrated 50 years in which Mrs. Forbes has worked with the parish's St. Vincent DePaul Society. Father John A. Carroll, SSJ, and Mrs. Yvonne Scott, Incarnation St. Vincent DePaul Society President, presented Mrs. Forbes with a Special Achievement Award and Commemorative Medal from the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

During the presentation, Father Carroll stated: *"50 years of being concerned with and helping the less fortunate is something to admire and commemorate. The Lord Jesus told us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. To do so is a mark of a faithful disciple. Thank you Elizabeth."*

Ordination

The Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was filled with family members, guests and well-wishers who gathered to celebrate Mass and the ordination of



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Forbes receiving St. Vincent DePaul Society Awards from Mrs. Yvonne Scott and Father John A. Carroll.

seven seminarians of the Society of Saint Joseph (SSJ) of the Sacred Heart (*Josephites*). All of the candidates for ordination are from Nigeria. Many in the pews were wearing traditional African dress.

More than 40 Josephite priests, brothers, deacons, seminarians, and the principal celebrant the Most Reverend John Ricard, SSJ, Bishop Emeritus of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida, processed down the aisle behind the candidates. Ordained to the priesthood were: Father George-Bede Ajurchi, SSJ; Father Emmanuel Olorunesan Awe, SSJ; Father Hyginus Boboh, SSJ; Father Cornelius Kelechi Wjiogu, SSJ; Fa-

ther Bura Aloysius Koroba, SSJ; Father Anthony Okwum, SSJ; and Father Stephen Remilekum Sole, SSJ.

Father Okwum has been a member of Incarnation Commandery 296 for four years and we are very proud to be associated with him and Father Xavier Edet. Father Edet was ordained to the priesthood in 2012. On June 2, Father Okwum celebrated his first Mass at the Church of the Incarnation and Commandery 296 was the Honor Guard.

Mothers' Day Mass

Washington District Auxiliary #2 and Knights of the Washington Regiment made their annual pilgrimage to the Church of the Incarnation to celebrate *Mother's Day Mass*. Rev. Father John A. Carroll, SSJ, pastor of the Church of the Incarnation celebrated the Mass.

First Maryland Regiment

The Quarterly Regimental Meeting was held on April 21, 2013 at the Knights of Saint John Hall in Bowie, Maryland.

Commandery Activities:

St. Catherine Of Alexandria Cleaning -

In response to a request made by Fr. Robert Kosty, Pastor, the Knights of Commandery #309 beau-



Comm. #309 Knights and Fr. Robert Kosty at St. Catherine Hall.

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Owerri Grand Commandery

Osina town in Ideato Local Government Area of Imo state paid host to a group of 146 gentlemen and 126 ladies from various Local Commanderies and Ladies Auxiliaries who had aspired for the past 12 months to be initiated into the first degree of the Order of Knights of St John International. They arrived on Thursday 25th October and had their outing mass on Sunday the 28th of October. The Grand Executive led by our ebullient and articulate Brig General, C.C. Onwuneme, the degree team led by a very strict, no non-sense Brig Gen. Eugene Emenalo, guided us through the four days spiritual retreat while Noble Lady Tessy Emenalo led the Ladies Auxiliary. The Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Njoku in his dogged and undaunted way dictated the pace of our spiritual enrichment with confessions, Rosary procession and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in tandem with the October devotion.

The venue of this year's initiation is Bonus Pastor Seminary with Rev.

Fr. Dr. Josephat Ndinjoku as the Rector and immensely assisted the Spiritual Director in company with the spiritual Adviser of #635 Bodo. St. Michael's commandery #532 and Ladies Auxiliary # 454 Urualla were the hosts.

The theme of the initiation is "If you love, keep my commandments" Jn. 14:15 which Rev Fr. Dr. Walter Ihejirika x-rayed exhaustively in his lecture. During one of the drills muster, and inspection, the joint board took time in company of the Spiritual Director to pay a courtesy visit to the bishop of Orlu diocese, Most Rev Dr. Augustine Ukwuoma who welcomed us warmly and reminded the Knights of their roles in assisting the parish priests and to act as co-custodians of Evangelization.

At the outing Mass, the spiritual Director took his reflection from the Gospel Reading of the day Mark 10: 46-52 "Master let me see again". He dwelt on the deep rooted faith exhibited by Bartimaeus the blind man, on how he had to throw away the

cloak that shielded him from cold and relied on Jesus's- Faith filled tenacity par excellence- which never failed a blind man. He reminded that whenever we focus solidly on Jesus, we shall never fail.

At the end of the outing Mass, the newly initiated brothers were presented for blessing and had Bro Godwin Ifeanyichukwu Ararume named as their squad leader (a senator in the Nigerian Upper house) and Bro Kevin Ikechukwu Amuka (an honorable member of Imo state house of assembly) among those initiated

The Grand commandery's charity included the distribution of food relief materials to flood affected commandery areas of Baylesa, Rivers, Imo states to the tune of N548,500 and a cash donation of N1,450,000 outside few personal donations to the institution. It was a rewarding retreat.

*Col. F. M. P. Akpaka
Grand Secretary*

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tified the exterior of the church by power washing it on Saturday, March 16, 2013. The cleaning was timely for the celebration of Easter.

Holy Thursday Mass Celebration -

During Mass at Sacred Heart Church located in La Plata, Maryland twelve Knights (six Knights of Saint John International and six Knights of Columbus) participated in the washing of the feet symbolizing Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles.

New Member -

At the Commandery meeting on April 14, 2013, Mr. John Briscoe was installed.

Fund Raising Programs -

Commandery #309 in unity with Sacred Heart Junior Auxiliary #51 sponsored a successful Gospel Program on March 24, 2013. The event was well attended and there was good food for sale. On April 6, 2013, Commandery #309 sponsored their annual Fish Fry. A bus trip to At-

lantic City, New Jersey took place on April 27, 2013. The Commandery is currently planning for the annual Crab Feast in September.

Mother's Day Mass -

Knights of Commandery #309 made their annual pilgrimage to St. Catherine of Alexandria to celebrate Mother's Day Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert Kosty, Pastor. Commandery #309 Knights and Fr. Robert Kosty at St. Catherine Hall.

Please Remember:

When we gather to meet or to socialize keep in mind those Broth-

ers and Sisters who are ill, or confined to their residence or to a private nursing home. They will appreciate your telephone calls, personal visits or cards to show that they are not forgotten. But most of all keep them in your prayers.

*Ron Taylor, President
Incarnation Commandery 296
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Sacred Heart Commandery 309*

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Enugu Grand Commandery

Knights and their Ladies auxiliary of Enugu Grand Commandery of the Knights of St John International led by their leaders Brig. General P. S. Nwajagu converged at the Daughters of Divine Love Retreat and Conference Centre DRACC for their 2-day annual Lenten retreat from 22nd - 24th March 2013.

The retreat comprised stations of the cross, private meditations, prayer and reflections as well as spiritual talks on *"Obstacles to group dynamism, the way forward"*, by Rev. Fr. Libratus Isife, on *"Using my gift to the Glory of God and Working in Line with the Divine Agenda"*, by Rev. Fr. Simon Amobi Umuayo, talk on *"Heavenly Vision, Our Hope of Glory"* by Col. C. A Nwokocha, Grand first vice president Enugu Grand Commandery, as well as a talk on *"Growing in the Order"* by Col. Linus Ohanehi, past Grand Master of the Nigeria Temple and first Sergeant-at-Arms of Nigeria Grand Commandery. Those were followed by group discussions. The retreat closed with Holy Mass on Palm Sunday on 24th March 2013.

