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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all members of the Knights of St. John International.

I would like to start this article by thanking everyone who attended and participated in the National Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, New York. Participation was up this year over the last couple of years and that made for some great competition and camaraderie. I want to thank all those who made the tournament possible this year, they did an outstanding job!

I originally had a different topic for this issue, however, as I write this, world events have taken center stage. As your representative of the order for the world, I would be remiss if I didn't address the current events going on in the north-eastern parts of Nigeria.

Of course I am speaking about the kidnapping of approximately 300 school girls by the terrorist group Boko Haram. All of our thoughts and prayers are with those girls and we hope for a swift and peaceful resolution to this situation. This act of violence against Christians only supports the growing worldwide marginalization of those who believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Many people in the United States and many parts of the world do not believe that there are certain moral absolutes that have withstood the test of time. They believe in moral relativism. That is, what may have been immoral some time ago is now moral because society, as a whole, has accepted that action or idea. I am here to testify that there are certain moral absolutes; that good and evil do exist and nothing can change those absolutes. This kidnapping is a truly evil and despicable act. We can only pray for the return of all of these girls safely and soundly.

As I have previously written, on our trip last year to visit the Knights and Ladies in Sierra Leone, Ghana and Nigeria, Tom Zdanowicz, Terry McCann and I visited the

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Have you experienced any angels in your life? I have been fortunate to have been blessed with quite a few. One of these was a chubby, jolly guy who stood about 5' 5" tall, a big round smiling face and a laugh that sounded like a braying donkey. His name was Mattio.

I was a young man, recently married, discharged from the Air Force and starting a family when I went to work at a nearby Air Base. I rode in a car pool with Mattio and three other men. Mattio and I argued/discussed politics and religion every day both to and from work. It drove the rest of the guys batty, but was fun and challenging to me to keep my wits with Mattio. The only exception to our car pooling was on Holy Days of Obligation, when Matt and I, along with my mother, went to an early Mass, return to her house for breakfast, before going into work a little late.

It was Mattio who asked me to join the Knights of Columbus. Convinced by him, I joined, received my third and fourth degrees. By then Mattio had left the K of C. (Little did I know that he was involved in organizing a Knights of St. John Commandery and would be their Charter President).

Shortly after, Mattio approached me and asked if I had ever heard of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. Would I like to join? He convinced me and before you knew it, I was a band leader and President of the local group. Mattio left and went on to other things.

Mattio on another mission, tells me about this Jesuit Retreat House that he and a group of men from his parish go to for a weekend, every year. Sounds good to me and I joined the group. It was everything he said it was. A great spiritual experience for me. Over the course of 10-15 years, the attendance from our group diminished. Sickness, deaths or just lost of interest, and I ended up the sole representative from our

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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

One of my favorite Easter scripture passages is taken from the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Easter. It is Luke 24:12-25, the road to Emmaus. It is the story of how the risen Jesus joined two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explained the scriptures to them, and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread.

This Emmaus story is two-fold. It is a journey, sharing the story, and a journey of conversion. The two disciples and Jesus were sharing their stories about Jesus the Messiah and the impact He made on so many people. That impact included healing the sick, raising the dead to life, feeding thousands from a few loaf of bread and fish, opening minds and hearts about the glory of the glory of God and eternal life. The walk to Emmaus was also a conversion story for the two disciples. After Jesus blessed and broke the bread, the two disciples recognized Him. They experienced a spiritual conversion.

Our journey of life, as Catholics and Knights and Ladies of St. John International, is about storytelling and conversion. We share the stories about Jesus Christ through our words and works of charity. What we say and do can also be a conversion experience for each of us as well as those we help . . . through our charitable events.

The life of each of us can be looked on as a series of stories which coalesce over time to form one story. Jesus helped the two disciples to share their story so that it mingled with His. He drew it out of them, and then illuminated it with His own story. Our story telling and works of charity will be recognized along with those of Jesus. That is our mission, purpose, and role as Catholics and members of this wonderful Knighthood.

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Proposed Resolutions ~ 2014 Supreme Convention

Proposed Constitutional Revisions

The following proposed Constitutional Revisions were submitted to the Supreme Secretary as required by the Supreme Constitution. These, as submitted, will appear in the March 2014 and June 2014 issues of the Knights Journal and will be discussed and voted on at the Supreme Board Meeting and Supreme Convention, at Columbus, OH in July 2014. They are as follows:

PROPOSAL #1

Be it Resolved - That the delegates of the Monrovia Grand Commandery assembled in a Delegate Meeting of the said Grand Commandery in the City of Monrovia, Liberia, on August 31, 2013, approved for presentation the following amendment of the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International, to wit:-

Resolution 1

CHAPTER IV, Grand Commandery, Section 10, Page 41, which now reads

The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

That the above section be amended to read

The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Grand First Vice-President, Grand Second Vice-President and Grand Secretary shall have a military rank of Colonel.

By a majority vote, the members present approved the above amendment for submission to the delegates at the next Supreme Convention for approval or rejection.

September 2, 2013

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PROPOSAL #2

Be it Resolved - That the members of the Kentucky Temple Noble and Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross as-

sembled in an annual Meeting at the Knights of St. John Hall in Reading, Ohio, on November 17, 2013, approved for presentation the following amendment to the *Constitution of the Knights of St. John*, to wit:

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 4, Pages 8-9, which now reads

The following members shall have the right to cast one (1) vote each at all elections and on all questions that may come before the Supreme Conventions:

- (a) *The Supreme Spiritual Director*
- (b) *The Supreme President*
- (c) *All Past Supreme Presidents*
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- (i) *The Inspector General*
- (j) *The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria*
- (k) *The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria*
- (l) *The Grand Commandery Presidents or the First Vice President*
- (m) *The Grand Secretaries*
- (n) *The District Commanders or Vice Commanders*
- (o) *All members in good standing of each attached Local Commandery, through its delegate or alternate elected by it and ratified by its Grand Commander and certified to the Supreme Commandery, shall have a vote.*
- (p) *All members in good standing of each attached Unattached Commandery through its delegate or alternate elected by it and certified to the Supreme Secretary by the Local Secretary, shall have a vote.*
- (q) *The Local Presidents*
- (r) *The Commander of the Uniformed Rank of the Local Commandery*

That the above section be amended with the addition of a new paragraph to read

The following members shall have the right to cast one (1) vote each at all elections and on all questions that may come before the Supreme Conventions:

- (a) The Supreme Spiritual Director
- (b) The Supreme President
- (c) All Past Supreme Presidents
- (d) The Supreme Vice Presidents
- (e) The Supreme Secretary
- (f) The Supreme Treasurer
- (g) The Two Supreme Trustees
- (h) The Supreme Counsel
- (i) The Inspector General

- (j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria
- (k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria
- (l) The Grand Commandery Presidents or the First Vice President
- (m) The Grand Secretaries
- (n) The District Commanders or Vice Commanders
- (o) All members in good standing of each attached Local Commandery, through its delegate or alternate elected by it and ratified by its Grand Commander and certified to the Supreme Commandery, shall have a vote.
- (p) All members in good standing of each Unattached Commandery through its delegate or alternate elected by it and certified to the Supreme Secretary by the Local Secretary, shall have a vote.
- (q) The Local Presidents
- (r) The Commander of the Uniformed Rank of the Local Commandery
- (s) **The Grand Master of each Noble Temple**

By unanimous vote, the members present approved the above amendment for submission to the delegates at the next Supreme Convention for approval or rejection.

November 17, 2013

Signed:

Daniel P. Bronner

Daniel P. Bronner

Noble Grand Master, Kentucky Temple

Attest:

Brig. Gen. Lee Stachler

Brig. Gen. Lee Stachler

Noble Scribe, Kentucky Temple

PROPOSAL #3

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Supreme Commandery Constitution Revision Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International, **TO WIT:**

Chapter I, Supreme Conventions

Section 4

Insert after (k) the Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria

- (l) The Supreme Under Secretaries (Quartermaster, Journal & Ritual)

(Continued on next page)

Re-order the existing items as (m) through (s)

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery, OFFICERS

Section 2:

Replace:

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Board of Trustees:

1. One Quartermaster-General who shall rank as a Brigadier General

2. Such number of additional appointees as the Supreme President may deem necessary and advisable.

With:

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Board of Trustees:

1. One Under Secretary/Quartermaster who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

2. One Under Secretary/Journal who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

3. One Under Secretary/Ritual who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

4. Such number of additional appointees as the Supreme President may deem necessary and advisable.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery, DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6:

Insert the following at the end of Section 6:

Supreme Secretariat:

The Supreme Secretariat will consist of the Supreme Secretary and three (3) Under Secretaries. The three Under Secretaries will be the Under Secretary/Quartermaster, the Under Secretary/Journal and the Under Secretary/Rituals. The Under Secretaries (Quartermaster, Journal and Ritual) will be appointed by the Supreme President after the Supreme International Convention for a term of two years or until a successor is appointed. By nature of his duties and responsibility, the Under Secretaries will have the rank of Brigadier General.

The Supreme Under Secretary/Quartermaster will be responsible for all materials held by the Supreme Commandery for sale to Grand, District or Local Commanderies. He will keep an inventory of all materials on hand.

He will keep track of all material sold and forward monies to the Supreme Treasurer. He will re-order inventory as required to ensure needed items are on-hand. He will work in conjunction with the Under Secretary/Rituals to provide Grand Commanderies with ritual inventory required.

The Supreme Under Secretary/Journal (Assistant Editor, KSJI Journal) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the creation, editing and distribution of the Knights of St. John International Journal. He will be responsible for the collection of information from all Grand Commanderies. He will edit the material and assemble it for the printer. He will maintain the address list of Journal recipients and arrange for the mail or e-mail of the Journal to all members.

The Supreme Under Secretary/Rituals (Assistant Supreme Ritual Director) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the exemplification of Rituals by all Grand Commanderies. He will coordinate all ritual efforts and will be responsible for maintaining the rituals and associated documents. He will work with the Quartermaster General to maintain inventory for the rituals and will keep a record of all rituals held and all members receiving degrees.

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee on December 24, 2013

Attested to by

Thomas J. DeLuca

Thomas J. DeLuca

Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee

PROPOSAL #4

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Supreme Commandery Constitution Revision Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International. **TO WIT:**

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery, DUTIES OF OFFICER

Insert after Section 20

Section 20.5

The Supreme Inspector General shall be responsible for the Military efforts of the Supreme Commandery. His duties shall include:

a.) He shall call for a yearly inspection and muster of each Grand Commandery, at the order of the Supreme President, to be held in the Fall of the year. The order shall be published in the Knights of St. John Journal. He

shall provide reporting forms to each Grand Commandery and collect the information from said Grands. He shall produce a report to the Supreme Commandery showing the results of the Inspection and Muster of all Grand commanderies.

b.) He shall review all Constitutional revisions and make recommendations for any changes submitted that relate to the military.

c.) He shall be an investigative officer for the Supreme Commandery in cases of Military Dispute Resolution when so ordered by the Supreme Commandery President. Under direction of the Supreme Commandery President or designee, the office of the Supreme Inspector General will conduct an investigation to determine all facts in the matter. The Supreme Inspector General's office shall report the findings to the Supreme President for review.

d.) He shall be the liaison with KSJI uniform suppliers and shall inspect all proposed uniforms and accessories and report to the Supreme Board. He shall assist Grand Commanderies with acquisition of uniforms and accessories.

e.) He shall perform any other duties assigned to him by the Supreme President or designee as required.

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee on December 24, 2013

Attested to by

Thomas J. DeLuca

Thomas J. DeLuca

Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee

PROPOSAL #5

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Supreme Commandery Constitution Revision Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International. **TO WIT:**

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

Insert at the end of the Chapter:

Dispute Resolution

Section 30

When issues arise with or between:

1. Members of the Order within a Commandery,
2. Local Commanderies
3. District Commanderies

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(Proposed Resolutions from page 7)

4. Grand Commanderies

5. or any others,

every attempt should be made to resolve them at the lowest level and as informally as possible.

Section 31

When disputes arise within a local Commandery, It will be the duty of the Commandery Officers to resolve the dispute as prescribed by this Constitution in the appropriate section for Local Commanderies.

However, when a dispute cannot be resolved at the Local Commandery level or a dispute arises between Local Commanderies; the dispute shall be escalated to the District or Grand Commandery, whichever is appropriate. The District or Grand Commandery President or designee shall conduct an investigation to determine all facts in the matter. The District or Grand President will have the authority to mediate between the parties and order a resolution to the dispute.

When a dispute cannot be resolved at the District Commandery level or a dispute arises between District Commanderies; the dispute shall be escalated to the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commandery President or designee shall conduct an investigation to determine all facts in the matter. The Grand Commandery President will have the authority to mediate between the parties and order a resolution to the dispute.

When a dispute cannot be resolved at the Grand Commandery level or a dispute arises between Grand Commanderies where there exists a Supreme Subordinate Commandery; the dispute shall be escalated to the Supreme Subordinate Commandery. The Supreme Subordinate Commandery President or designee shall conduct an investigation to determine all facts in the matter. The Supreme Subordinate President will have the authority to mediate between the parties and order a resolution to the dispute.

When a dispute cannot be resolved at the Grand Commandery or Supreme Subordinate Commandery level or a dispute arises between Grand Commanderies where there is no Supreme Subordinate Commandery; the dispute shall be escalated to the Supreme Commandery. The Supreme Commandery President or designee will direct the office of the Supreme Inspector General and/or the Supreme Counsel and/or a Special Committee, depending on the dispute, to conduct an investigation to determine all the facts in the matter. The investigating body (Inspector, Counsel or Committee) shall report the findings to the Supreme President for review. The Supreme President will have the authority to mediate between the parties and order a resolution to the dispute.

Section 32

The mediation decision of the Officer in Charge at the appropriate level (Local Commandery President, Grand Commandery President, Supreme Sub-

ordinate President, or Supreme President), will be communicated to all parties involved. The decision will be binding if accepted by all parties. The decision may be appealed to a higher command if all are not in agreement. In all disputes, the order of appeal set forth above shall be followed.

When the dispute reaches the Supreme Commandery, the mediation decision of the Supreme President shall be final and binding to all parties without exception.