It was flagged off with a group session of stations of the cross with sisters of DDL followed by a talk on obstacles to group dynamism, the way forward" given by Rev. Fr. Liberatus Isife. He used the imagery of the animal code to detail unhelpful behavior and nuisances that affect group dynamism and recommended that we learn to accommodate others not tolerate them; be humble and submissive to constituted authority; try to be a bridge builder; face and conquer ones weakness and like the "story of the eagle" get rid of old memories, habits and other past traditions and embrace change. Only



freed from past burdens can we take advantage of the present, he concluded.

In his welcome address to the 2013 Lenten Retreat of Enugu Grand and Grand Ladies Auxiliary Commanderies, Brig. Gen. P. S. Nwajagu welcomed delegates/participants and reminded them that retreat was part of Jesus Christ's weapon during his ministry on Earth. He charged the Knights and Ladies to take advantage of the retreat, be more fervent in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, while he wished all fruitful deliberations.

Rev. Fr. Umuayo in his paper opined that no matter our gifts, which may be spiritual, natural or acquired, that we will be tempted by the devil. He said our Lord Jesus Christ despite being filled by the Holy Spirit was tempted by the devil (Luke 4:1-13) and concluded that no one was above temptation. He suggested that we conquer ourselves as the enemy within is the greatest, conquer the seven deadly sins

of pride, anger, envy, gluttony, lust, sloth and greed; and bridle our pride and avoid the three agents of temptation namely pleasure, wealth, popularity or power.

In conclusion, Fr. Umuayo said as Knights and Ladies who are exalted in the eyes of the people, we should expect temptation following our various gifts from God as Jesus our Lord was similarly tempted. But that we should use prayers, humility and obedience and bridle our pride and passions to surmount. Pray to God to help us conquer self.

In his paper, Col. Ohanehi said growing in the order involves passing through and being passed through by the discipline, norms, purposes and usages of the Order. He made references to the scripture – Gospels of Mathew, Mark and Luke. He advised the Knights and Ladies to "light the candle rather than curse the darkness" – to remember the good things that come to them and bring something that will enliven the downhearted. To make somebody happy everyday even if that body was yourself. He defined discipline as the training of mind and character to produce obedience and self control.

Earlier on Sunday, March 10, 2013 first Regiment of Enugu Grand Commandery turned out close to 150 Knights and Ladies who participated in the Enugu Diocesan Lenten Retreat at the popular Ugwudinto at Eke on the outskirts of Enugu.



Col. Innocent Diyoke
Grand Secretary

Michigan Grand Commandery

The Michigan Grand Commandery held its biennial convention April 6th and 7th at the Motor City Casino Convention Center in Detroit. We were most pleased to welcome Lieut. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, who made the journey from Buffalo to attend both days of our convention. Delegates and Presidents representing all the Commanderies in the Grand were present, including those from St. Alphonsus Commandery #42 who made the long trip from Minnesota to attend their first Grand Convention. The business meeting on Saturday opened and closed with the moving ceremony of posting and retiring the colors; the Color Guard consisted of Sgts. Douglas Halleux, William Majkowki, Jr., Thomas Gossiaux and Douglas Halleux. The following were elected to office in the Grand Commandery:

President, Brig. Gen. Sean Dey; 1st Vice President, Col. Brian Stehlin; 2nd Vice President, Vincent Binsfeld; Secretary, Col. Michael Dudek; Treasurer, Cpt. Clifford Wenner; Trustees Sgt. Thomas Gossiaux, Tony Salemi, Col. Donald Stehlin, Brig. Gen. Ernest Stehlin Jr., Emmanuel Sudue; Judge Advocate, Maj. Gen. Charles O'Neil; Guard, Sgt. Adam Bush; Messenger, Joseph Dudek; Sergeant-at-Arms, Maj. Ronald Michels.



Second and Third Degree Class.

Sunday's liturgy at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church was celebrated by Fr. Leroy Mooreuw. Our corporate Communion included the exemplification of the second and third degrees; General Dale Gossiaux was Grand Master. Augustus Cole, Sr., Joseph Dudek, Vincent Iteghete, Augie Migliori, Peter Nyemah, Emmanuel Sudue and Timothy Sudue received the

degrees, and Fr. Mooreuw imparted the blessing on each candidate. I want to thank Brig. Gen. Eugene Sniezyk for making it possible for us to attend Mass and exemplify the degrees at his parish of Sweetest Heart of Mary; to Michael Dudek for making all the arrangements at the Convention Center; and to Tom DeLuca for joining us. I must thank Eugene Sniezyk and Gen. Dale Gossiaux for their advice, assistance and promptings over the past two years; I will be calling on them many times over the next two years as I continue to learn about the duties of a Grand President.

Last January, at the joint installation of officers dinner, held in Eastpointe, Michigan, following the installation of Commandery officers, Ernest Stehlin, Jr., President of St. Isaac Jogues Commandery #239, presented the highest award of our Order, the Jewel of Honor, to Dale Gossiaux, Ronald Michels, Brian Stehlin and Sean Dey. On behalf of all I thank Ernest Stehlin and the Jewel of Honor Committee for recommending us for this honor, which is at once humbling and inspiring.



Gen. Dale Gossiaux and Lt. Gen. Tom De Luca and officers of the Michigan Grand Commandery at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church.

*Sean Dey, President
Michigan Grand*

Kentucky Grand Commandery

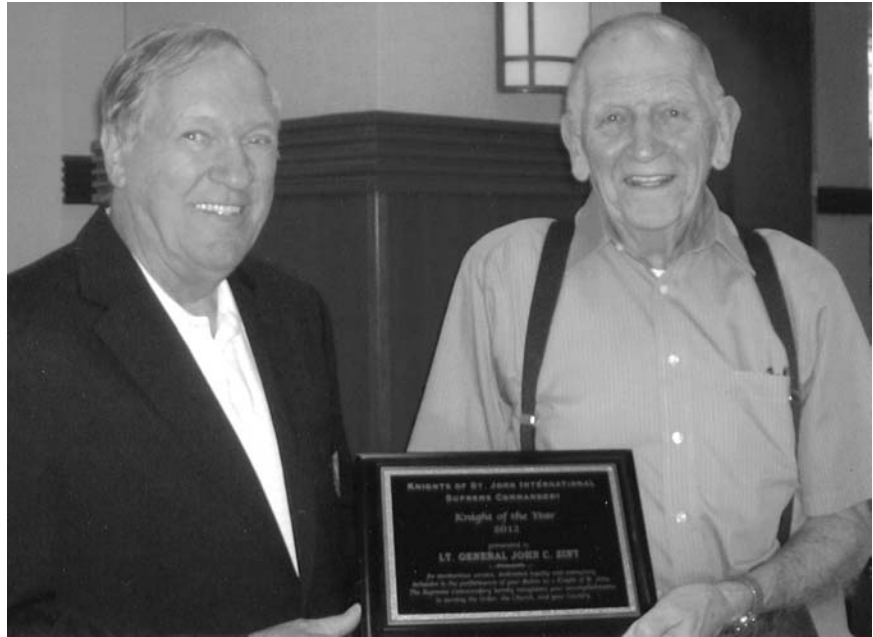
Jack Zint was named the International Knight of the Year by the Knights of Saint John at the 2012 International Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

A reception was held at Blessed Sacrament Church Undercroft, Fort Mitchell, Ky. to honor Jack for being given this award since he was unable to attend the Convention. The Zint family, friends, and Brother Knights from Cincinnati Grand & Kentucky Grand, Commanderies joined to pay tribute to Jack for his long dedication and service to the Knights of Saint John, family, church, and community.