Section 33

When the mediation decision of the Officer in Charge includes the recommendation of penalties, then the following shall also be followed:

The Officer in Charge may recommend reasonable penalties which may include fine, suspension or expulsion for violation of any by-law of the Local, District, Grand, Supreme Subordinate or Supreme Commandery or violation of any lawful order made, in writing, by a Supreme Officer. The OIC will present the recommendation to the Authoritative Body (Local Commandery, Grand Commandery, Supreme Subordinate Board or Supreme Board) for a vote on the recommended penalties.

Any member who is charged with any offense considered conduct unbecoming a Knight shall stand suspended until completion of the investigation and the decision of the Authoritative Body.

Section 34

Litigation brought forth against the Knights of St. John International by any member of Local, District, Grand, or Supreme Subordinate Commandery, without following the due process outlined above, will be cause for suspension from the Order pending investigation. In all cases, the dispute resolution and appeal process set forth here shall be used by all members of the Knights of St. John International and litigation may be cause for expulsion from the Order.

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee on December 24, 2013

Attested to by

Thomas J. DeLuca

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Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Due to the ever-growing number of members who submit articles and photos to be printed in the Knight of St. John Journal and an endless number of computer programs available, new procedures are now being used.

All articles submitted via email should be saved in a Microsoft Word format (without photos) 12 point TimesRoman.

All photos should be of highest resolution possible and attached to an email (DO NOT embed photos in Word files; captions may be included at the end of the submitted article or in the email message.

PLEASE LIMIT ENTRIES TO TWO (2) PAGES MAXIMUM.

Articles submitted after the deadline will be included on a space available basis. (see page 9)

Instructions and examples will be available, upon request, at the 2014 Supreme Convention, in Columbus Ohio.

Thank you for your assistance.

Knights of St. John International
79th International – 53rd Biennial Convention
 and
Ladies Auxiliary 58th International Convention
July 20 – 26, 2014
The Renaissance Hotel ~ Columbus, Ohio
“With God, All Things Are Possible”

Sunday, July 20:

3:00 pm Arrival of Supreme Board Members
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality

Monday, July 21:

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting
 noon – 5:00 pm Registration
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality

Tuesday, July 22:

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting
 noon – 8:00 pm Registration
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality

Wednesday, July 23:

8:30 am Knights and Ladies Memorial Mass
 St. Joseph Cathedral
 (a short walk from hotel)
 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration
 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Business Meeting
 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting
 noon – 5:00 pm Souvenir Sales
 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Welcome Party

In order to pay proper respect to Our Lord during Holy Mass and to the honor of our deceased Brothers and Sisters, we have established a Dress Code for the Conventions Memorial Mass. This Mass will be held on Wednesday Morning, July 23, 2014, before the start of our business day. We ask that the men refrain from wearing shorts and tee or golf shirts. Please present yourself either in your blue Blazer, dress slacks, or dark suit, shirt & tie, and your sash and cap, if you have them. Ladies, we ask that you dress according to Auxiliary guidelines.

Convention Liturgy Committee

Thursday, July 24:

7:00 am Morning Mass Celebration
 8:00 am – 12:30 pm Registration
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Business Meeting
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting
 9:00 am Cadets and Juniors Business Meetings
 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Souvenir Sales
 4:30 pm Living Rosary
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Souvenir Sales
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality
 Free Evening for sightseeing or other activities
 ~ information will be available.

Friday, July 25:

7:00 am Morning Mass Celebration
 8:00 am – noon Registration and Souvenir Sales
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Knights Business Meeting
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Supreme Officers & Spouses Reception
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktail Hour. ~ Cash Bar.
 7:00 pm – 11:30 pm Banquet and Ball. ~ Cash Bar.

Saturday, July 26:

8:30 am – 11:00 am School of the Supreme Commandery
 2:00 pm Basket Raffle drawings
 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm Free time. EAT, shop, swim, REST
 5:45 pm First Call to Line Up
 6:15 pm Procession to St. Joseph Cathedral
 7:00 pm Pontifical Eucharistic Celebration
 St. Joseph Cathedral
 9:00 pm – midnight Farewell Party and Awards Presentation

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Supreme Subordinate Commandery ~ Nigeria

₦140.0M (\$829,383) Two Storeyed Classroom Block at Veritas University of Nigeria Abuja. (Catholic University) Opened.

History was made at our annual presentation of reports by Church Organizations to the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria on Monday March 10, 2014 at the Divine Love Retreat and Conference Centre (DRACC) Lugbe – Abuja.

Preceding the day of the reports presentation (precisely on Sunday April 9th 2014) was the opening Mass of the Bishops Conference at the Our Lady Queen Nigeria Pro – Cathedral Garki – Abuja. The Mass was concelebrated by the chief celebrant His Grace Most Rev Dr Ignatius A. Kaigama the Archbishop of Jos and President of the conference flanked by His Grace Most Rev Dr Anthony J.V Obinna, the Archbishop of Owerri and His Grace Most Rev Dr Valerian Maduka Okeke, the Archbishop of Onitsha with the Papal Nuncio to Nigeria. His Grace Most Rev Dr Augustine Kassuja His Eminence John Cardinal Onaiyekan the Archbishop of Abuja and over 60 Bishops (both serving and retired) in attendance.

The Senate President, Senator David Bonaventure Mark was in attendance.

The Supreme Subordinate President Major General Anslem Okafor and his Auxiliary counterpart Noble Lady Viola A. Onwuliri who is equally the Minister of State 1 Foreign Affairs were in attendance with large numbers of Brothers and Sisters.

The Conference theme was “Church and State partnership in providing quality education for the Nigeria people”. The Homily was delivered by Cardinal Onaiyekan.

After the Mass, the activities shifted to the Pro – Cathedral Hall where the conference was formally declared open by the President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kaigama.

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan was physically present at the opening ceremony: Goodwill messages were



received from the Papal Nuncio; the Archbishop of Abuja, Senate President and the President of the Federation.

The President Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan appreciated the conference theme, extolled the efforts of Nigeria Bishops in ensuring peace in the Country. He said education builds and edifies a Nation. He said though not a Catholic but he is a product of Catholic education. He asked everybody to pray for the unity and survival of Nigeria.

Monday March 10, 2014

Back to the events of reports presentation on Monday March 10, 2014 was presentation of papers on the conference theme. The Chairman of the session was His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Godfrey Onah, the Bishop of Nsukka Diocese.

Papers were presented by four Eminent scholars including the Governor of Benue State His Excellency Rt. Hon Gabriel Torwua Suswan, Professor Armstrong Matia Adejo Dean of students Benue University Makurdi, Rev. Dr. Maria Chijoke Nwankwo IHM, Principal Queen of Rosary College Onitsha and Prof. Emeka Ezeonu of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka.

There was tea break after this session.

The next session was annual (2013) reports to the Conference by Church Organizations at the national level. Knight of St John International Nigeria report was presented by the Supreme Subordinate President Major General Anslem

Okafor assisted by the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary President Noble Sister Viola Onwuliri. Hitherto to our report presentation, the Bishops Conference assigned to KSJI Nigeria, the building of a two storeyed classroom block at the Catholic University – Veritas University of Nigeria Abuja (VUNA) costing ₦140 Million Naira (\$829, 383).

At the February 2013 report presentation Major General Anslem Okafor did promise the Nigerian Bishops that he would hand over the key of the finished project to them at the 2014 Conference.

Hear the words of the Supreme Subordinate President – “when I presented my report last year (2013), I reassured your Excellencies that KSJI was in the planning stage for carrying out the construction of a classroom block at Veritas University as assigned to us by the Bishops. I said that once the planning was completed KSJI would embark on the project and would not stop until the job was done. KSJI operates like the well known bamboo tree. Once planted the bamboo tree takes a staggering four years, about 1,460 days, to develop its roots without even showing up the ground, but on the fifth year the mystery tree burst through the soil and grows to an impressive height of twenty feet within the first six weeks of the fifth year, to the delight of the patient farmer. Our planning for the project took time.

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Indiana Grand Commandery

On April 4th, 5th and, 6th St. Wendel Commandery #282 hosted our 111th state convention. Friday night registration opened and a nice fish meal was prepared by St. Wendel. Later that night was bowling. Saturday began with a morning Mass that was held for our deceased brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries. Father Rock was the presiding priest. After Mass was breakfast. The convention was opened by St. Wendel President Jim Koester who welcomed all the delegates. The supreme officers Dale Gossiaux and Frank Waseleski were welcomed as well. After roll call of the officers and delegates, President Larry Neumann gave his report. Committees were then appointed and convened. After this we broke for lunch. After lunch all the committees gave their reports and findings. Supreme president Dale Gossiaux then gave a very inspiring speech about fraternity within the order. Supreme past president Frank Waseleski then presented a very passionate speech about the perseverance of the order in Indiana and how the values of family are what unites and holds the orders strength. Father Rock also spoke about involving the church within our events to better unite families in the faith. He spoke about how as Knights we should work with the church and the church should work with us to better build our families and communities. We



Roman A. Nobbe, 1st Vice-President Indiana Grand

then broke to prepare for the evenings banquet. It was a very nice banquet with roast and country sides. The Knight of the Year was announced, he was Bucky Nobbe from Oldenburg Commandery #220. Both a regular auction and silent auction were held to bring in a grand total of \$2169. The 5th and 6th district were each given \$300 dollars to donate to a local St.

Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The next morning Sunday Mass was said together and Sunday brunch at St. Wendel was held before we parted. The next state convention will be held at St. Joseph (county) April 10th, 11th and, 12th of 2015.

Respectfully Submitted
Brig. Gen. Larry Neuman

(SSC-Nigeria from previous page)

My Lord Bishops, your Excellencies I am pleased to inform you that in this brown envelop are the keys of the classroom block duly completed and ready for use".

After the speech and key presentation to the President of the Conference in the presence of John Cardinal Onaiyekan who is the University Chancellor, His Grace Anthony Obinna who is the Conference Chairman of Education Commission there was a thunderous ovation. The SSP and SSAP had photograph with the above three Archbishops at the podium there. Members of the project Committee are:

1. Brig. Gen. Tony Okechukwu, Chairman,
2. Very Rev. Fr. Ralph Madu,
3. Major General Dan Okekenta,

4. Brig. General Jude Nwanesi .

The project was contractor financed, brokered by our Spiritual Director, very Rev. Brig. Gen. Ralph Madu. The contractor is Sir Emmanuel Mbaka KSM

Tuesday March 11, 2014

The event of the official cutting of tape to declare the classroom block open, was preceded by a Concelebrated Mass chaired by the Conference President and attended by 9 Archbishops, 54 Bishops, Staff and Students of the University in addition to Knights and Ladies. The President of Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria Most Rev. Dr Ignatus Kaigama blessed the Classroom Block, cut the tape thereby commissioned the project. The 10 classroom block was handed to the CBCN by Major General Anslem

Okafor and Noble Lady Viola Onwuliri (SSAP and SSAP respectively).

After the Mass was the cutting of the tape by the Conference President. It was a colourful ceremony.

KSJI Nigeria is setting the pace for the other church organizations to emulate.

I thank our Brothers and Sisters who contributed to the erection of this magnificent edifice.

Kudos to the Supreme Subordinate President Major Anslem Okafor who is an achiever, a go – getter.

It is pride to KSJI worldwide.
To God be the glory.

Respectfully Submitted
Brig. Gen. Chidi Arinze
Supreme Subordinate Secretary

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

**Ocular Evangelization in Kaiama,
by Port Harcourt Grand
Commandery, March 16, 2014**

Silent Evangelization

It was St Francis of Assisi, the Founder of the mendicant Order of the Franciscans in the 13th century who sent his followers out with instructions: *"Go and preach the Gospel; use words if necessary"*. By this, St Francis meant that his disciples should live out the Gospel by their lives. Their lives should mirror the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Example, he held, was better than precept. This was silent evangelization. Or as is popularly held – actions speak louder than words. So, St Francis and his followers took the vow of poverty – and walked without shoes or socks throughout Europe preaching the Gospel. They were known as *"cappuccini scalzi"* – preachers without socks. Their preaching brought great revival in Europe, as many persons abandoned the life of opulence and embraced the poor, the downtrodden, and the *"dannati della terra"*.

In the New Evangelization of Vatican II, emphasis is on action not words, as is evidenced by the words of the bishop during the ordination of new Catholic priests – *"preach what you believe in and live out what you preach"*.

Our Pope, a Franciscan not just in name but in the Spirit, told the youths on World Youth Day, Feb6, 2014: *"Evangelization in our time will only take place as a result of contagious joy"*. And this joy comes from living the life of Christ, being poor in the Spirit. He has instructed priests to shun lives of opulence and ostentation – big cars, big houses, expensive shoes etc. and embrace lives simplicity for the sale of Christ. *"There is a close connection between poverty and evangelization"* The Supreme Pontiff remarked.

Spectacular Evangelization

In contrast to this silent evangelization, is spectacular and miraculous evangelization which is the modus operandi among the new churches and Pentecostals in Nigeria.

Day in and day out, we are bombarded by announcements crusades,



Sections of the Commandery marching through the Street of Kaiama, Bayelsa State, March 16, 2014.

church programmes featuring revivals, breakthroughs, great healings, and miracles. Walking down any Street in Nigeria, one encounters blasts of megaphones, with loudspeakers blaring into the streets, assaulting everyone who passes by preaching spurious gospel messages and claiming fantastic healings, breakthroughs.

This is counterfeit evangelization. Jesus Christ never advertised miracles. In St John's Gospels, the evangelist never spoke of miracles rather he called these miracles signs - pointing to himself and to his Father who sent him.

Ocular Evangelization in Kaiama, March 16th, 2014.

In Port Harcourt Grand Commandery, we use ocular evangelization, which is a version of silent evangelization.

We use this method to penetrate our territory and win souls for Christ. And this is what we did in the city of Kaiama, Bayelsa State on March 16, 2014.

Kaiama is an ancient town situated on the western bank of River Nun. It was first evangelized by

Anglican missionaries who established schools and churches in the region in the nineteenth century. The city became a center for learning throughout the South-South region and has produced famous intellectuals and radicals. Major Isaac Boro, hails from this land.

The Catholic faith was late in coming, and to date, Catholic families may be numbered off in the fingers of the hand.

But, the city has Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton, who is on fire for the evangelization of his home town. The brothers and sisters, who came for the inauguration of St Joseph's Commandery #806, were shocked to find that the only existing Catholic Church was not big enough to accommodate half of the brethren in attendance. The other half, and the indigenous worshippers, stayed in tarpuline outside the Church.

Even this little Church building was marked for demolition by the men of SETRACO Construction Company working on the East-West Road!

Deeply challenged, our brethren

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Accra West Grand Commandery

Initiation of 28 New Brothers into the Knighthood

On Saturday, 12th April, 2014, 28 gentlemen were officially initiated into our noble order. This was held at Holy Family Commandery No. 495, Mataheko, Accra, Ghana under the Accra West Grand Commandery.

The ceremony was a six months journey in which after taken close to 40 gentlemen through interviews, lectures and examinations only the 28 come out successful.

The new Brothers were ceremonially dressed in the sash and cap after taking the pledge and being finally educated on what was expected of them as members. They all received the 2014 password.

The Worthy President, Noble Brother Raphael Amuzu and all present advised them to be dili-



gent, truthful, loyal and charitable at all times. They were also to be selfless and responsible in their family life and workplaces to reflect the nobility of the order. More importantly, they were admonished to

evangelize with their lifestyle to spread the Gospel and attract more quality members.

Anthony Akraasi Asubonteng
Secretary

(Port Harcourt Grand from previous page)

poured out their hearts and pockets for the handicapped Church. More than 4 million naira was raised in cash in support of the Church. There were other pledges in kind. The young missionary parish priest was dumbfounded.

Then, the brothers and sisters, many in full dress, defied the hot tropical sun, to march around the city of Kaiama in an obvious bid to conquer it for Christ. And so, led by an MOD band, the long colourful disciplined train of brothers and sisters wound its way from the church, through the streets of Kaiama and ended up in the city square, where a grandiose reception was planned for the over two hundred KSJI evangelization team.

Ocular evangelization is effective; it raises questions in the minds of the spectator and stirs up in their hearts a burning desire to belong to the group. We expect a bumper harvest at the next invitation.

Cash rain at All Saint's Commandery #801, Rumueme

A similar earth-shaking evangelization outreach took place at Rumueme on Sunday March 2nd, 2014 when the 28-member Com-

mandery was presented to the parish.

There was exuberant joy among the parishioners who pledged their co-operation with the leadership of the Order. Enquiries for new members have already poured in.

At the investigation of the Grand President, Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton, cash donation from brothers and sisters was

₦1,350,000 in support of the Church.

In Memoriam

Called by the Lord – Bro Eric Daminabo Ogolo (460) and Bro Vincent Ibekwe (460).

May their gentle souls rest in peace. Requiescat in pace.

Col. Dan Onuoha
Grand Secretary



Buffalo Grand Commandery

Grand President's Comments: Brig. Gen. James J. Setlock

The roller coaster ride of this winter weather in Western New York has finally released its grip. With the ups and downs of winter behind us, spring finally is upon us. It's time for the annual spring cleanup. More important this time of year is the Reflection and Renewal of our faith in Jesus Christ and all His teachings during this Easter season. During this time of Lent we have prayed and fasted, always thanking God for all He has done for us. He sacrificed his only son so that we may be freed of the shackles of sin and indeed enters paradise prepared for us. Let us not forget this and all He has done for us.

The 64th Annual National Bowling Tournament hosted by our own Knights of St. John 2nd Regiment is taking place at the AMF Thruway Lanes. It begins April 25th to April 27th. The Buffalo contingent of bowlers has always made a good showing and I don't think this year will be any different. It's always a pleasure to have many Supreme Commandery Officers in attendance as well as the many other Commanderies from all parts of our great nation. May God's Holy Blessings shine upon all participants in this year's tournament.

There are many Commandery turnouts this time of year, First Holy Communion; Confirmation and Memorial Day to name but a few. Brothers Knights always come forward to participate and make these turnouts a success. I'm very proud of the many Buffalo Commanderies regarding the various events in which they participate.

The Annual Memorial Day Mass and Communion this year will indeed be a very special event for all Brother Knights of the Buffalo Grand. The original dedication ceremony of our monument took place May 31, 1914. May 26, 2014 represents the 100 year rededication of the "Parade Rest" monument to our fallen Brother Knights located in the cemetery along Pine Ridge Road. What makes this event even more eventful is the additional



Lt. Col. William Patterson with Supreme 1st V. President Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca after receiving his Jewel of Honor at Commandery #377, Commandery Breakfast.

dedication of a bronze plaque honoring the Venerable Nelson A. Baker who is on His way to Sainthood. He is one of the most honorable members of our Noble Order as a Knight of Saint John and many distinguished guests will be in attendance honoring our rededication of this historic monument dedicated to all the fallen Brother Knights and especially the Venerable Nelson A. Baker.

Lastly, just a reminder to all Brother Knights of the Buffalo Grand, the regular Business Meeting of the Buffalo Grand Commandery will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Saint John XXIII, (Formerly St. Williams), Harlem Road and Arcade Street, West Seneca, NY 14224. The meeting will begin promptly at 11:00AM. I am extending a request that all Delegates, Officers, Commandery Presidents and others addressed to attend.

May God Bless and keep all Brother Knights safe throughout this year and for many more to come. God Bless America.

BUFFALO REGIMENT:

Colonel's Comments: Col. Dennis Potozniak

Dear Brother Knights, as I write this article we have just celebrated another wonderful Easter season.

Spring time has finally arrived and we finally seem on the threshold of seeing warm and sunny days with some regularity. I want to mention an item I took from our recent turnout at our home parish of St. Katharine-Drexel and a homily by our pastor, Rev. James Monaco. In his Easter homily to us he mentioned several times how our Lord came to us and instructed all of us to love one another. This was His message for us. To do this we need to practice our Easter promise 24/7, 52 weeks of the year. Not just on Christmas and Easter. We need to commit ourselves fully, and always. Oh, yes we'll stumble and error. But, Our Lord is always there for us. He'll forgive and provide, and always, always love us. He'll be with us in all of the good times, but

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more important the trying ones as well.

I mention this as isn't this a mirror image of what we must do and commit ourselves too as Knights of St. John? We need to commit ourselves fully, 24/7, 52 weeks a year. Not just when it is easy or convenient to do so. We need to love one another as our Lord instructed us. It is a message that short and direct. Nothing hard to understand, but it is one that is so hard to follow at times.

We though, as Knights of St. John, need to set the example, be role models for others to emulate. Sure, it is not always easy, not always convenient is it? But, by doing this, and practicing the creed of our order, which is the practice of faith, hope

and charity; we are really following the instruction of our savior, Jesus Christ and His call to love another. We are blessed because we have this opportunity to be a Knight of St. John and experience the love of Jesus Christ like so many will never understand. Let us hope, we all realize this responsibility. It is a gift and we need to use it to help ourselves, our families, our neighbors and maybe more importantly all those who we may struggle to understand or agree with. By doing so, we follow our Savior's command and love one another as He loves us, without conditions. Doing so will allow us to realize a fullness in our life as we have not experienced before.

In closing, as we move closer to another Memorial Day, please remember all our Brothers and their families. Those who put in the effort before us and helped make things in this world a bit better for us all. Their faith and now ours as well is what keeps us strong and binds us as one. This coming Memorial Day we will celebrate the 100 Th. Anniversary of our memorial monument here in Buffalo, NY. So many men (and their families) have made our Order so successful for this long; it is a real tribute to their fortitude and commitment. Let us never forget their efforts that we benefit from today.

God Bless us all always!

Col. Dennis R. Potozniak, Regimental Commander

Commandery News:

A special Happy Birthday to Cpl. Ted Prorok, a member of Commandery #204, who just celebrated his 100th Birthday!

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 a full recovery.



S.K. Josh Burkhardt of Commandery #382, with his horse Jenna, led the Buffalo Grand section of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Buffalo N.Y.



May 26, 2014, The Buffalo Grand, Second Regiment celebrated the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Dedication of The Parade Rest Monument to our Deceased members.

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 Knight has passed away since our last JOURNAL article: Capt. Charles E. Keicher - Comm. #347, S.K. Harvey McCartney - Comm. #347, Maj. John Arcese-Comm. #377, Capt. Michael Hooley Comm. #381, Capt. Richard D. Horner - Comm. #382, Sgt. Jacob Klein - Comm. #382, Capt. James H. Hens - Comm. #387, Maj. Joseph Kleinfelder - Comm. #387, S.K. Walter Fox - Comm. #391, Capt. Alex Bili - Comm. #391, S.K. David Nneji - Comm. #710.

May their soul 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. William Pocobello,
Buffalo Grand Secretary*

Togo Grand Commandery

Les chevaliers du Chapitre de l'Archidiocèse Joseph Strebler de l'Ordre de Saint Jean International fêtent leur jubilé de cristal (15 ans)

Les activités qui ont marqué le jubilé de cristal des chevaliers du Chapitre de l'Archidiocèse Joseph Strebler à Lomé ont été lancées le 11 Janvier 2014. C'était au cours d'une conférence de presse animée par le Rév Père Sébastien Laurence Boccovi, Aumônier national adjoint de l'Ordre des Chevaliers de Saint Jean international dans les locaux de la Paroisse St Antoine de Padoue de Hanoukopé. Le jubilé Cristal avait dans son agenda, tout un programme qui s'est achevé le 09 février 2014 par une messe d'action de grâce.

D'abord, le 18 janvier 2014, une action charitable avec une visite aux membres malades et aux enfants de la pédiatrie du CHU Campus a eu lieu.

Plusieurs personnalités membres du Chapitre ont pris part à la conférence de lancement ainsi que des fidèles de l'église Catholique. Parmi eux, le Grand Maître, le lieutenant colonel Victor Vovor. Ce dernier avait invité les chevaliers de St Jean international, à prendre le large sur l'Océan de l'histoire et à jeter les filets, pour conquérir les hommes au Christ, à la vraie vie. Pour cette célébration, le thème retenu et qui a fait l'objet de la conférence est : «Chevalier de Saint Jean, « Avance au large et jette les filets », (Luc 5,4).

Pendant une heure, le Rév Père a édifié les participants sur des valeurs que prône l'Ecriture Sainte pour l'édification de la foi. Il a dans son développement, appelé les Chevaliers du Chapitre à la foi, à servir de modèle aux autres. Restons avec le Christ, demeurer dans le Christ, chercher à être toujours une seule chose avec le Christ, sortons, ouvrons les portes, ayons l'audace de tracer les voies nouvelles pour l'annonce du Christ, tel est la feuille de route recommandée par le Rév Père Sébastien Boccovi aux participants.

Pour le Grand Maître, le jubilé de Cristal des chevaliers du Chapitre de l'Archidiocèse Joseph Strebler est un moment très impor-



tant et solennel. Raison pour laquelle, il a parlé ainsi aux autres : «Sois sans crainte et périment ton jour plutôt que les droits du Seigneur. Les Croisés antiques, héros magnifiques sont pour toi des modèles. Sois fidèle à ton engagement. Dieu le veut ! Dieu le veut ! Sois ses défenseurs».

Le Chapitre archidiocèse Joseph Strebler est une structure de l'Ordre qui regroupe tous les chevaliers initiés au 4e degré de l'Ordre. Il est né au Togo le 13 Février 1999 avec 16 membres. Aujourd'hui, le Chapitre compte 78 membres sur toute l'étendue du territoire avec 25 nouveaux qui reçu leur initiation les vendredi 07 et samedi 08 février 2014.

Ainsi donc, en apothéose du jubilé de cristal du Chapitre archbishop Joseph Strebler des Chevaliers de Saint Jean International du Togo, une messe d'action de grâce s'est déroulée en l'église Saint Esprit de Totsi le dimanche 09 février 2014, 5ème Dimanche du temps Ordinaire, La messe concélébrée par cinq prêtres a été présidée par le Très Révérend Père Pierre Dovi N'Danu Alipui, Grand Aumônier National de l'Ordre de Saint Jean International au Togo. Pour la circonstance, il s'est entouré des Révérends Pères Sébastien BOCCOVI, Adjoint au Grand Aumônier National de l'Ordre, Achille d'ALMEIDA, Curé de la paroisse Saint Esprit de Totsi, Jean Claude AFANOÛ, son Vicaire et Jérôme Tanguy AYAYI venu du

diocèse d'Aného, tous Aumôniers de l'Ordre. Après les lectures du jour, tirées de Esaïe 58, 7-10 ; Psaume 111 ; 1 Corinthiens 2, 1-5 ; Matthieu 5, 13-16, proposées à la méditation des fidèles en ce dimanche, le Très Révérend Père Pierre Dovi N'Danu Alipui a pris la parole pour son homélie. Selon lui, une lumière dans la nuit, tel est le fil conducteur des lectures du jour. En effet, c'est à travers la manière d'être du chrétien qui s'engage comme disciple du Christ qu'il peut être sel de la terre et lumière du monde. Comment peut-on connaître Dieu sans se soucier de celui qui a faim, celui qui est sans vêtement, sans donner de son temps pour plus de justice, de fraternité ? Les textes du jour interpellent son lecteur d'hier et d'aujourd'hui dans sa responsabilité à son semblable. Pour finir, l'officiant a exhorté les membres de l'Ordre à être de vrais sels et lumières car notre époque en a besoin plus que jamais.

A la sortie de la messe animée par la chorale Sainte Jeanne d'Arc de Totsi, les membres de l'Ordre de Saint Jean International au Togo se sont retrouvés sur le parvis de l'église pour une démonstration militaire. Déjà dans la matinée, avant la messe, un défilé dans les rues de Lomé les a conduits à marcher sur quelques kilomètres entre Djidjolé et Totsi.

*S/K Jules Anani AMU
Communication Responsable*

Kentucky Grand Commandery

Knights of Saint John Family of the Year

The Kentucky Grand Commandery of the Knights of Saint John has an award that is presented whenever they wish to recognize an outstanding Kentucky family that has shown great service to the Knight's brotherhood, their church and their community.

This year 2014 it is the Knights of Saint John pleasure to present this award to such a family.

The Eifert family has had a long and dedicated relationship to the Knights of Saint John International. This is a multigenerational family of Knights that began with Roman Eifert who was a member of Commandery # 94 of Covington, Ky.. He encouraged his two sons, Jack and Jim, to join the Knights at a very early age. Roman brother who lived in Maria Stein, Ohio was also a member of the Knights, Commandery # 313.

Roman oldest son, Jack, resides in Texas, but has been a member of St. Ignatius Commandery 94 for over 50 years. He is one of 4 recipients of the "Work of the Heart" award given by the Dallas Texas Diocese. This award was given to Jack in recognition of his caring attitude toward student for over 50 years of service at the Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas.