Jack is a member of St. Claire Parish Council, Bereavement Committee, Director Building and Grounds, Usher, Finance Committee, and St. Vincent de Paul.

He served in the U.S. Army two years, served with Cincinnati Recreation, and helped establish two scholarships at Holy Cross and St. Henry High Schools.

For the Knights of St. John he has served as Supreme 1st and 2nd Vice President, Supreme Trustee, a member of the Supreme President Staff, and has been at a number of Supreme Conventions. Jack has been Kentucky Grand President for two terms, 2nd District officer, and Grand Master of the Noble Degree (Cin., Ky, Ind.) He has received 1st 2nd 3rd Degrees and Noble Degree. He is an annual volunteer at the 4th



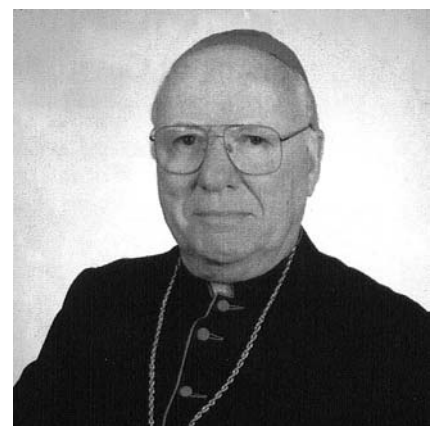
of July festival at the Sisters of Notre Dame, has helped organize the Live Nativity for over 20 years, directed the annual Living Rosary for 6 years, visits and decorates the graves in October of past members of Knights.

At the reception were Henrietta (Hank), Jack's wife of over 60 years, his children, Jay, John Jr., and and five grand children. Also attending from the Knights of Saint John were Supreme President General Tim Hoerst from St. Peter & Paul Church in Reading, also past Su-

preme President General Dan Vaske, Kentucky Grand President Jerry Moser, past Grand Presidents Jim Kiger, Jim and Bill; along with members from Commandery # 94 of which Jack has been a member for 68 years and the Uniform Rank for 58 years.

*Jim Kiger, Past President
Kentucky Grand*

Most Reverend William A. Hughes, D.D., 91, passed away on February 7, 2013 at Carmel Manor Nursing Home in Fort Thomas, KY. Bishop William Hughes attended St. Charles Seminary in Baltimore, MD & St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland, OH. He was ordained on April 6, 1946 at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, OH. He was appointed as Bishop of Covington on March 13, 1979 and installed in the Diocese of Covington on May 8, 1979. Bishop Hughes retired as the eighth Bishop of Covington on July 4, 1995. Bishop Hughes was born September 23, 1921 in Youngstown, OH to the late James and Anna (nee: Philbin) Hughes. He is survived by his Sister, Patricia Brown and many nieces, nephews & friends. On February 15, 2013, a Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption followed by a reception at the Covington Latin School. He was laid to rest in the St. Mary's Cemetery Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.



SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 26 to 28, 2013 – Lorain, Ohio

The National Sports Committee would like to thank the local committee headed by Gen. Frank Waseleski and Brig. Gen. Don Butcher for hosting this yearly event for us, and the employees and staff of both the Ramada/Elyria and Rebman Recreation Center.

On Friday evening the Supreme Officers match games were held, a good crowd was on hand for this event, in which the men came out with a victory, a good time was had by all who attended. Following bowling a hospitality room was held at the hotel, this event was very well attended.

On Saturday the Doubles and Singles event were held starting at 10:00AM, before bowling, Supreme President General Dale Gossiaux of Michigan welcomed everyone to Ohio and thanked the local committee for all their hard work, making all the necessary preparations, so that everyone will have a good time. The number of participants was up from last year, there were several new faces this year hopefully they had some fun and will attend the tournaments yearly. After bowling the committee opened their hospitality room for our enjoyment, again the room was packed with bowlers and friends of the Knights. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

On Sunday the Team Event took place starting at 10:00AM, we had twenty-five teams participate in this event which is the most we have had in a while.

The lanes for the events were in excellent shape we had numerous big games thrown but two in particular stood out. On Saturday Lionel Dorsey of Maryland shot a 298 game, while on Sunday William Waters of Maryland shot a 299 game. Great bowling guys.

The tournament next year will be held in Buffalo, New York on April 25, 26 and 27, 2014. As soon as information becomes available it will be printed in the Journal. Hopefully every Grand will send at least one team to participate in this event.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed your stay in Ohio, and that each and everyone returned home safely, looking forward to seeing everyone in 2014.

*The National Sports Committee, Joe Schmitt, Chairman,
Ed Schmitt and George Schmitt, Assistants*

The winners of this year's tournament are:

Team Event – One Strike Away – Capt. James Stevenson, Thomas Dotson, Dexter Fleet, and William Waters from Maryland with a score of 2247 scratch plus 609 handicap for a total of 2856.

Doubles Event – Bill Gilles and John Gilles of Ohio with a score of 1213 scratch plus 228 handicap for a total of 1441.

Singles Event - (High Three w/HDCP) – Jim Stehlin of Michigan with a score of 702 scratch plus 90 handicap for a total of 792.

High Single Game- (Actual Pins) – Eddie Imbrunone of Michigan with a score of 279.

High Three Games- Singles Event - (Actual Pins) – Jim Stehlin of Michigan with a score of 702.

All Events – Buzz Migliori of Michigan with a scratch score of 1536 plus 738 handicap for a total of 2274.



A few photos of a wonderful weekend.



Makurdi Grand Commandery

The Event that Made History in our Land

If we must complete the history of Makurdi Grand Commandery, we shall recall some very important issues, among them was the first appearance of members of the Knights of St. John International at the installation of the first indigenous Catholic Bishop of Makurdi Diocese Most Rev. Athanasius Usuh as Co-adjutor Bishop. Led by the then Worthy President Brother Emmanuel Ezeabikwa of St Theresa Commandery 452 Jos these Catholic men well dressed and smart in action attracted Catholic men from Makurdi Diocese who started to aspire to join the group under Jos Local Commandery about three or four hours drive from Makurdi. This was a most interesting period as those who handled the aspirants treated them as new entrants into the Catholic faith. The training was both spiritual and physical. After some time the effort was rewarded with the initiation of five brothers into St. John the Baptist Squad in June, 1990. The lucky brothers were: Stephen Adole, Innocent Ama, Pius Ukpele, Ignatius Ojeikpo and Late Matthew Uka. These are very senior brothers who are still contributing their quota in the order except Matthew who has joined the ranks of the dead. Shortly after, in August 1990 nineteen brothers and a Reverend Father were initiated.