Roman younger son, Jim Eifert, has also been a member of the Commandery for over 50 years. Jim and his wife Mary Ann have raised five children, three sons Doug, Bobby and David and two daughters.



L. toR. Bob, Kim, Doug, Jim, Mary Ann, and Donna Eifert.

Donna and Marcia. Jim and Mary Ann are members of St. Henry's in Erlanger where they are very active, especially with the Boy Scouts.

Mary Ann was an active member of our ladies Saint Anthony auxiliary in addition all her duties a wife and mother, she has given Jim loving support in all his work for the local, Grand and Supreme Knights of Saint John.

Along with numerous other offices held by Jim he has been President of Commandery # 94, President of the Kentucky Grand, Supreme Quartermaster and Keeper of the Exchequer for the Kentucky Temple.

Jim has been very instrumental in helping to establish our Commandery's scholarship s at Saint Henry High School and Holy Cross High School. He is currently involved in establishing a third

scholarship a Newport Central Catholic High School as well.

Jim has helped set-up the annual Christmas Live Nativity Scene and oversaw it set-up at various locations in Northern Kentucky for the last 20 years.

Jim spends many hours working at the Commandery's major fund raising effort, parking for Mainstrasse Village events several times a year, also working for the Sisters of Notre Dame at the picnic at St. Joseph Heights.

Doug Eifert is the third generation of the family to be a member of the Knights, he is the 2nd Vice President of Commandery 94. He is very active in his home Parish of St. Timothy's he oversees the installation and running of Commandery's Nativity Scene.

It is with great honor the Knights of Saint John present the 2014 Family of the Year Award to the Eifert Family of Kentucky and Texas

Brother Knight of St. John Ordained

Commandery # 94 Covington, Ky. Member Rev. Michael B. Norton was Ordained by the Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D. also a member of Commandery # 94 at the Cathedral Basilca of the Assumption of Mary in Covington, Ky. Brother Rev. Norton First Solemn Mass was Celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Bellevue, Ky. O Jesus, bless those who have been led to Thy Holy Altar.



Left to right: Neal Brown, Brig. Gen. Jim Eifert, Vic Canfield, Father Michael Norton, Kentucky Grand President, Brig. Gen. Jerry Moser.

Jim Kiger

2014 CADET CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the
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First/Given Name _____
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Price of advance registration - \$1.00
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2014 WELCOME PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Admission:

Purchased before June 20, 2014 - - - - - \$15.00
Purchased after June 20, 2014 or At Door - - \$20.00

Desserts
Music – Dancing – Cash Bar

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2014 FAREWELL PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, July 26, 8:30 p.m. – midnight
Join us for a fun-filled evening
Awards Presentation

Admission:

Purchased before June 20, 2014 - - - - - \$15.00
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Desserts
Music – Dancing – Cash Bar

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Junior Registration	____ @ \$ 1.00	\$ _____

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Paid</u>
Welcome Party	____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
Banquet & Ball	____ @ \$65.00	\$ _____
Farewell Party	____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$	_____	

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Last/Sur Name _____

Title, Officer, Delegate _____

Grand _____

Commandery or Auxiliary Number _____

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2014 SUPREME CONVENTION BANQUET AND BALL

Friday, July 25, 2014

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Ball: 9:00 p.m.

Cash Bar – Music – Dancing

Please confirm _____ reservations at
\$65.00 per person.

Reservations made after June 20, 2014, will
be \$70.00.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

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2014 CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**RENAISSANCE HOTEL
50 NORTH THIRD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215**

To reserve your accommodation, reservations
can be made on the internet or by phone.

On the internet go to:

https://resweb.passkey.com/ResWeb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=20245135

enter this completely and it will take you directly
to the special reservation web site for the
Knights of St. John.

By phone call:

877-901-6632 Tell them you want to make
reservations at the **Renaissance Hotel in
Columbus, Ohio** and you want the **Knights
of St. John special room rates.**

– or –

Call the Renaissance Hotel direct at 614-228-
5050 (this is not a toll free number) and they
will forward your call to the reservations
department.

The rate schedule for the 2014 Convention will
be: **Standard Guest Rooms - \$129.00 plus
applicable taxes.**

**The absolute cut-off date to make
reservations is June 20, 2014.**

**Make
Your
Reservations
NOW!**

Please see message on back page.

Abuja Grand Commandery

Update of Activities, May, 2014

Abuja Grand Commandery now has 2 Regiments, 6 District Commanderies, 18 Local Commanderies, and 4 Cadet Commanderies.

A new Commandery was inaugurated on 7th of September 2013; Commandery 805, St John of the Cross, Mararaba.

Initiations:

Two initiations were held in April and December 2013 respectively. A total of 87 new brothers were initiated.

JGBOT:

The Abuja JGBOT meeting in the month of February was held on the 1st of February 2014, at KSJI Hall, Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Garki, Abuja.

Joint Supreme Subordinate Board Meeting:

The Joint Supreme Subordinate Board meeting was hosted by Abuja Grand on the 28th of February, 2014. A highlight of the meeting was a visit to VUNA, where the Supreme Subordinate President, Maj. Gen. Anslem Okafor promised to hand over the keys of VUNA at the Bishops conference.

CBCN Conference:

The CBCN plenary session took place Sunday March 9th and Friday, March 14th 2014. On Monday March 10 2014, the report of KSJI was jointly presented by the Supreme Subordinate President Maj. Gen. Anselm Okafor, and Supreme Subordinate Auxillary President Noble Sister Prof. Viola Onwuliri. They restated the commitment of the administration towards selfless service of the knighthood and the church. The climax of the presentation was the fulfillment of a promise to the CBCN last year by the Supreme Subordinate President to deliver within one year the completed block of 10 classrooms allocated to KSJI. He presented an envelope containing the keys to the completed building and was greeted by a rousing ovation from the crowd. Also a cheque of five hundred thousand naira as agreed and several packs of KSJI branded bottle water were presented to be served to the bishops throughout the conference.

Daily Massed for Safe Return of Chibok Girls:

Every local Commandery and LAUX of the Abuja Grand has been booking daily Masses for the safe return of over 200 Chibok female students abducted by Boko Haram. Members also engaged in an 8 day novena prayer and fast which ended with a High Mass. A press conference was also held regarding the concern and efforts of the Abuja Grand towards the missing girls.

Visit to Victims of Nyanya Bomb Blast:

A visit was paid by the Abuja Grand Commandery and Abuja LAUX to the victims of the Nyanya bomb blast that occurred on the 7th of April, 2014. The visit took place on the 23rd of April 2014 and gift items were donated to the victims in cash and kind. Blood donations were also made. The turn up was quite impressive as brothers and sisters turned out en masse to offer their support to the victims. We were received by FCT officials who expressed gratitude for the visit. Prayers were said at the bedside of victims and the Grand President promised further assistance, especially to the female victims of the blast.

Problems/Challenges:

Venues for meetings continue to be a challenge as not many rooms are available in the different parishes where the Commanderies meet.

Achievements:

i. Peace and harmony has continued to exist within the diocese as members of different groups continue to participate in all diocesan events.

ii. Abuja Grand played a lead role in the Veritas University of Nigeria, Abuja project. Several contributions were made towards the project, with regular visits paid by key officers of Abuja Grand and updates accordingly transmitted to the Supreme Subordinate Commandery as part of their supervisory role towards the project. This project has now been completed and the block of classrooms is to be handed over to the church.

iii. Abuja Grand played the lead role during the visit of the Supreme Officers to West Africa. The officers

visited Abuja zone which comprised of Jos, Abuja Kaduna and Makurdi Grand Commanderies and Abuja Grand played host to the visitors with lunch and breakfast sponsored by Brig. Gen. Dan Okekenta and Maj. Gen. NNN Nwanesi respectively and yet a third breakfast at the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria partly sponsored by Abuja Grand Commandery and LAUX and the host, Very Rev. Fr. RaphMadu, the secretary of Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria.

iv. Abuja Grand established a new Commandery; Commandery 805 St John of the Cross, Mararaba.

v. Paid official visit to His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. John Onayekan during the Supreme Officers' visit in 2013. Also participated during his 70th birthday/book launch.

vi. Commandery 595 Kubwa, organized an annual retreat for juniors and cadets at SS Simon and Jude seminary Kuje which was aimed at encouraging our young ones; juniors and cadets in the practice of the faith and keeping with the Catholic Church.

vii. Several donations were made within and outside the Commandery to the tune of five million naira (N500,000,000).

viii. Abuja Grand Commandery continues with the training of priests of the missionary of St Paul.

ix. Abuja Grand also effected repairs and renovations at SS Simon and Jude seminary Kuje to the tune of about three hundred thousand naira (300,000).

x. Commandery 697 Lugbe, facilitated the release of 10 inmates from Kuje prison in April 2013.

xi. The Grand President decided that it was a good initiative that should be adopted on a yearly basis. Subsequently, Abuja Grand has paid in a cheque of N158,000 to facilitate the release of more inmates from the prison.

xii. As part of their silver jubilee celebration, Commandery 472 and LAUX 406 Garki, paid a visit to St Anne's hospice Gwagwalada and Kuje prisons and secured the release of 7 prisoners by paying their fines ranging from N10,000 to N30,000. They also gave out wrappers, T-shirts, kaftans and N5,000 each to the inmates released. It is noteworthy to point out

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SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 25 to 27, 2014 – Cheektowaga, New York

The Sixty-Fourth Annual National Bowling Tournament was held in Cheektowaga, New York on April 25, 26 and 27, 2014.

The National Sports Committee would like to thank the local committee headed by Capt. John Ernst for hosting this yearly event for us, and to the many other committee members who in anyway helped make this tournament a success. A special thanks goes out to Chet Leo for all your hard work. And finally the employees and staff of both the Millennium Hotel and AMF Thruway Lanes for the use of their facilities.

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 decisive 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 Buffalo 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, we increased by three teams from last year, five more teams in the doubles event, fifteen more in the singles event and five more in the all events. After bowling the committee opened their hospitality room for our enjoyment.

On Sunday the Team Event took place starting at 10:00AM, we had twenty-eight teams participate in this event which is the most we have had in a while. After bowling the winners of each event were presented with the winning plaques.

We are still looking for someone to host the tournament in 2015, there is interest but as of the writ-

ing of this article, we still do not have a confirmed location for the tournament. The dates of the tournament will be April 24, 25 and 26, 2015.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed your stay in New York, and that each and everyone returned home safely, looking forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

The winners of this year's tournament are listed below:

Team Event

The Boys – Capt. Bernard Savoy, Patrick Robinson, Kevin Curtis, and Darren Bernett from Maryland with a score of 2280 scratch plus 504 handicap for a total of 2784.

Doubles Event

Mike Novak and Mike Zielinski of New York with a score of 1240 scratch plus 228 handicap for a total of 1468.

Singles Event - (High Three w/HDGP)

Nathan Flores of Ohio with a score of 516 scratch plus 201 handicap for a total of 717.

High Single Game- (Actual Pins)

Vince Riggi of Michigan with a score of 267.

High Three Games- Singles Event - (Actual Pins)

JP Scholefield of New York with a score of 680.

All Events

Darren Bernett of Maryland with a scratch score of 1955 plus 252 handicap for a total of 2207.

*The National Sports Committee,
Joe Schmitt, Chairman,*

Ed Schmitt and George Schmitt, Assistants

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that 4 of the 7 prisoners were Muslims. At the Hospice, they donated a Tv set, gas cooker, mosquito net, a bag of rice, wrappers and N20,000 cash.

xiii. Commandery 574 Maitama organized a seminar on Religious tolerance at Yar'adua center where Christians and Muslims spoke freely on how to live in peace and tolerate one another. The occasion was chaired by the Grand President, Brig. Gen. NNN Nwanesi. Some of the key speakers were the Bishop of Sokoto, Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah and the Bishop of Oyo

Bishop Emmanuel Badejo. The Commandery also paid a visit to SS Simon and Jude Seminary with a Christmas gift, a cow.

xiv. Commandery 595 Kubwa spent N3,800,000.00 on charity to 5 parishes (Church development, harvests, etc) and 2 motherless babies homes

xv. Commandery 696, Cathedral of 12 Apostles visited St Fabians' catholic motherless babies home with a lot of gifts.

xvi. Commandery 678, Karu undertook donations to various causes: book launches, fund raising activities by schools and Commanderies,

Harvest thanksgiving and bazaars; cathedriaticum; purses to sick members and widows, etc.

xvii. Other Commanderies have also been supporting parish priests in different projects in their parishes.

We are grateful to the Almighty God for the opportunity to serve as Knights of the church and we trust God to help us do more as His grace is made available.

*Respectfully submitted,
Col. Anselm Onuorah Onyemekwu,
Grand Secretary, Abuja Grand*

Owerri Grand Commandery

Grand President Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu fine tunes Owerri Grand Commandery

Upon ascending office in December, 2013, Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu has assented series of activities that will see the Grand ascend to high heights. Saturday 22nd March, 2014, the Grand organized a workshop for local commandery table officers to fashion them on the way forward towards a smooth running for their commanderies.

In the workshop, the officers were treated to workshop papers. In his opening address, Grand President urged the participants to adhere strictly to contents of the papers, particularly that of judicious handling of the finances and remit without further delay those monies that belong to the Grand.

He emphatically stressed that the Grand's indebtedness to the supreme and sub supreme is because commanderies are withholding payments meant for the Grand.

Grand President admonished worthy presidents to make yearly budgets of their commanderies and submit copies to the Grand so that the Grand could know what they do in their local commanderies.

He said, he was tired of hearing that local commanderies were handling projects enhance, they starve Grand of funds. Very soon the Grand may face sanction from the supreme if urgent steps were not taken to ameliorate dearth of funds required to function well at the supreme.

In his paper, the Grand Fin. Sec.



A cross section of participants at the owerri grand workshop.

Lieut. Donatus Onyenanu, urged local commanderies' financial secretaries, treasurers and trustees to work in tandem in pushing forward their financial resources so that local commanderies have a strong financial position knowing fully well that finance is the hob of KSJI. He enunciated duties of fin. secretary, treasurer and trustees citing sections 33, 34 and 35 of the Supreme constitution.

Next is the paper presented by the out gone Grand Secretary N/ Brother F.M.P Akpaka; in which the Rec / Cor. Secretaries were sharpened on how well to work on their monthly reports and those of the yearly supreme reports. He called on worthy presidents to provide the wherewithal to enable secretaries function to their fullest.