The men in the second batch of initiation were: Brothers John Mondeigh, Michael Egbeobi, Benard Omaie, Simon Aondona, Jerome Hwande, Innocent Agev, Paulinus Mbah, Augustine Adiekwe, Sebastian Ibem, Boniface Anaeto, Philip Shinyi, Felix Gbillah and Godwin Nen-na. Others were: Philip Osakwe (expelled) Michael Okpara, (resigned). Those who have joined the ranks of the dead are: Rev. Fr. Alred Ashe, Brothers Benjamin Ejembi, Louis Uchubailo, Patrick Nyam, and Joseph Ibout. These twenty four (24) men made the first most indigenous Local Commandery in the Northern part of Nigeria called Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Commandery 486 Makurdi.

It will be recalled that Col. Francis Adaji and Late brother Semion Bai who were indigenes of Benue State were already initiated members of this pious organization in Commandery 452 Jos.

Commandery 486 was thus inaugurated in 1991 in a colourful ceremony at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathe-



Bishop William Avenya admires Captain and Lady Akume after Mass.

dral by the then Nigerian Grand President Brigadier General (Late) Bob Edinkemmelu (may his soul rest in peace). Col. Francis Adaji was the first Worthy President of this Local Commandery. It was from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Commandery 486 Makurdi that Local Commanderies were later created in Otukpo, Gboko, and Lafia. The work continued and we have thirteen Local Commanderies under the Makurdi Grand Commandery as at now. In our subsequent publications we shall tell you how these commanderies were born.

Twenty One Gun Salute to Birg. Gen. N.N.N. Nwanesi

We can continue to express our gratitude for the creation of Makurdi Grand Commandery but let it be on record that a gentleman came in to necessitate the reality of the dream. In his first term in office as Abuja Grand President, Brigadier General N.N.N. Nwanesi pursued the creation of Makurdi Grand Commandery with every sincerity. We were not surprised when his dream came true and he will remain fresh in the minds of the people who own Makurdi Grand Commandery. It is not an easy task for creation of a new Grand Commandery but this gentleman made efforts to divide his Grand Commandery even from the date he was installed as Grand President. Abuja Grand Commandery had two Regiments: 1st Regiment with Headquarters in Abuja and 2nd Regiment with headquarters in

Makurdi respectively. On ascending the throne, he instructed that all matters requiring the attention of Grand President in the 2nd Regiment be reported to his first vice who was in Makurdi to report same to him for action. As such the first vice assumed the powers of a Grand President in the 2nd Regiment reporting always to the Grand President. The two had a very cordial working relationship through which the Brigadier General pursued the cause of creation of the new Grand Commandery. The man can be described as a quiet achiever, a hero of our time and a bull dozer who does not hinder labourers from playing their part in the course of administration. History of Makurdi Grand Commandery will always carry the name of Nwanesi as the HERO who did not hesitate proposing a Grand Commandery for Makurdi and pursuing it to reality. The originator of this work was Major General Dan Okekenta, however, the two can be taken for the biblical Saul and David, while Saul killed thousands David (killed Goliath and he was regarded as having) killed tens of thousands. (1 Samuel 18:7). Although, Okekenta went to every corner and cranny of Benue and Nassarawa States propagating the image of the Order of Knights of St. John International, spending his personal funds to boost the work of evangelization, Nwanesi has taken the bull by the horn to fulfil what was to be a future dream for Makurdi Grand Commandery. Okenkenta's dream to

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liberate the area has become a reality and he too will be remembered for the hard work he did. We give thanks to God and Nwanesi for this fulfilment. We pray that Brigadier General N.N.N. Nwanesi will live long to see the fruit of his labour just as Okekenta has seen his baby grow to maturity. May Major General Dan Okekenta live long as well to see and assess captains of the ship he built. Although his reward is in heaven the Grand Commandery owes him gratitude. Mention must be made of Brigadier General Rev. Fr. Ralph Madu who stood out clearly to support the Grand president in his quest to get his request granted at Supreme Convention in July 2012. We gladly learnt that among other supporters were Major Gabriel Ehilebo whom we owe thanks. Time may warrant us to meet and express our joy together with the people mentioned as we pray for their good health in long life to celebrate their initiative.

In Appreciation for Personal Contributions and the Secretarial Buildup of Makurdi Grand Commandery Secretariat

The date of January 11-13, 2013 will remain memorable for the people of Makurdi Grand Commandery and those who came from far and near to witness the installation of officers and inauguration of the Grand Commandery. We appreciate all who made various contributions towards these cause. We were at HAF Haven Hotel Makurdi owned and managed by one of us Lady Regina Akume of Ladies Auxiliary of St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540 Gboko. Captain Sen. George Akume donated a good number of Hotel rooms at HAF Haven Makurdi for the Supreme Subordinate officers and in other hotels in Makurdi. Other people like Lt. Chinyam Abazar of St. Mary Commandery 674 North Bank Makurdi, Bro. (Hon) Moses Oduh, of St. Stephen commandery 650 Otukpa, Brother Augustine Avaan, Worthy President of St. Gerald Commandery 590 Katsina Ala, Lt. Col. Cletus Tyokyaa, Commander District 40, Lady Lucy Ato, Respected President Auxiliary of Commandery 486 Makurdi and all others we can not mention here now made personal contributions. The Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona and members of the Grand Board wish to on behalf of members of Makurdi Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary express gratitude

to the brothers and sisters for the wonderful show of solidarity. The Grand Commandery wish to in turn appreciate the initiative of the Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona for shouldering the weight of material contribution and financial requirement for the take off of the new Grand Commandery without levying any member. It was on Friday May 11 when the Supreme Subordinate President Major General A.I. Okafor arrived Makurdi and was officially received by the Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona at Apir village a suburb of Makurdi town in a colourful parade mounted by a detachment of selected brothers from various Commanderies. The Supreme Subordinate Secretary Brigadier General Chidi Arinze arrived earlier and was received by the Makurdi Grand Secretary and taken to HAF Haven where he joined the Supreme Subordinate President and other officers. The first official engagement of the Grand Commandery was a preparatory meeting of Recording and Corresponding Secretaries at the instance of the Supreme Subordinate Secretary to sensitise them on the functions required of their offices. We are sincerely appreciative of the initiative taken by General Arinze in salvaging the situation of imparting sense of direction into the young Grand Commandery without which we would have been left to inquire of everything to do in order to meet up with secretarial demands. This gentleman, Arinze, who does not talk much was able to give out what it required of a good secretary that night and answered questions from those present on matters that baffled them. All the thirteen Recording and Corresponding Secretaries attended the meeting which took place at HAF Haven Makurdi. The Grand Secretary of Jos Grand Commandery Col. Chris Onjenwu was in attendance. The secretaries left satisfied and for that the secretariat of the Grand Commandery is firmly built.

Moments of Joy and Sadness

Soon after the inauguration of Makurdi Grand Commandery, the installation of one of her Spiritual Advisers as Bishop took place on February 23, 2013. By the time people of Makurdi Grand Commandery were preparing to celebrate for their creation and inauguration, news came also of creation of two new Catholic Dioceses out of Makurdi Diocese. These Dioceses were created for

Katsina Ala and Gboko. The Spiritual Adviser of Christ the King Commandery 594 Most Rev. Peter Adoboh was appointed Bishop for Katsina Ala Diocese. The Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona was there with the entire membership of the Grand Commandery to grace the occasion of installation of Bishop Adobo and erection of the new Diocese of Katsina Ala. The Catholic Bishop of Gboko Most Rev. William Avenya is also a wonderful man of God who worked with the Knights of St. John in confidence at the time he was Auxiliary Bishop of Makurdi Diocese. He was appointed first Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Gboko and left the planning of the erection of his Diocese in the hands of the Knights of St. John International and Knights of St. Mulumba and, to be sincere, the organization was perfect. The Grand President and the entire membership moved from Katsina Ala to Gboko and were accordingly hosted by the Worthy President of St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540 Gboko Lt. Col. George Welgba for one day. Thanks to the brothers of Commandery 540 for this wonderful show of solidarity and hospitality. The occasion was colourful too.

On a sad note: we have lost three brothers and a sister. On March 19, 2013 Sister Penda of the Ladies Auxiliary of Christ the King Commandery 594 was laid to rest. On March 30, 2013 Brother Simon Igbayima of St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540 Gboko was put to the grave. On April, 5 & 11, 2013 Brothers Dominic Chafa of St. Theresa's Commandery 593 High Level Makurdi and Brother Titus Idoga of St. Charles Commandery 673 Adoka were buried in their respective homes accordingly. The rituals for these burials were attended by members in large numbers. It is our prayer that the souls of our members and the souls of other faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Corrigendum: We are sincerely sorry for the misspelling of ABUJA as (Ajuja) in our last publication. It should not be regarded as a deliberate act as we have nothing as Ajuja among the Grand Commanderies in the World. We regret the embarrassment this might have caused our readers from Abuja Grand Commandery. Col. G.A. Nen-na.

*Col. Godwin Ageebie Nen-na
Makurdi Grand Secretary*

Tamale Grand Commandery

The 13th district of the Tamale Grand Commandery of KSJI in Ghana held a colorful ceremony on the 14th April, 2013 at the OLA Cathedral to present commissions to officers elected in December 2011 for a term of 2 years. The group of 10 gallant gentlemen who received the commissions were drawn from elected officers of District Commandery and Uniform Rank Commanders for three Commanderies within the District as follows: Captain Joseph Bapule (2nd Vice Commander), Captain James Naporo (Uniform Rank Commander 392), 1st Lt. Prosper Dakora (Adjutant), 1st Lt. Paschal Kuundaar (Inspector), 1st Lt. Benedict Konlan (1st Vice Uniform Rank Commander 392), 1st Lt. Robert Agyelgum (paymaster), 2nd Lt. Stephen Danour (quarter master), 2nd Lt. Albert Apatiga (Uniform Rank Commander 492), 2nd Lt. Cuthbert Kuupiel (2nd Vice Uniform Commander 392) and 2nd Lt. Maxwell Kuunyem (Uniform Rank Commander 683).

The commissions were presented to the officers during a Mass celebrated by the District Chaplain, 1st Lt. Fr. Duirmund Sheehan and the Cathedral Administrator, Very Rev. Fr. Matthew



Yirtiereh. The occasion was graced by a smart turn out of Knights and Ladies of the 13th District and District 4 respectively, with the support of the cadets and junior auxiliary.

The day also marked the launch of the 40th anniversary of OLA Cadet Commandery under the theme: *The Cadet Commandery No. 392 @40, Prospects, Challenges and the Way Forward in the Ecclesiastical Province*. The leadership of the Cadets announced a three week programme of activities to mark the celebration.

As part of activities to mark the launch, the cadets planted two seedlings at the forecourt of the cathedral with the able support of the Chaplain.

At the end of the Mass celebrations, the officers and knights present congratulated the newly commissioned officers and posed for photographs with the new officers. There was a socialization event for all knights, ladies, cadets and junior auxiliary to crown a brilliant day.

Col. Joe C. Osei

Cincinnati Grand Commandery

The Cincinnati~Kentucky Grand Convention was held on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at the home of Commandery #59, 423 Pearl Street, Reading, Ohio. After coffee, donuts, and registration, president, Lee Stachler opened the Cincinnati Grand convention with roll call of officers and committee appointments being made. At that point a recess was called and both Grands came together to attend the Eucharistic celebration at Sts. Peter and Paul Church; with a luncheon following.

At 12:15 each Grand once again convened separate meetings with reports and elections. The newly installed officers for the Cincinnati Grand are: President, James Schafhausen; 1st Vice, Jason Rader; 2nd Vice, Emmanuel Toe; Secretary, Robert Brokamp; Treasurer, Richard Bruns; Financial Secretary, Joseph Brokamp; Judge Advocate, Ken Schlarman; Sergeant-at-Arms, Dan Bronner; Messenger, Leo Oberting; Guard, Paul Vitartas; and Trustees, Greg Reissland and Charles Schafhausen.

A special thanks to Supreme President, General Dale Gossiaux, for attending our conventions and presiding over the installations of officers.

From #97 & 98 Columbus, OH

This past January members of Commandery 97 & 98 once again attended the St. Mary's Gala. The evening of food, drink, music, and a silent auction is always very enjoyable. All proceeds go to help support St. Mary's Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio's oldest Catholic School and the home parish of Commandery #98.

Several members from Commandery 98 are also gearing up for the 20th annual Appalachia Project. This program consists of approximately 50 high school and college age youth from Christ the King and St. Catharine parishes and from several high schools in Columbus. During the last week of June, these youth along with an experienced adult staff, journey to Scioto County to do home repairs for the needy in Southern Ohio. Roofing, sid-

ing, flooring, painting, bath and kitchen repairs are only a few of the jobs taken on each year. All supplies are either donated or purchased using money from a stock sale where parishioners invest in the youth, knowing fully where and how their donations are being used.

Along with all our projects, Commanderies 97 & 98 are looking forward to hosting the 2014 Supreme Convention. We are working hard with the Renaissance Hotel, in downtown Columbus, to insure that all have a rewarding and enjoyable time while attending the Board meeting and Supreme Convention, July 21 - 26, 2014.

Fraternally,
Jim Schafhausen
Cincinnati Grand President

From #59 Cincinnati, OH

The 2013 Cincinnati Grand Golf Tournament will be hosted by Commandery #59 at Avon Fields Golf

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Indiana Grand Commandery

On April 5, 6, 7, of 2013 Batesville Commandery 243 hosted our 110th state convention. Friday night was open house and later that evening our bowling tournament was held. Saturday morning a Mass was held for our deceased knight and ladies auxiliaries which was said by Father Rock. After Mass there was registration and breakfast. The convention was open by Batesville President Dan Garteman welcoming all the delegates and giving the gravel to Indiana Grand President Eddie Obermeyer. The Mayor of Batesville then also welcomed all the officers and delegates and hoped that we have a safe and good convention. After roll call of officers and delegates, committee appointments were made and then we adjourned for lunch. After lunch all the committees gave their reports and finding and changing which they were approved. There was then nomination of officers and then elections were held. The new officers for the next two years are, President Larry Neumann; 1st Vice Andy Nobbe; 2nd Vice Matt Trossman; Secretary Dan Nobbe; Financial Secretary Mark Elpers; Treasurer Joe Kraemer; Judge Advocate Roman Nobbe; Messenger Gary Naas; Guard Jerry Knapp; Sergeant Of Arms Paul Glaser And Trustee from the 6th district Steve Luigs. Past Supreme President, Frank Waseleski, then did the swearing in of the new officers. New President Larry Neumann thanked past President Eddie Odermeyer and the other outgoing officers for their past years of service. That evening a banquet was held and served by the Youth Mission Group, the bowling prizes were given out. The children's report was read, and the Knight of the Year was named, he was Chris



Menkedrick from Greenburg Commandery 31. An auction was held and between the 5th and 6th district checks were written to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry for \$300.00 each. After Mass and a Sunday brunch St. Wendel Commandery 282 said they would host the 111th convention for now the dates are April 4th 5th 6th 2014.