In the paper presented on the constitution of KSJI and Bye – laws of local commanderies, worthy presidents were advised and schooled on how to wield their powers to will out brothers through clamping unnecessarily suspension orders and dismissal of brothers without proper recourse to the supreme provisions.

The presenter, Lt. Col. P.C Onumajulu OFR, who doubles as KSJ, KT.SS and presently, Grand Judge Advocate, brought to bare his luminary experience as a Chief Judge, of Nigeria Legal System, and concluded by reminding brothers that the KSJI constitution and bye-laws are an implied call for service to God and humanity through the

church and the order so as to fulfill the purpose of our creation which is to "know God, Love Him, serve Him here on earth so as to live with Him forever in heaven"

In his paper, hints on meeting techniques, the present Grand Secretary, Col. T.K Nwachukwu, defines a meeting "as a forum for effective communication among people with common interest aimed at pulling together their corporate and individual human and material resources, ideas, knowledge and experiences for the achievement of ideals etc". He enunciated useful hints during and after the meeting as well as important factors that make for effective and successful meeting.

Moderators at the workshop included 1st Grand President, Maj. F.A Chukwu, Bro. M.N Akuneme, the Grand Secretary Col. T.K Nwachukwu, and Maj. Vin Aguh the Grand treasurer.

The workshop which rolled to a close by 5pm Nigerian time, left participants fulfilled towards charting clearly the course of their local commanderies.

3rd regiment Owerri Grand Commandery held 1st Quarterly Meeting

Friday, 27th March, 2014, Holy Cross Commandery 632 Olokoro, Umuahia, 3rd Regiment held 1st quarterly regimental meeting to fine tune the districts and local commanderies under her jurisdiction.

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Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton

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In an opening address, the 3rd regimental commander, Col. B.L.C. Okoro read from a paper titled "You are not far from the kingdom of heaven" if you love God and your neighbour as Jesus loves us. Col. Okoro highlighted that during the last military workshop the importance of drills in order to maintain discipline was emphasized. He urged all local commanderies to take drills seriously, keep attendance records and submit same in the subsequent meetings of the regiment.

He directed that local commanderies should start their screening lectures for aspirants after the April meeting; He urged the screening committees to keep attendance records.

On spirituality, Col. Okoro, advised the commanderies under his regiment to towline discipline which is the highest emphasis in Owerri Grand now. Training for discipline starts at the screening stage of our Noble order. He directed that proud disobedient entrants should be rejected.

He directed Local Commanderies to start to organize holiday programmes for the cadets and juniors, urging all commanderies have not to do so.

Talking on finance, Col. B.L.C. Okoro urged local Commanderies ensure they pay what is due them to the regiment for it to meet up its obligations.

He used the accession to remind all the Local Commanderies of the military workshop slated on Saturday, 5th April, 2014 at the Grand hall, owerri

On our risible uniform, the regiment frowned at the fast fading materials use to sew our military and serious mufty uniforms. Delegates at the meeting condemned the over centralization of sewing our uniforms by the tailor at Aba. To bring the risible nature of our uniform to an end, a committee was set to select materials that shall stand the test of time. This committee is headed by brother C.J. Nwaukwa the District 13 Commander.

The regiment looked into beagle training, resolution of death, and the up-coming muster later in year.

The worthy president of Holy cross Commandery #632, Olokoro welcomed members to the meeting, presented his Kola nuts and treated brothers to a good meal.

Worthy President of Christ the King Commandery #445, ABA Clocks 70

Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2014, Neni people witnessed a surge as unprecedented people from all over the world came together to celebrate the 70th anniversary birthday of Chief Sir Anthony Obiagboso Eukeme (TONIMAS, Onowu Neni) and Igba Odu at 60 of his wife, Lolo Lady Mary Eukeme.

Born 21st January, 1944 into the family of Chief and Mrs. Eyisi Eukeme, Neni, Anaocha Local Government Area, Anambra State, Nigeria, Bro. Eukeme worked himself into Stardom by personal determination.

Highly and properly grounded in the things of the Lord, he is a mover for good in the Catholic Church all over. Presently, the Worthy president of #445 and 2nd Vice Grand President, Owerri Grand Commandery, he has worked tirelessly to see that Knights of St John International remain high on the heights.

A business mogul, an icon, timber and calibre, an institution of international prominence. Bro. Eukeme has scores of industrial establishments all over Nigeria, thereby boosting the country's economy.

Presently, the Managing Director and Chief Executive of TONIMAS NIGERIA LTD, a trade name that is both national and continental, his business tentacles are spread to almost all facets of business sphere. He is into pure water production, transportation, ferrying, oil and petroleum, aluminum, hotel management, Insurance brokerage, foam and mattresses, property development, quarrying and marine. He is no doubt a corporat.

A man of distinction, excellence, with humble disposition, a man of charity, faith and hope, his open mindedness to everyone, all these stem from his God gifted equanimity. Nobody has gone to him and left empty handed.

Chief Anthony Eukeme is the



current president Aba Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (ACCIMA) where he is called to exhibit his dexterity in courage, determination, honesty, humour and transparency.

Writing about our own brother knight will take volumes of print. His marriage to Sister Mary is not a risible one. Many would want to be like they are. The marriage is blessed with six wonderful children who are accomplished in their father's business; howbeit their father's shadow trails them as no big mention is being heard of them.

The heavens, the Vatican, the Catholic Church, the supreme, the sub-supreme, the Grand, the commandery #445 and the entire knights of St. John International Pray God to continue to bless Bro. Anthony Eukeme and his Sister Mary, until they have fulfilled the work for which God sent them.

Felicitations!
Lieut. Vincent Chukwuemeka
Azubuike, Rec/Cor Secretary #705

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Celebrating the Stations of the Cross

Traditionally Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments and almsgivings are emphasized. It is a time for reflection, penance, prayer, preparation for or recollection of baptism, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. For Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross" and commemorates fourteen (14) key events on day of Christ's crucifixion.

At the Church of the Incarnation various groups and parish organizations co-sponsor the stations on different Fridays during Lent. This year, as before, Incarnation Ladies' Auxiliary #207 and Incarnation Commandery #296 work together to make this a special occasion. Sister Sylvia A. Taylor of Auxiliary #207 and Sir Knight Ukkundo' Oohwaka of Commandery #296 shared the first section of readings while Deacons Joseph Bell and William M. Greenfield, also of Commandery #296, traveled from station to station and read the second part of the prayer.

A Reflection on the Service to Others

Jesus washing the feet of his disciples is moving. Jesus as Lord and Teacher after washing the feet of his disciples is an example that we



should also do as He has done. Washing of the feet means, I am at your service. That means that all of us must help one another. By helping one another, we will do some good. The question to each of us is: Am I willing to serve and help others? During the Mass on Holy Thursday at Sacred Heart Church, six (6) Knights from Sacred Heart Commandery #309 and six (6) Knights from the Knights of Columbus participated in the ceremony of washing feet.

Knights Make Donation

The members of Incarnation Commandery #296 unanimously voted to give a \$5,000 donation to the Church of the Incarnation. Ron Taylor, President of Commandery #296, presented the gift to the Pastor, Father John A. Carroll, S.S.J., during Palm Sunday Mass.

The Church of the Incarnation has a great legacy for Black Catholics in far northeast Washington, DC. On December 21, 1921, Incarnation Commandery #296 was officially chartered at the parish. Our members are active in lay as well as ordained ministries, in liturgical planning, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent DePaul Society, religious education and other activities.

Mothers' Day Mass

Washington District Auxiliary #2, supported by Knights of the First Regiment of Washington, gathered at 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. Knights of Commandery #309 made their annual pilgrimage to St. Catherine's Church (McConchie), Port Tobacco, Maryland to celebrate *Mother's Day Mass*. Rev. Father Robert Kosty, Pastor was the celebrant.

Remember

Please remember that when we gather to meet or to socialize keep in mind those Brothers 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
William B. Young, Jr., Historian
Sacred Heart Commandery #309*



Lagos Grand Commandery

Lagos Grand Builds Classroom Block for Seminary

Lagos Grand Commandery has received accolades from the Archbishop of Lagos Metropolitan See, His Grace, Dr. Alfred Adewale Martins, for their commitment towards the building of a block of classrooms in St. Albert the Great Major Seminary, Abeokuta.

This accolade came up when the Grand President Brig. Gen. Patrick Igwilo and the Immediate Past Grand President Brig. Gen. Felix Kola Olowu paid a courtesy call to His Grace mainly to brief him on progress so far on the building.

The St. Albert the Great Major Seminary is primarily for the Lagos, Ibadan and Benin Ecclesiastical Provinces, which is located at Idowu Ofanron, in the Dioceses of Abeokuta within the Lagos Ecclesiastical Province.

Giving justification for the involvement of Lagos Grand in this laudable project, Gen. Patrick Igwilo emphasized that "since the Church is always in need of more Priests to continue the work of evangelization in the world of our time, it behoves on us as Knights of the Church to enthusiastically contribute in any way that we can towards the growth of the faith".

The block of classrooms which costs N34,600,000 (\$200,000) for



building, equipping and furnishing is billed to be completed by the end of May 2014.

While thanking brothers and sisters of the Lagos Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary for the laudable effort, His Grace Alfred Adewale Martins gave rationale for the St. Albert the Great Seminary; "no doubt, in order to have a good formation, you require at the most four hundred persons in the seminary. But with the two Major Seminaries currently serving the three provinces at Ibadan and Uhiele-Ekpoma, being heavily populated with 500 and 400 students respectively; which situation has led to rationing the admission of seminar-

ians from the contributing Provinces, the concept of St. Albert the Great became critically essential. It is hoped that this will help decongest the existing ones to a more manageable size and allow increase in vocation to match the existing great need for evangelization both within and outside the country".

The Seminary is named after St. Albert the Great, who himself was known as the "teacher of everything there is to know". He was a specialist in the field of knowledge, and a scientist long before the age of science.

Peter Chukwuka OSAMGBI
Lagos Grand Secretary

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parish until the Retreat House eventually closed.

Mattio was always able to hook me, and then for whatever reason, he moved on. Throughout the years he kept inviting me to join the Knights of St. John. By now, I was able to say, "No" to Mattio. And, he kept on asking, and my response was, "get away from me, Satan, I'm not interested". He never gave up. While I would complain that he pulled me into these various activities and then left me stranded, inwardly I knew how all of these activities kept me close to the church in one way or another. I became more and more active in the life of the Parish and the local Catholic

Community in so many other ways. But, I drew a line in the sand as far as the Knights of St. John was concerned. Enough of Mattio.

For over 20 years, my angel, Mattio kept after me to become a Knight of St. John, and finally, one day, in a weak moment, I agreed to join. Within a few years, I became Commandery President, Commander, and I could see that Mattio was pleased. He was now getting sickly and couldn't be as active as he had been in the past, but he was a source of inspiration and an ear to my questions and any other problems that developed. This was when I realized that this "Satan" was truly my angel.

After a few years, this mentor of

mine got called by his Creator for another task. His job here on Earth was through. Our Commandery buried Mattio in grand fashion. I am sure he was pleased and I know I heard that braying laugh of his echoing through the trees at the cemetery.

As I moved through the ranks of this Great Order, I have no regrets and only hope that Mattio, as he looks down is as pleased as I am.

See you guys in Columbus. God grant all of you a safe trip.

Fraternally,
Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary

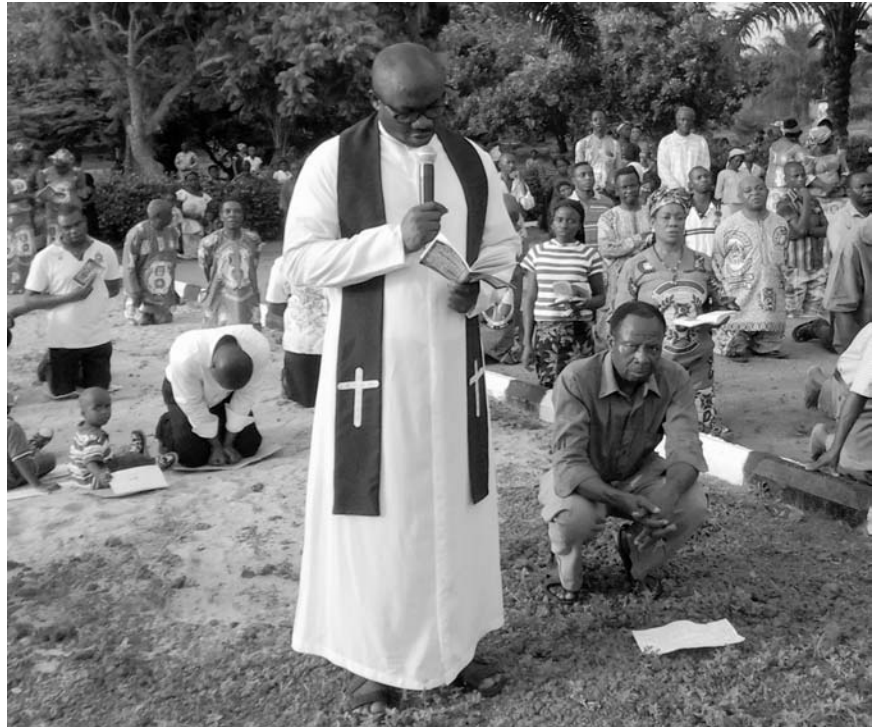
Enugu Grand Commandery

The annual Lenten retreat of the Enugu Grand Commandery Knights of St. John International held from Friday 21st March to Sunday 23rd March 2014 at the Holy Rosary Retreat and Conference Centre Nsukka. About 100 Knights and their Ladies auxiliaries made up of officers attended the retreat.

In addition to Stations of the Cross, confessions, and prayers, three spiritual talks were delivered including: (1.) Emptiness of Man and the Challenges of our Faith by Col. C.A. Nwokocha, Grand First Vice President, Enugu Grand Commandery and Chairman of the 2014 Lenten Retreat Planning Committee; (2.) Safeguarding our Catholic Identity, by Rev. Fr. Hillary Okey Ocho; (3.) Living in Conscience and Integrity, by Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ejike Ozioko, and (4) Reflections on Living out Our faith as Knights by Rev Sister Cecilia Eze

The retreat commenced at 4.30pm with Rosary led by the Grand 1st Vice President Col. C.A. Nwokocha, followed by Stations of the Cross officiated by the coordinating priest for the retreat Rev. Fr. Jude Odo with the Grand Secretary Col. Innocent Diyoike as reader.