*Larry Neumann, President
Indiana Grand*

From 5TH District, Indiana Grand Commandery

Batesville, Oldenburg and Hamburg Commanderies hosted the 26th Annual Jerry Becker Memorial Golf tournament and raised \$3500.00 for the Special Education Classes in our School District.

All commanderies in the 5th District were successful in all their fundraising projects this past year. Listed below are some of the highlights of the events.

Oldenburg Commandery #220 had 4 Uniform members, Bucky & Andy Nobbe, Ron Obermeyer and Matt

Trossman participate in Respect for Life Mass in Indianapolis. The Commandery donated \$160.00 to Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg (private Catholic School) for their annual fund. A breakfast and trap shoots were held to raise funds. We donated \$200.00 to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. John Eckstein was named Commandery Knight of the Year and added three new members to our commandery.

Richmond Commandery #172 continues to host three weekly bingos during the winter months and donated funds to Seton High School Band. During the winter months, entertained at Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties for members and their families. Richmond hosted the 5th District Bowling Tournament this spring.

Hamburg Commandery #276 held an annual pork chop supper and draw-down raffle. Also sponsored a breakfast and trap shoot to raise funds for granting a scholarship.

Batesville Commandery #243 is having breakfasts and trap shoots, plus fish fries to raise funds for our events. We made a donation of \$400.00 for the Tuition Angels St. Louis School I-Pad Fund. Batesville Commandery #243 are hosts for the 110TH State Convention on April 5, 6, and 7th. Our president, Dan Gartenman and committees are busy getting ready for this event. Good news from Commandery #243 – we have added 9 new members this year.

Remember: The Eyes of the Good Lord are Always Upon Us - So Smile and Have a Great Day!

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Course in Cincinnati, Ohio. The date is August 4th. This year's tournament will be held in conjunction with our own local outing and is open to all knights, relatives, and friends. The tournament is a scramble format with seniors (over 70 years of age) playing the forward tees. The course is relatively short and fairly open and is suitable for all range of golfers. The cost is \$280 per foursome. This includes your golf and cart, along with refreshments and food at the hall after the event.

Ken Vaske is the tournament chairperson and can be reached at (513) 702-2675 or email at: kelsdav@yahoo.com. All entries need to be turned in by July 21st. We are also looking for hole sponsors to help out our scholarship program for high school students. Contact Greg Ernstes at (513) 563-0641 or email at dme62@aol.com.

We hope you will join us for a fun day on the links.

*Fraternally Yours
Ken Vaske*

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hortemiller*

Buffalo Grand Commandery

Grand President's Comments -

Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca

Greetings from Buffalo. We have been doing well even though the weather has not cooperated and it seems like summer will never come. I attended the National Bowling Tournament in Lorain, OH in April, which was fun even if I did not win any money. I did make some new friends while bowling, none more charming than Johnny Brown from MD. Any time we can spend time together is a great thing.

At this writing, we are preparing for our Buffalo Grand Convention in June and our Memorial Day field Mass for deceased members. They are important and I am looking forward to them but the absence of my friend, Don Kirsch, will make them bittersweet.

I ask all our brothers to keep our Brother, Maj. Ron Wendel, in their prayers. Ron, past Commander of the Third Battalion, was diagnosed with a tumor in his mouth which needed to be removed. It was a very complex operation and the recuperation will be long and difficult. The good news is that all the cancer was removed and Ron does not need chemo or radiation. For those who know Ron know that he is a true Knight and Gentleman and a good friend. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. So please say a prayer for Ron and all our Brothers who are having health issues.

This will probably be my last article as Grand President since I am not running for re-election. I want to take the opportunity to thank all my Brother Knights who have supported me and I ask for your continued prayers and support as Supreme 1st Vice President going forward.

God Bless you all.

Buffalo Grand News and Dates:

The Buffalo Grand Convention will be held Saturday, June 15, 2013 at Queen of Heaven Church, West Seneca, New York. All Brother Knights are welcome to attend. Please contact the Buffalo Grand Secretary, Col. James J. Setlock at jsetlock1@rochester.rr.com for important details.



BUFFALO REGIMENT:

Colonel's Comments: -

Col. Dennis Potozniak

My fellow Brother Knights, as we now have passed the celebration of another Easter and are trading in our shovels and bowling balls for rakes and golf clubs let us take a moment to reflect and comprehend as we eagerly await the beauty of spring and summer.

One of the most important days of the year is quickly coming upon us. This date is Memorial Day. I believe it is a day that gains even more significance each year as we move forward in these somewhat troubling times around our world. We should see clearer than ever that the freedoms and privileges that we all too often take for granted are so very precious. We should recognize that these privileges come with a cost and that there are so many different factions in this world that would want nothing more than to see our way of life and the liberties we enjoy disappear. The costs involved have been and are being paid for by so many in our country. Men and women who sacrifice and in many cases even paid the ultimate sacrifice so that you and I may maintain and enjoy the way of life we get to enjoy each and every day. Let us then not forget to remember these brave men and women as another Memorial Day fast approaches us. Let us not need another Pearl Harbor or 911 tragedies to remind us of the privileges we enjoy.

Let us pray for all of these people. Let us remember to cherish our freedoms and way of life. Most importantly, let us say thank you and pray for the continued blessings that our Lord gives to each and every one of us, day in and day out. May our Lord continue to bestow His love and favor on our country, our organization and each of us always. Let us be wise enough to use these gifts for the greater good of all of us, especially those less fortunate.

Enjoy this wonderful time of the year my Brother Knights. May you be blessed always and always be in our Lord's favor. May we also never forget how fortunate we are and to be grateful always! So take a few moments this coming Memorial Day or any day really to reflect, remember and be grateful for all that have. It all comes with a price, a price that was paid for by so many in this country, an ultimate price paid for by our Lord, Jesus Christ for each one of us. Let us be wise and mindful of these opportunities always!

Regimental turn outs and Dates:

St. Patrick's Day Mass, March 17, 2013 at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, New York. Many Commanderies of the Second Regiment served as the honor guard for Rev. Bishop Richard Malone.

We were especially pleased to have in attendance Gen. Dale Gossiaux, Supreme President and Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, Supreme

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1st Vice President, and Buffalo Grand President. Turnout was a great success thanks to all uniformed Knights of St. John who attended. Many of our Brother Knights also participated in the St. Patricia Day Parade that followed the Mass.

Commandery News:

Commandery 204 is planning a Mass and breakfast in celebration of their 100th year of existence in the Buffalo area. This Commandery was chartered in September, 1913 in the former St. Louis Parish, Buffalo, New York. The Commandery is now located at St. Martha Parish, Depew, New York. The date now being planned for the event will be in the later part of 2013. A Mass will be held at St. Martha Church followed by breakfast at the Leonard VFW Post. Further information will be made available when plans are completed.

Commandery 382 hosted the Armor of God Blessing & Investiture Ceremony at Queen of Heaven Church, on March 14, 2013. Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, 2nd Lt. Timothy Jachlewski,

S.K. Joshua Burkhardt and S.K. Richard Stoddard all received the Blessings of their uniforms. Congratulations go out to all in making this a memorable ceremony for the attendees.

A special thanks to 1st Lt. Vincent Binder and Spiritual Advisor Rev. Thomas Quinlivan who designed this ceremony of Blessing of uniforms and incensing of military equipment along with the "Armor of God" explanation and investiture of the Knight, Adoration, Benediction and concluding with the President's Charge.

Commandery 382 participated in the Annual St. Patrick's Day parade following Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, New York on Sunday March 17, 2013. They were pleased to have in attendance Gen. Dale Gossiaux, Supreme President and Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, Supreme 1st Vice President, and Buffalo Grand President.

Commandery 382 received two first place trophies for their best of show float and their marching performance. Congratulations to all your members for all their hard

work and efforts which contributed to the success of this special event.

Commandery 377 as part of their on-going new membership drive, Commandery Members are inserting flyers into the Lady of Pompeii Parish bulletin for the various Sunday Masses encouraging Parishioners to become active members of their Commandery. They have already increased their membership and feel the flyers will add an additional voice to their membership drive. Keep up the good work.

Don't Forget Those Who Are Ill Or Recovering From Surgery:

Note: Let us know if a Brother Knight is ill or recovering from surgery.

We have quite a few Knights and spouses that are ill or recovering from surgery. They have been faithful members for many years and now can use our support. If you know of a member who is ill or homebound, give them a call, see what you can do to help them. They would appreciate your prayers, so that they all experience a speedy and full recovery.

May the Heavenly Father bestow on them his healing power and give them, every grace and blessing in this life and everlasting joy in His presence.

In Memoriam

The following Brother Knights have passed away since our last Journal article:

Our Brother Knight, Color Sgt. William Morton of Commandery 387, St. John Vianney Parish, Orchard Park, NY was called to his Eternal reward on February 4, 2013. Bill was a faithful member of his Commandery for 51 years.

Our Brother Knight, 1st Sgt. Norbert R. Horn, Jr. of Commandery 347, St. Mary's on the Hill Parish, Lancaster, NY was called to his Eternal reward on February 24, 2013. Norbert was a faithful member of his Commandery for 43 years.

Our Brother Knight, Sgt. Maj. James Prowse of Commandery 204, St. Martha Parish, Depew, NY was called to his Eternal reward on February 26, 2013. Jim was a faithful member of his Commandery for 47 years.

Our Brother Knight, Color Sgt. and Recording Secretary Christopher M. McDonnell, of Commandery 391, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Blasdel, NY has been called to his Eternal reward on March 11, 2013. Christopher was a 38 year loyal member of his Commandery.

May their souls and the souls of all departed Brother Knights, through God's mercy and compassion rest in peace.

Brothers, when contacted please turn out for Wakes & Funerals.

*Col. James J. Setlock,
Buffalo Grand Secretary*

Please visit our present web site at: www.ksjibuffreg.com/



New York Grand Commandery

On April 27th and 28th the New York Grand Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary held their Convention at the Hotel Utica in Utica, NY. On Saturday the Convention was opened with a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members celebrated by Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu our Spiritual Director. During Mass twenty seven knights received the 2nd and 3rd Degree.

The Convention was very well attended and along with all the business meetings there was the election of Officers. The new elected Officers are as follows: New York Grand President-Brig. Gen. George Hoffman Jr., 1st Vice President-Maj. John R. Russo Sr., 2nd Vice President-Francis Okolie, Secretary-Col. John Lloyd, Financial Secretary-Capt. Richard Morse, Treasurer-Capt. Dominick Pepe, Judge Advocate-Capt. Tom Dwyer, Messenger-2nd Lt. Michael Schreck, Sgt.-at-Arm-Capt. Orazio LaPorte, Guard-Chukwudi Okolie, and three Trustees (4 year term)-Capt. Michael Rose, Capt. Jason Fazio and 2nd Lt. Chad Jennings. Congratula-



Taking of the 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

tions to all and best of luck in the upcoming years.

The evening concluded with dinner and dancing. The convention closed on Sunday with an 11:30AM Military Mass at St. Anthony of Padua/St. Agnes Church. Keep up the good work and hope to see everyone at the October Officers meeting in Utica. A special thanks to Convention Chairman Lt. Gen. Tho-

mas Zdanowicz and his Convention Committee for hosting a terrific weekend.

The Rochester Temple of the Noble Degree held a brief ceremony during Saturdays' lunch remembering those Noble Brothers who have passed since our last convention. The results of the election of Noble Officers for the term 2013 - 2015 were also announced. Spiritual Director-Rev. Paul Freemesser, Noble Grand Master-Sir Noble Frank Meleca, 1st Vice Grand Master-Sir Noble Francis Kollie, 2nd Vice Grand Master-Sir Noble John R. Russo Sr., Noble Scribe-Sir Noble George Hoffman Jr, and Noble Keeper of the Exchequer-Sir Noble Donald Santangelo, congratulations to all.

The Knights and Ladies of the New York Grand will be making their annual Day of Recollection at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mount Pocono, Pa. on Saturday, September 14th, 2013. This event is a spiritual and fun experience that brings Knights and Ladies together from all over the state.

From Rochester:

Commandery 40 was saddened by the recent passing of Brother Knight Lt. Col. William Higgins. Our condolences go out to his family and may his soul rest in peace.

The Knights and Ladies of the Rochester Regiment will be remembering their deceased members at our Annual Field Mass Sunday, June 23rd at Holy Sepulchre



Members of the Msgr. Carl J. Denti Foundation of the Knights of St. John presented a check for \$3,000 to the Upstate Cerebral Palsy Tradewinds Education Center vocational school students. The funding will be used for the horticulture program to create a greenhouse on the Chadwicks campus. The Tradewinds High School Vocational and Transitional Living Program offers an educational experience for students who are of high school age and preparing for graduation, employment and supportive living transitions. From right: Frank Roefaro, John R. Russo, Sr., John A. Russo (back) Tradewinds students Morgan Harris, Jayvon Powell and Michelle Watson; Tony Nicotera, education director at Tradewinds Education Center, Chadwicks, and Nick Piperata.

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Cemetery. A brunch will follow at the Dutch Mill. All are welcome.

The following Knights and Ladies are ill or recovering from surgery, Most Rev. James Moynihan, Frank and Elizabeth Meleca, Tony & Betty Perrotta, Carmen Cinanni, Charles Perri, George Schum, James Duignan, Edwin Morris Jr., Al Keidel, Kenneth Scholl and Mary Joyce D'Aurizio.

Please keep these and all our Brother Knights and Ladies who are ill or recovering from surgery, and all those ailing at home, in hospitals and in nursing homes in your prayers.