In his homily during the opening Mass the Rev. Fr. Jude charged the knights to love as God loves. In



another development, Brig. Gen. P.S. Nwajagu in his keynote address reminded the Knights of the retreat objectives which were to take stock of our Grand activities after intensive prayers and meditation, look at our successes and failures and use the lessons learned to improve and move our order forward. He charged

the participants to learn to share and make marks with which to be remembered.

Presenting his welcome address, the Chairman of the retreat planning committee, Col. C. A. Nwokocha highlighted the emptiness of man and the challenges of our faith emphasizing that without Jesus we can do nothing. He charged all to shun acquisitive tendencies and remember that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the father except through Jesus (John 14:6).

Rev. Fr. Hillary Okey Ocho spoke on safe guarding our Catholic Identity.

He discussed the origin of the Knighthood to Knights in our age; safeguarding our Catholic Identity; Sense of Sacramentality; Reverence for the Scripture and Tradition; Obedience to Church Authority; Respect for Human life; and Fidelity to the Gospel. In his conclusion, he averred that among the lay faithful, Knights are "guards" of the Catholic faith, hence, they should always be seen active at their duty posts.

He traced the origins of the Knight, gave an overview of a knight

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in ancient history, Ancient Rome, down to the medieval era, through the period of the rise of Muslim incursions and the crusades. He identified the knights of Malta or Knights Hospitallers Order of St. John of Jerusalem' as the first known, brave and faith filled men who were recruited to defend Christian communities and pilgrims from attack by the Muslims. He further discussed Knights in our Age who he said were entrusted with communicating and safeguarding the Catholic faith. He charged the KSJI to live out and defend Catholic doctrine. To strive to live the gospel for our own sanctification and as an example to others.

To bear true witness which involves an intra-waged warfare whereby we aim to subdue the flesh to be obedient to the spirit. KSJI should wear the Catholic identify as badges at all times. We have a sense of sacramentality and knowledge of the sacrament and sacramental, and love and revere the sacraments.

He asked whether as knights of the church we still believe in the inspiration, inerrancy and orthodox interpretation of the Bible or has the Pentecostal wave swept off our feet. Reverence for the Scripture and Tradition (Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium). In his conclusion, he charged the knights to let our lives reflect that which our titles and attire represent. The Catholic identify should be badges on our souls. We should always be seen active at our duty posts.

Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ejike Ozioko gave his talk on Living in Conscience and Integrity..... The Example of St. Thomas More.

The centre piece of Rev Fr. Ozioko talk was Living in Conscience and Integrity, the example of St. Thomas More. He discussed the two concepts of conscience and integrity; integrity as standing for something and lessons for Knights and Ladies. In his conclusion, he quoted from J.G. Holland. We pray God to give us men.

...Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy, etc. He started his discussion with the following basic



questions: who are you, in the end? What, if anything, defines you? What is it that makes you you? Is there anything in you that is not transitory, not hostage to circumstance, not subject to renegotiation or comprise? Is there anything, for instance, that you could never, over bring yourself to do, regardless of the price, or whatever pressure might be brought to bear upon you?

He opined that a person of integrity will always stand out for something, may be in defence of truth, justice and other universals. A man of integrity, like St. Thomas More, will follow his conscience- despite the cost; will always do things that others do not understand. He said the lesson for knights is to emulate St. Thomas More and our patron, John the Baptist who are models of integrity by standing for something always. John the Baptist died in defence of truth.

First Degree Initiation

A successful first degree initiation into the Order was carried out by Enugu Grand Commandery from Thursday 10th April to Sunday 13th April 2014. 54 aspirants were initiated, 50 as active members and 4 as social members. 49 of these new

initiates belong to Nsukka and Idah zones of Enugu Grand Commandery, the area of jurisdiction of the proposed Nsukka Grand Commandery.

In Memoriam

The following Brother Knights of Enugu Grand Commandery passed away during this reporting period, Brother Clement Odo Egba of St. Peters Commandery #660 Ezzamgbo and Noble Bro. B.U. Afugbuom of Holy Spirit Commandery #414, Enugu. Noble Bro Boniface Afugbom a founding father of KSJI in Nigeria and first recording and corresponding secretary of Holy Spirit Commandery 414 was buried at Ihiala on Wednesday 9th April 2014 in a funeral that was well attended by Knights and Ladies of KSJI including the grand presidents of Enugu, Onitsha and Owerri and the Supreme Subordinate Secretary as well as Major General Anselm Okafor, the the Supreme Subordinate President. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

*Col. Innocent Diyoke
Grand Secretary*

New York Grand Commandery

A special thanks to the Knights and Ladies of Commandery #680 and Auxiliary #592 for hosting the 2014 New York Grand Delegates meeting at Blessed Sacrament Church in Newark, NJ. On behalf of all those who attended thank you for your warm hospitality and the great lunch, a good time was had by all. Looking forward to next year's Grand Convention.

Congratulations to New York Grand Secretary, Col. John Lloyd whose daughter was recently named Mother Mary Baptist of the Virgin of Carmel. She leads a new foundation of cloistered Carmelite nuns dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus in the Bismarck Diocese at Hague, North Dakota.

From Utica; Capt. Jason Fazio:

This past Easter season I was fortunate enough to take part in a once in a lifetime pilgrimage in Italy. In addition to visiting many of the majestic Churches in Rome and other surrounding cities, I participated in some of the most spiritual events that took place during Holy Week. Recently I was asked to share some of my experiences

with all of you.

On Good Friday I was able to pray at the Scala Sancta in Rome. The Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs) are the stairs Christ climbed on his way to his judgment by Pontius Pilate. Later that evening I attended the Stations of the Cross that were held at the Roman Coliseum and led by Pope Francis. Participating in these events in this setting helped focus on the Lord's Passion in whole new light. Praying on the stairs he had to ascend and then focusing on his Passion helped me to comprehend more deeply what Christ had to endure on that day.

The spiritual journey continued by celebrating Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The Mass was beautiful in a setting unlike anything I've ever seen before. After the Mass Pope Francis delivered his Urbi Et Orbi address to the world from the main balcony at St. Peter's. The messages of hope, peace, and love were intended for all of mankind to hear. Lets all hope and pray that mankind was listening!

The week continued by attending the Holy Father's Wednesday address which he greeted pilgrims from around the world. Here he would encourage all of us to remember how we have, "...renewed joy and hope by recognizing that the Lord is ever at our side." The final event of the pilgrimage was attending the Canonization Mass for Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. The Mass affected me deeply because I was fortunate enough to see John Paul II twice during his papacy. It is difficult to put into words knowing that I was blessed enough to be in the presence of a true Saint!

This pilgrimage helped me put into perspective how we are all called to continue the work that Christ started and then entrusted to St. Peter. We all must live our daily lives in a Christ-like fashion. I would encourage all members to take a pilgrimage of some kind to help strengthen your faith. Remember, there are many places in the U.S. that we can make pilgrimages to. Participating in a pilgrimage on your own or in a group will help you realize the rich history of our faith. It will also give you courage to face the challenges we will all

encounter in a world where many forces are trying to drive men and women away from the teachings of the Gospel.

May God bless all Knights and Ladies! Thank you.

From Rochester:

Commandery #40 was saddened by the sudden passing of Beloved Brother Knight Edwin Morris Jr. while in Florida. Edwin was a member for over 60 years, having joined Commandery #25 at St. Boniface on January 10, 1952 and later transferring to Commandery #40. May his Soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

The following Knights and Ladies are ill or recovering from surgery, Most Rev. James Moynihan, Frank and Elizabeth Meleca, Tom Meleca, Charles Perri, George Schum, James Duignan, Joseph Tuminelli, Al Keidel, Kenneth Scholl, Charles Stitch, Carmen Cinanni, Chester Ventura, Donald Santangelo, Loretta Perrotta, Peggy Honan and Ruth Hoffman.

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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From District Four:

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 Emmanuel & Lady Assumpta Ekeh of Commandery 680 Newark NJ who lost their father and father-in-law respectively in Nigeria. May the soul of Pa Alphonsius Dibia and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in Paradise. Our prayers and fervent thoughts go to Capt. Francis Okolie of Commandery 626 New York, for God's favors in granting him quick recovery from a successful open heart surgery. District four of New York Grand continues to aspire in all endeavors. Several activities were conducted and many of these events were very well attended by the members and their families.

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Mother Mary Baptist of the Virgin of Carmel

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District Four 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 30, 2014, after a Eucharistic Celebration which was homilied by the Grand Spiritual Director, Col. Monsignor Nwaorgu. The business meeting followed immediately at the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. Monsignor Nwaorgu said the opening prayers and he also observed the meeting deliberations. This meeting was well attended and actively participated by members and delegates of Commanderies 626 NY, Commandery 676 Trenton NJ and Commandery 680 NJ. The District Commander Major Charles Abiakwe, in his opening remark, appealed to brothers and sisters to work together as a team in our overall mutual interests and the movement of the Order. He announced that the term of office of the current administration will be expiring this quarter and elections are up. Nomination Committees were formed and the District Delegates unanimously voted to have the elections in June. Members of the election committees were blessed by the Monsignor with an admonition that they should conduct the elections fairly and equitably. The next quarterly Delegates Meeting of the District will be hosted by Commandery 626 New York on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at Pope Clement Church, Ozone Park, NY. Members of the Dis-



Commandery 680 Cadets being initiated by the Grand President Brig. Gen. George Hoffman, Jr.

trict with their Ladies Auxiliaries will be participating in the upcoming Grand Delegates Meeting coming up on May 2nd – 4th, 2014 being hosted by Commandery 680 and Laux 592 at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark NJ.

Commandery 626

Knights and Ladies of Commandery 626 New York participated in the 33rd Annual Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving held at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, New York on Saturday, February 8, 2014. The event was organized by the Office of Multicultural Diversity, Catholics of African Ancestry – Haitian American Apostolate Ministry to commemorate St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of the Sudan & Human Trafficking. The Principal Celebrant was the Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan,

and the Guest Homilist was Rev. Fr. James E. Goode, OFM, Ph.D. Intercessory prayers were said in English, Creole and Igbo languages. The highlights of the Guest Homilist were: "Let your light Shine. Don't let somebody rob you of your Peace. Jesus Christ is my Life and Salvation. Whom shall I fear? Don't Give Up". The occasion concluded with a reception at the Parish Center of St. Agnes Cathedral.

Commandery 680 Cadets Induction:

Congratulations to Commandery 680 Cadets organizer, Brother Chukwudi Okolie for a good job in nurturing the 680 Commandery Cadets. 27 Cadets received their Charter on Saturday, April 12, 2014 and were initiated into the Order by the Grand President of the New York Grand, Brig. Gen. Hoffman, Jr. The Grand Cadet Organizer, Maj. Alexander Jaeploe, was among the Grand Officers who graced the occasion. On Sunday, April 13, the Cadets had their Thanksgiving Mass and received blessing from the Spiritual Director, Monsignor Anselm Nwaorgu. This ceremony was watched by Knights of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592, the cadets' families, friends and well-wishers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Feast of St. John the Baptist – June 24th, 2014.
- * District 4 Delegates Meeting, Ozone Park, NY – June 29th, 2014
- * Supreme Convention, Columbus, Ohio: July 20th – 26th, 2014

Fraternally submitted:

Sir Titus Osuagwu

Media and Information Officer



Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan with Brother Knights & Ladies of Commandery 626 after the Eucharistic Celebration.

Makurdi Grand Commandery

The Supreme Subordinate President of Nigeria Major General A.A. Okafor has praised the efforts of Makurdi Grand Commandery for her consistency in news publication in the Knights Journal; he also praised the Grand Commanderies of Enugu, Awka and Port Harcourt for constantly reporting activities of their Grand Commanderies. This statement was captured in Benin City where the Supreme Subordinate Board meeting was held on April 25, 2014. He urged reporters to make their news items to reflect the image of Nigeria Supreme Subordinate Commandery. This writer is motivated by such commendation and promise to be more consistent and articulate.

Corrigendum:

In the last publication we did not indicate who was in the photograph in Papal uniform and what the image on Service Stripes represented. We are sincerely sorry for the mistake which is highly regretted. The photograph represented Sir Dominic Ode of Commandery 593 who is also Makurdi Grand Treasurer and the Stripes image represented four stripes sewn on a dress coat, the fifth stripe in that image was the normal structure of the uniform which was not adequately explained. This writer intends to write more on Service Stripes and would not like to present the image again so as not to confuse the intent. The chart of non-commissioned officers will be displayed to illustrate any need towards this confusion.

More on Service Stripes:

I would like to appreciate the contribution and appreciation of the Supreme Inspector General Captain James M. Gibbons for his observation and correction. I am most delighted with the ranking structures he sent to me through James Schafhausen to clarify so many issues. Although there was a problem with the picture we published on Service Stripes the write up was upheld. I will dwell on the ranking of non-commissioned officers and the Service Stripes and Crosses only. I would like to call on all Local Commanders in Nigeria to go to



Cadet Raphael Shakpande flanked by his mother Veronica Shakpande, Grand Secretary Worthy President and members of St. Theresa Commandery 593 High Level Makurdi.

the Supreme Constitution Chapter VI Section 36:

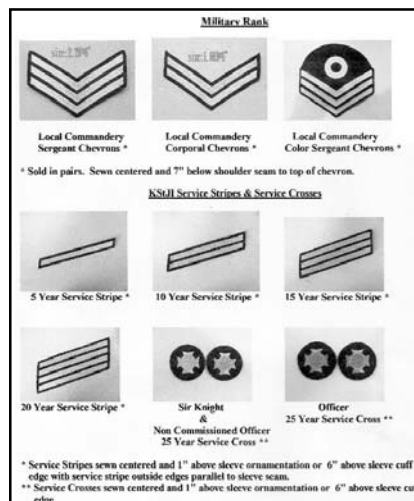
It shall be the duty of the Commander to order and command at all drills and parades. The Commander shall appoint all non-commissioned officers not to exceed five Sergeants and eight Corporals, and see that the rules governing the military department are strictly enforced. He shall obey all orders and commands of superior officers in the District, Grand and Supreme Commanderies.

With this provision, they should establish military departments in their Local Commanderies.

It has become necessary I shall make a special request from the Supreme Subordinate President Nigeria Major General A.I. Okafor and Supreme Subordinate Inspector General Noble Brother Eugene Emenalo to have a session with all the Local Commanders in Nigeria to guide on the roles and functions of Military Departments in Local Commanderies. This session is important as it will also clarify many issues as regards the offices of President and Commander of the Local Commandery.

Meanwhile I would like to once again display the non-commissioned ranks as sent to me by the Assistant Editor Knights Journal Brigadier General James Schafhausen whose efforts made it possible for me to get the chart of the KSJI Ranks, courtesy, the Supreme Inspector General Captain James Gibbons. If our Local Commanders will establish the military departments and award Service Stripes to deserving officers, we shall have less agitation of brothers looking for commissioned ranks. Local Commanders can view this chart and order the Rank Badges and Stripes from the Supreme Quartermaster General as required. Those reading this Journal can email me at:

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2014 SUPREME CONVENTION THEME BASKET RAFFLE

The beautiful city of Columbus, Ohio, will be the site for the 2014 Supreme Convention for the Knights of St John International and Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International. The "Theme Basket Raffle" has been a very successful endeavor during our past conventions. It was recommended that the "Theme Basket Raffle" once again be held during the 2014 convention. The profits from this fundraiser will help to defer expenses for the convention.

The Committee is encouraging and inviting all Commandaries and Auxiliaries to participate in this effort and to donate at least one "Theme Basket" for this project. The cost of each basket should not be more than \$40.00 to \$50.00. The goal is to make your basket attractive enough to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. We are also welcoming monetary donations in lieu of "Theme Baskets". All baskets should be delivered to the convention by Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

The following is a list of suggestions for your "Theme Baskets":

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| ♦ Bath and Body Basket | ♦ Romance Basket | ♦ Candle Basket |
| ♦ Snack Basket | ♦ Wine and Cheese Basket | ♦ Imported Beers Basket |
| ♦ Sport Snack Basket | ♦ Assorted Chocolates Basket | ♦ Hair Products |
| ♦ State/Country Basket | ♦ Religious Basket | ♦ NFL/NBA Theme Baskets |
| ♦ Game Basket | | ♦ Coffee/Tea Basket |
- (Assortment of Adult or Children games)

The baskets will be displayed at the convention and the raffle tickets will be sold during the week of the convention. Each sheet of raffle tickets will cost \$5.00 or 5 sheets for \$20.00. Drawings will be held Saturday afternoon and winning numbers posted to aid winners in picking up baskets. The winning ticket numbers will be displayed throughout the convention center.

Let's work together to make our "2014 Theme Basket Raffle" another huge success!

To obtain a "Theme Basket" commitment form, or have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

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(Makurdi Grand from previous page)
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for comments and critical observations.

Crises in Benue State Affecting Makurdi Grand Commandery Members

It is rather unfortunate to report that there had been a lot of killings in Benue State just as it is in other parts of Nigeria but the issue in Benue State is not the Boko Haram which is associated with insurgency in the Northern part of the Country. Although we have not received report of any brother bring directly attacked but there is clear evidence of their relatives been killed, injured or chased away. It has become unbearable for most members of the Grand Commandery as their homes have been turned into Refugee Camps hosting those who have been chased away from their original homes due to the invasion of suspected Fulani herdsmen. The secu-

rity situation has caused a lot of hardships for some family members of our brothers who carter for so many refugees who have fled from their original homes to Makurdi town mostly for safety as most of them watched their houses burnt and crops destroyed. We need prayers of all towards this ugly situation. The Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona has directed District Commanders to mobilize relieve materials to be presented to the various refugee camps across the Grand Commandery catchment area. The crises affect people in the catchment areas of the Grand Commandery in Districts 40 Makurdi, 41 Otukpo and 42 Gboko respectively.

From Commandery 593:

It was a day of joy for Lady Veronica Shakpande when her son wedded with Knights accompanying her to the alter which made her forget the pains she bore when she lost

her brother Late Sir Godwin Shakpande who was called to the great beyond in August 2009. As we hope to leave the future of our Commanderies to our younger ones, the Makurdi Grand Commandery had been grooming children to take the position of their parents to further the activities accordingly. On Easter Monday April 21 2014 Cadet Raphael Shakpande took former Miss Ann Terseer Ikyav t in a very colorful ceremony attended by members of Commandery 593 and beyond. One good thing of note was that the wedding was sponsored by a Cadet from Commandery 486 Cadet T.S. Hwande a medical doctor son of Lt. Col. Jerome Hwande. We hope to publish more on this in the next edition; meanwhile some photographs are hereby displayed.

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

Awka Grand Commandery

When the Supreme President visited Nigeria last year, one of the things he commended was the commitments of brothers with regard to structural development and effective and enduring charity. Summarizing his experiences in Nigeria in the December issue of KSJI NEWS JOURNAL, Gen. Dale said "All throughout the area we visited, we also saw the concrete examples of the works and acts of charity that each Commandery, District and Grand Commandery were working on". He cited some examples to asterisk his remarks and encouraged the Supreme Commandery to endeavour to "support a visit to our West African brothers as time and finances allow".

We are convinced that if this submission is promoted, a sight to behold will certainly be the building housing the Awka Grand Commandery which was adjudged by the Past Supreme President Gen. Timothy Hoerst to be the biggest KSJI hall during his visit to Awka on the 4th of September 2009. At the commissioning of the magnificent building, the Supreme Subordinate President Maj. Gen. A.I. Okafor cutting the tape at the entrance of the Hall said "Dear Members of our Noble and Exalted Order, as we all know, the Temple of Knights of St. John International is truly a Hall for Prayers and Meetings. So, your desire to build one is a noble and splendid idea. Your Commandery is not the first and will not be the last to build a befitting Hall for the Order. However, because this is the biggest Hall I have witnessed and



All the Bishops present passing by brother Umeorji's body after Mass.

since your intention is admirably motivated by a spirit of charity for our members, the Order and the Church, which was the guiding principle on which our Noble founders distinguished themselves, we wish to identify with this intention and therefore associate with it.

The Hall houses a 300 sitter room for Commandery meetings; a 300 sitter room for Grand Board meetings; a 200 sitter room for Laux meetings; a 50 sitter room for Cadets and Juniors meetings; 1 Grand Committee room; 4 administrative offices; 30 sitter balcony space; 4 Stores; 1 bookshop; 14 toilets and bathrooms. Among those who poured encomium on Awka

Grand for this spectacular building were Bishops Paulinus Ezeokafor of Awka Diocese; Solomon Amatu of Okigwe Diocese; Peter Okpalike of Ahiara Diocese; others are Bishop Hilary O. Okeke of Nnewi Diocese; and emeritus Bishop of Awka Most Rev. Dr. Simon Okafor (Noble).

In the same way, a show of the effective charity from the members of Awka Grand Commandery was commended on the 1st of May, 2014 as Awka Grand bids farewell to one of its members Major Andy Umeorji. Members of the Grand both brothers and sister came out in their ranks and files to pay their last respect to an illustrious member. His remain was escorted into the Chapel of Adoration built in his parish by his family to fulfill his last wish. Present to bid him farewell were 251 Priests from all over Nigeria, 17 bishops, 85 male and female religious, 4 deacons, 25 seminarians and over 2000 lay faithful from across the Country. Also present were the clergy from other religious faith, the governor of the State, governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and executive directors of Zenith Bank and other banks and conglomerates. At hand to lead the concelebrated song Mass was the



Side view of Awka Grand Hall

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604	Madina, Ghana	Anthony Afanyade, Daniel Dombadoh, Enoch Odoi-Anim, Francis Messiga Ofori-Attah. George Flashide, Solomon Mosogu, Cyril Akalawono
619	New Achimota, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Ruben Awuye, Raymond Avalu Nonso, Prince Brian Seckley, Augustine Pedro Williams
630	Ashiaman, Ghana	Dotse A.K. Dzidefo, Eric Degraft Mensah, Raymond K. Attah, Ignatius Ankamah, Davin K. Kudzordzi
677,	Bolgatanga, Ghana	Benedict A.Ayaaba, Rev. Fr. Lawrence Azure, Paul Azure, Jacob Atimbia, Joshua Akolgo
736	Cantonments-Accra, Ghana	John Ahenkora, Alphonsus Tetteh, Joseph Kwaku Atia, William Kafe. Edward Erskin, Waler Naad
742	Brooklyn Ctr. MN	Roland Barclay, Joseph Cooper
747	New Aplaku, Ghana	Kenneth Eduaful
749	Nima, Ghana	Vincent Adio, Joseph K. Gyesah
750	Nsuta-Wassaw, Ghana	Edward Kwesi Effisah, Ernest Fred Ghoose, Robert Kwesi Senyo, Theodore Lucky Tehoda, David Nana Quansah
751	Twifo Praso, Ghana	Obrempong Appiah Nuamah II, Victor Akakpo, Samuel Asare Amoakohene, Ransford Saaku Arthur, Michael Oteng Arhin, Benjamin Asare-Larbi, Stephen Ebo Blankson
767	Kade, Ghana	Dr. Yaw A. Twumasi
794	Winneba, Ghana	Peter Paul Donkoh, Sedem Quashigah, Emmanuel Wricketts
798	Accra, Ghana	Martin Eson Benjamin, Desire Saadogr, Goodwin Tumtum Anim, Stephen K. Bukura Opon
799	Nungua, Ghana	John Ebo-Ansah, John Arkmash-Quayson, Grant Aforpah, Evans Akologo, Sunday Vincent Eze, Francis Amedome, Daniel Asem Acquah, Emmanuel Amadi, Nelson Agbanyo, Patrick Osei Peter, Edward Amfo, Stephen Akatey, William Agbe, James Nsorh, Albert Sefordzi
800	Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria	Harry Ejenavi Oruma, Emmanuel Ayika, Ikechukwu Igwe, John Okehukwu Oparaugo, Gerald Chimezie Onwuekweikpe
814	Accra, Ghana	Ebenezer T. Doku, Joachim Kofi Cartey, Albert Afena, Nana Yaw Frempong, Lawrence Anku, Frank Agyekum, Kilian A.M.Amuzu, Julius Kofi Agbavor, Agbenyega Asiedu-Latsu, Paul Otchere, Dickson K. Homeku, Samuel K. Acheampong, Richard Amarh, Augustine Gbuji, Martin A.R. Bawiah, Edmund Senyabor, Eugene Yorkyile

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President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kiagama, the Arch Bishop of Jos Diocese. According to the Chief Celebrant, the only reason that brought the Bishops and clergies and in fact the crowd witnessed at Brother Andy Umeorji's burial was his charity to his community, the Church both local and national and to every man and woman around him. Major Andy Umeorji

was District 30 Commander and the immediate past Worthy President of St. Joseph's Commandery #509 Ekwolobia. An attempt to estimate his charity for his local Church in the last 3 years gave a rough estimate of over N32 Million.

With a final prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance and under the protection of our patron Saint, St. John the Baptist, the approbation of the Supreme President Gen. Dale on our good works and charity will

continue to inspire our members as we place all our hopes in God.

We wish to use this opportunity to felicitate with our members worldwide and wish them happy and event filled 2014 Convention. To all those who are responsible for the preparation of our journal we say well done and God Bless.