*Publicity Chairman,
Brig. Gen. George Hoffman Jr.
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4TH District, New York Grand

This was a beautiful season as we transitioned from winter to spring. The District experienced one loss of human life during this quarter. Our condolences go to Brother Charles Igwebuikwe of Commandery 626 New York, whose 22-year old son, a University undergraduate, was called to glory in Nigeria after a sudden ill-health. The District has continued to strive vigorously despite the challenging times. Our members are realizing the need of the Knights to work together with one dream of actualizing the work of the Noble Order of KSJI. Several activities were conducted and many of these events were very well attended by the members and their families.

District 4 Delegates Meeting:

The First Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery 680, Newark, NJ on Sunday, March 24, 2013, after a Eucharistic Celebration which was homilied by the Grand Spiritual Director, Col. Monsignor Nwaorgu. This was a joint meeting of the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of the 4th District. Rev. Peter Iwuala – the Chaplain of District 4 said the opening prayers. In attendance were Commanderies 626 NY with their Ladies and Commandery 680 NJ and their Ladies. Commandery 676 Trenton NJ were inadvertently



Cadets of Commandery 680

absent but were excused due to a prior unavoidable event in their Parish. Reading and adoption of the Bylaws were stood down till a later date. The District Commander Major Charles Abiakwe announced that a bank account has been opened for the District for the conduct of its business. He also appealed to brothers and sisters to work together as a team in our overall mutual interests and the movement of the Order. The next quarterly Delegates Meeting of the District will be hosted by Commandery 626 New York on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at St. Anthony of Padua, Ozone Park, NY.

New York Grand Convention:

The Theme of the 2013 NY Grand Convention is "Stewardship – Our Role in the 21st Century". Congratulations to brother Tom F. Zdanowicz - Chairman of the Convention Planning Committee, the members of St. Anthony of Padua, Commandery 385, and Brig. Gen. George J. Hoffman Jr., President of NY Grand, for successfully hosting the 2013 NY Grand Convention from April 26 – 27 at the Hotel Utica, 102 Lafayette Street, Utica, New York.

There was registration/accreditation of conventioners on Saturday morning. This was followed by a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members officiated by Monsignor Col. Anselm Nwaorgu – Spiritual Director, 2nd and 3rd Degree Induction, Grand Delegates Meeting, Elections and Swearing in of elected officers. Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers and trustees. Please support them in their duties.

The evening session featured The Grand Banquet, Presentations of Two Proclamations to the Grand from Oneida County Executive, New York, Exciting Cultural Dance Presentation from Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592, and All Night Ball.

The Convention was rounded off on Sunday, April 28, 2013 with a Military Formation and Procession into Mass, Color Guard Presentations, Mass at St. Anthony/St. Agnes Church; with light refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass.

We thank the Almighty God for His continued love and grace in granting all the members traveling mercies back to their respective places of abode.

Commandery 680 Cadets Unit:

Congratulations to Commandery 680 Cadets. They had their first outing during the NY Grand Convention in Utica, New York. They participated in the Memorial Mass, Color Guard Presentations, Eucharistic Mass and the Banquet.

Upcoming events:

- * Feast of St. John the Baptist – June 24th, 2013.
- * Commandery 680 Launching of Temple/Shelter Project / Initiation - June 24th
- * District 4 Delegates Meeting – June 30th, 2013
- * Drill Practice – July 28th, 2013

*Fraternally submitted:
Sir Titus Osuagwu
Media and Information Officer
District 4, New York Grand*

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make us shining examples of Catholic gentlemen to promote Christian principles, encourage the practice of civic virtues, instill a better understanding of public responsibilities and model for society a strong Catholic morality.

Fraternity is defined as a group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose, interest or pleasure. The Knights of St. John International is a perfect example of 'fraternity'. We were started in the latter part of the 1800's by men who strove to capture men's hearts and minds for God, by promoting among members, a loyal devotion to the Church, and a profound respect for Her authority.¹ This 'fraternity' helps identify us, the members of the order and the purpose that we are all working towards. Sometimes, I think that we forget that the organization is bigger than any one of us, that we must work together to further the aims of the order.

Unity in our thoughts, words and actions must always be on the forefront of our minds. If we appear to be disorganized, or send different messages to our members or act in ways that are unbecoming a Knight of St. John, then we are not united in purpose. The keystones of unity in the order are secrecy and obedience. As described in the 2nd and 3rd degree ritual, secrecy is necessary in order to preserve order in our ranks. When we do not keep the affairs of the order a secret, the good name of the order is threatened. Obedience requires that we submit to the laws of the order and to its lawful officers acting in good faith of the order. When we disobey our by-laws and/or superior officers, we are not acting to promote the unity of the order.

Charity, the third pillar of the Knights of St. John International, begins with a love of God and our fellowman. It is also much more than just giving of money. It is how we act and react, how we live our lives. When we live with charity in thought, word and action, we are living life the same way that Christ taught us to live. It is the lifeblood of our noble order. Be charitable to your neighbors, friends and relatives, even when they are not

¹ Ritual, Knights of St. John International, pg. 17.

In Memoriam

Commandery:

4 Baltimore, MD
74 Upper Marlboro, MD
94 Covington, KY
100 Schenectady, NY
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204 Depew, NY
243 Batesville, IN
282 St. Wendel, IN
285 Washington, DC
306 Evansville, IN
306 Evansville, IN
330 Cleveland, OH
345 Haubstadt, IN
347 Lancaster, NY
385 Utica, NY
413 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
460 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
540 Gboko, Benue, Nigeria
558 Elele, Rivers, Nigeria
593 Makudi, Benue, Nigeria
634 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
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635 Bodo, Rivers, Nigeria
635 Bodo, Rivers, Nigeria
673 Adoka, Benue, Nigeria
742 Brooklyn Center, MN
765 Iwollo-Ughe, Enugu, Nigeria

William White
George E. Griffith
Most. Rev. William A. Hughes
George R. Fountain
Michael Kelleher
James Prowse
Joe Fritsch
Donald Flick
Roy A. Myrich
William Tenborge
Fred Dewig
Mario Trancone
Paul Naas
Norbert R. Horn, Jr.
John Carbone
Emmanuel Komla Senayah
Robert R. A. Ajua
Simon Igbayima
Edwin Eferogbo
Dominick Chafa
Chis Emeh
Edwin Eperogbo
Moses Mgbaa
Anthony S. Naaziga
Titus Idoga
Dominic Izu
Richard Aniekwe

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charitable with you; especially when they are not charitable with you. Always be understanding in your affairs with members and non-members alike, sometimes that is the charity that is the hardest to give. As the 3rd degree instructs us we must learn these lessons of the order well and apply them always to our everyday lives, to make each of us better Knights of St. John International and

as such better servants of Christ our King and of our Holy Mother, the church.

Have a great summer!

*Fraternally in Christ,
General Dale Gossiaux,
Supreme President
Knights of St. John Int.*

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I came too close to being arrested so many times when I wanted to sneak a photo of something. But that's just me and another story.

Before I close this message, we had approximately 140 persons attending our Memorial Mass and meetings. The dinner-dance hall was filled to capacity. With much pomp and ceremony at Sunday morning's Military Mass, the Colors and Papal Flag, followed by the

flags of four nations and the Commanderies, processed into Church to the blare of Ruffles and Flourishes. Behind them followed 200 Knights, Ladies, Cadets and family members.

.... things turned out right in the end".

*May God Bless you all,
Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*