*Capt. Peter Chukwuemeka Uttazi
For: Grand Secretary*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Member-Uniform		Ship		Member-Uniform			
		1/1/12	1/1/12	1/1/14	1/1/14				
Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery									
4	Baltimore, MD.	9	1	8	1				
8	Washington, D.C.	2	0	XX	XX				
74	Upper Marlboro, MD.	8	3	6	3				
115	Mitchellville, MD.	15	5	23	5				
218	Washington, D.C.	8	4	8	4				
283	Bowie, MD.	20*	2*	25	2				
285	Washington, D.C.	2	1	XX	XX				
286	Washington, D.C.	34	2	30*	3*				
287	Atlantic City, N.J.	14	14	17	16				
296	Washington, D.C.	14	6	20	7				
302	Washington, D.C.	5	3	6	3				
309	La Plata, MD.	31	7	30	9				
370	Bushwood, MD.	4	2	7	2				
373	Aquasco, MD.	12	2	12	2				
378	Clinton, MD.	7*	4*	7*	4*				
386	Mechanicsville, MD.	6	4	8	4				
388	Washington, D.C.	9	0	14	8				
586	Charlotte, N.C.	10*	11*	22	3				
615	Philadelphia, PA.	27	2	34	12				
Total		237	73	277	88				
Buffalo Grand Commandery									
135	Buffalo, N.Y.	27	21	44	39				
150	Buffalo, N.Y.	16	14	-	-				
204	Buffalo, N.Y.	30	29	32	30				
266	Erie, PA.	-	-	-	-				
347	Lancaster, N.Y.	14	5	12	5				
377	Lancaster, N.Y.	13	10	14	13				
381	West Seneca, N.Y.	14	13	13	9				
382	West Seneca, N.Y.	77	49	80	44				
387	Orchard Park, N.Y.	25	15	26	11				
391	Blasdell, N.Y.	26	15	23	12				
408	Springville, N.Y.	16	14	15	12				
710	Brampton, Ont. Can.	21	1	23	5				
Total		279	186	282	180				
Cincinnati Grand Commandery									
59	Reading, OH.	91	12	93	12				
97	Columbus, OH.	11	1	11	1				
98	Columbus, OH.	92	9	82	8				
104	Dayton, OH.	XX	XX	XX	XX				
194	Piqua, OH.	54	5	52*	5*				
300	Ft. Loramie, OH.	91	8	88	8				
313	Maria Stein, OH.	313	15	307	22				
367	Troy, OH.	XX	XX	XX	XX				
Total		652	50	633	56				
Indiana Grand Commandery									
31	Greensburg, IN.	45	4	45	6				
172	Richmond, IN.	44	0	36	0				
220	Oldenburg, IN.	79	14	82	14				
227	Millhouses, IN.	82	2	74	3				
236	Lanesville, IN.	15*	1*	XX	XX				
243	Batesville, IN.	76	4	81	5				
276	Evansville, IN.	30	1	28	2				
282	St. Wendell, IN.	309	14	294	16				
306	Evansville, IN.	15	1	12	0				
335	Evansville, IN.	29	2	27	1				
345	Haubstadt, IN.	196	6	191	-				
355	St. Joseph, IN.	44	0	44	0				
Total		964	49	914	47				
Kentucky Grand Commandery									
94	Covington, KY.	58	0	60	5				
103	Louisville, KY.	46	18	43	12				
130	Louisville, KY.	18	3	18	3				
Total		122	21	121	20				
Michigan Grand Commandery									
69	Eastpointe, MI.	18	3	7	2				
171	Sterling Hgts., MI.	12*	7*	11*	6*				
239	St. Clair Shores, MI.	33	14	28	14				
742	Brooklyn Center, MN.	23	0	25	0				
Total		86	24	81	22				
New York Grand Commandery									
37	Syracuse, N.Y.	20*	0*	20*	0*				
40	Rochester, N.Y.	25	2	21	2				
41	Utica, N.Y.	63	14	65	15				
100	Schenectady, N.Y.	90	7	82	8				
308	Rochester, N.Y.	37	13	36	13				
385	Utica, N.Y.	95	19	92	19				
626	Ozone Park, N.Y.	25	17	28	22				
676	Trenton, N.J.	28	13	29	14				
680	Newark, N.J.	33	18	48	18				
Total		416	103	421	111				
Ohio Grand Commandery									
281	Lorain, OH.	79	20	24	10				
330	Cleveland, OH.	32	11	28	12				
Total		111	31	52	22				
Unattached Commanderies									
520	London, U.K.	20	16	20	18				
608	Los Angeles, CA.	32	0	30	15				
739	Hamburg, Ger.	26	0	27	3				
Total		78	16	77	36				
Accra-East Grand Commandery									
405	Tema, Gh.	117	61	120	76				
413	Osu, Gh.	65	27	41	24				
431	Adabraka, Gh.	71	34	66	35				
596	Adenta, Gh.	61	32	57	32				
604	Madina, Gh.	62	34	81	31				
609	Sakumono, Gh.	71	38	75	47				
630	Ashaiman, Gh.	29	15	38	25				
736	Cantonment, Greater Accra	20	5	31	18				
758	La, Gh.	-	-	34	13				
795	Teshie, Gh.	-	-	26	4				
798	Airport West, Gh.	-	-	22	10				
799	Nungua-Accra, Gh.	-	-	16	-				
Total		496	246	607	316				
Accra-West Grand Commandery									
351	Derby Ave., Accra, Gh.	109	60	102	50				
482	Abeka, Gh.	64	35	84	49				
495	Matahekrom Gh.	70	42	64	48				
497	Achimota, Gh.	44	35	56	41				
500	Dansoman, Gh.	99	36	64	40				
618	Kpehe, Gh.	49	18	43	23				
619	New Achimota, Gh.	33	16	29	15				
747	New Apiaku, Gh.	-	-	39	20				
749	Nima, Gh.	26*	0*	25	12				
760	Pokuase, Gh.	-	-	46	15				
Total		494	242	552	313				
Cape Coast Grand Commandery									
346	Saltpond.	29	8	27	10				
354	Sekonde, Gh.	32	22	34	23				
357	Cape Coast, Gh.	44	22	52	25				
397	Takoradi, Gh.	72	54	76	56				
409	Agona Swedru, Gh.	34	21	34	22				
429	Elmina, Gh.	25	12	25	12				
436	Tarkwa, Gh.	45	32	53	34				
437	Axim, Gh.	9	3	10	8				
499	Effiakuma, Gh.	43	30	44	34				
521	Prestea, Gh.	35	23	41	23				
543	Dunkwa, Gh.	24	7	22	7				
616	Abura-Dunkwa, Gh.	18	4	17	5				
750	Nsuta-Wassaw, West. Reg.	17*	0*	20	15				
751	Twifo-Praso, Cent. Reg.	15*	0*	21	4				
794	Winneba, Gh.	-	-	20	13				
818	Assin Fosu, Gh.	-	-	9	0				
819	Awutu Bereku, Gh.	-	-	18	0				
820	Tamso, Gh.	-	-	18	0				
Total		442	238	551	291				
Koforidua-Ho Grand Commandery									
352	Keta, Gh.	15	7	20	5				
374	Hohoe, Gh.	35	15	36	17				
399	Kpando, Gh.	37	7	28	6				
400	Nkawkaw, Gh.	13	13	17	12				
403	Koforidua, Gh.	77	60	107	55				
417	Denu, Gh.	9	5	9	5				
418	Akim-Oda, Gh.	21	12	24	12				
419	Agomananya, Gh.	26	7	32	9				
424	Teteman, Gh.	13	3	21	5				
425	Ho, Gh.	51	35	59	36				
428	Aflao, Gh.	19	7	17	7				
444	Akwatia, Gh.	24	11	22	11				
453	Asamankese, Gh.	27	10	27	17				
480	Kwahu Tafo, Gh.	11	4	17	6				
488	Somanya, Gh.	25	10	26	10				
510	Abor, Gh.	19	5	16	4				
679	Akosombo	20	5	22	9				
740	Adoagyiri, Gh.	-	-	37	11				
741	Tease, Gh.	-	-	18	1				
748	Nkwanta, Gh.	22*	0*	21	0				
767	Kade, Gh.	-	-	18	8				
810	Ho-Kpelele, Gh.	-	-	26	0				
811	Effiduase, Gh.	-	-	22	0				
812	Donkorkrom, Gh.	-	-	25	0				
817	New Ibirem, Gh.	-	-	25	0				
Total		464	216	692	246				
Kumasi Grand Commandery									
368	Kumasi, Gh.	65	41	70	38				
393	Sunyani, Gh.	59	31	72	36				
406	Obuassi, Gh.	39	29	46	24				
416	Techiman, Gh.	17	7	27	14				
454	Mim, Gh.	-	-	20	2				
455	Berekum, Gh.	53	21	35	25				
457	Konongo, Gh.	29	18	31	15				
484	South Suntresro-Ksi, Gh.	42	30	42	34				
544	Wenchi, Gh.	31	14	40	11				
617	Knust, Gh.	34	20	39	23				
624	Asewase-Ksi, Gh.	27	16	28	16				
664	Kintampo, Gh.	21	8	19	6				
754	Tepa, Gh.	-	-	17	2				
755	Goaso, Gh.	-	-	17	3				
756	Drobho, Gh.	-	-	22	10				
757	Penkwase Sunyani, Gh.	-	-	27	8				

579 Ugep, Nig.	30	18	32	27
601 Obudu, Nig.	50	25	50*	25*
602 Boki, Nig.	34	15	33	26
603 Ikom-Cross River, Nig.	35	22	35*	22*
657 Okuku-Yalu, Nig.	23	15	33	20
698 Abuochiche, Cross River, ...	15	10	15	10
699 Ikono, Akwalbom, Nig.	16	12	22	15
700 Efut-Abua, Cross River, ...	20	15	19	12
701 Itam, Akwalbom, Nig.	12	12	21	12
702 Ovunom, Cross River, Nig.	18	14	17	12
703 Abak, Akwalbom, Nig.	23	15	24	16
704 Ikot Omin, Cross River, ...	18	14	30	22
782 Cross River, Nig.	-	-	27	20
783 Cross River, Nig.	-	-	14	9
784 Cross River, Nig.	-	-	16	10
785 Apakbuyo, Nig.	-	-	8	6
786 Ndon Ebom, Nig.	-	-	17	12
787 Akwalbom, Nig.	-	-	14	8
788 Obanliku, Nig.	-	-	15	-
Total	640	420	771	469

Enugu Grand Commandery

414 Enugu, Nig.	97	51	69	67
430 Naukya, Nig.	68	36	53	53
446 Abakaliki, Nig.	73	68	49	43
493 Kogi, Nig.	44	33	31	0*
529 Ebonyi, Nig.	60	48	55	55
580 Awgu, Nig.	42	25	52	52
581 Nsukka, Nig.	27	10	26	13
582 Kogi, Nig.	35	15	33	15
583 Abakpa, Nig.	31	20	30	25
584 Udi, Nig.	32	26	31	19
585 Trans Ekulu, Nig.	45	27	42	39
600 Abakaliki, Nig.	31	26	30	19
637 Aji, Nig.	22	9	10	6
638 Uwani, Nig.	44	31	51	34
639 Anyigba, Nig.	26	26	26	26
658 Emene, Nig.	31	14	26	26
659 Agbani, Nig.	23	22	21	10
660 Ezzamgbo, Nig.	25	11	26	21
706 Aku, Nig.	16	5	19	7
707 Iboko, Nig.	10	8	19	7
708 Ngbo, Nig.	13	11	13	10
709 Okposi, Nig.	11	4	15	7
753 Nyu-Nsukka, Nig.	-	-	19	13
761 Abakaliki, Nig.	-	-	9	9
762 Owutu, Edda, Nig.	-	-	17	0*
763 Ibagwa, Aka, Nig.	-	-	17	7
764 Enugu, Nig.	-	-	25	24
765 Iwallo-Oghe, Nig.	-	-	17	9
769 Ajaka, Kogi, Nig.	-	-	17	10
Total	806	526	848	626

Jos Grand Commandery

452 Jos, Nig.	32	32	32	31
477 Maiduguri, Nig.	26	25	26*	25*
506 Bauchi, Nig.	24*	0*	17	0*
507 Yola Taraba, Nig.	31	22	28	27
568 Bukuru, Nig.	19	12	19	13
575 Keffi, Nig.	19	12	24	15
577 Jalingo, Nig.	21	4	19*	2*
644 Mubi, Nig.	16*	6*	10*	0*
646 Zing, Nig.	16*	3*	7*	1*
687 Central Jos, Nig.	19	19	27	26
688 Jos (Ranthia), Nig.	14	14	17	14
689 Shandan, Nig.	-	-	27*	0*
776 Pankshin, Nig.	-	-	22	16
Total	237	149	275	170

Kaduna Grand Commandery

463 Kaduna, Nig.	26	5	23	5
478 Kano, Nig.	22	14	19	18
487 Katsina, Nig.	10	3	11	8
490 Sokoto, Nig.	35	21	26	0
505 Minna, Nig.	37	24	24	21
516 Zaria, Nig.	22	17	20	14
567 Zonkwa, Nig.	29	17	27	20
569 Kakuri, Nig.	20	0	24	23
570 Suleja, Nig.	24	24	31	19
597 New Busso, Nig.	15	15	14	13
647 Kateri, Nig.	11	2	11	0
665 Sabo, Nig.	23	17	28	16
666 Kafanchan, Nig.	11	8	13	8
667 Funtua, Nig.	14	2	14	2
668 Ugwan Rimi, Nig.	14	9	12	9
685 Angwan Nig.	24	0	11	7
686 Barnawa, Nig.	10	0	15	2
690 Kwakwache Kano, Nig.	12	10	11	9
691 Bompai Kano, Nig.	10	8	7	6
Total	369	196	341	200

Lagos Grand Commandery

447 Lagos, Nig.	172	152	140*	136*
474 Ido Ekiti, Nig.	39	27	27*	27*
485 Ilorin Ekiti, Nig.	27	22	27*	10*
496 Akure, Nig.	30	23	33*	33*
557 Akowonjo, Nig.	64	64	67*	67*
573 Ibadan, Nig.	32	32	37*	37*
640 Badagry, Nig.	20	18	25*	25*
641 Ikorodu, Nig.	15	11	16*	16*
642 Falomo, Nig.	32	32	45*	43*
643 Festac, Nig.	54	54	60*	60*
715 Oritic, Nig.	21	21	26*	26*
716 Ipaja, Nig.	18	18	25*	12*
718 Ado-Ekiti, Nig.	14	14	19*	15*
721 Isolo, Nig.	31	31	35*	35*
723 Okata, Nig.	23	23	26*	17*
726 Idimu, Nig.	26	26	28*	20*

727 Iju, Nig.	15	15	19*	3*
771 Leki, Nig.	-	-	9	18
772 Lagos, Nig.	-	-	21*	0*
773 Ikare Akoko, Nig.	-	-	14	8
774 Nairobi, Kenya	-	-	17*	0*
775 Nairobi, Kenya	-	-	17*	0*
Total	633	583	743	608

Makurdi Grand Commandery

486 Makurdi, Nig.	46	36	54	38
508 Otukpo, Nig.	19	1	16	14
540 Gboko, Nig.	60	41	59	46
571 Lafia, Nig.	17	13	15	15
590 Katsina Ala, Nig.	25	24	31	21
591 Allade, Nig.	31	28	33	31
592 Kotinyia, Nig.	14	7	17	16
593 High Level Makurdi, Nig.	49	46	47	43
594 Vandellkya, Nig.	26	24	28	23
650 Otukpo, Nig.	13	11	14	12
651 Otukpo, Nig.	18	17	22	22
673 Adoka, Nig.	10	9	14	11
674 North Bank, Makurdi, Nig.	18	14	26	17
Total	346	271	376	309

Onitsha Grand Commandery

438 Onitsha, Nig.	146	85	137	88
511 Nnewi, Nig.	69*	58*	60	56
512 Ihiala, Nig.	69	65	82	74
528 Anambra, Nig.	47	41	52	51
547 Anamtra, Nig.	37	35	37	28
572 Abagana Njikoka, Nig.	39	39	36	28
576 Awada, Nig.	63*	59*	61	60
577 Fege, Nig.	75*	41*	80	79
587 Nkpor, Nig.	82	81	52	24
614 Nkisi, Nig.	40*	24*	46	45
615 Adazi, Nig.	0*	0*	19*	0*
711 Awkuzu, Nig.	10	7	18	17
752 Dundukofia Region, Nig.	-	-	28	21
821 Orumoghu, Nig.	-	-	28	0
Total	677	535	736	571

Owerri Grand Commandery

422 Owerri, Nig.	244	113	230	132
433 Orlu, Nig.	64	53	65	59
445 Uyo, Nig.	198	60	208	202
456 Mbaise, Nig.	72	60	71	40
469 Unghia Imo, Nig.	129	118	136	114
479 Okigwe, Nig.	60	66	63	53
531 Amargbo, Nig.	38	30	39	33
532 Uruaia, Nig.	60	49	60	50
533 Abia, Nig.	66	54	80	79
534 Abia, Nig.	76	20	75	17
539 Ikeduru Imo, Nig.	62	38	88	62
559 Uli Orlu, Nig.	89	76	89	76
560 Izambe Imo State, Nig.	40	16	37	21
561 Nguru Aboh Mbaise, Nig.	62	45	87*	69*
562 Mbaise, Nig.	81	51	60	59
563 Ihitte Etti, Nig.	52	49	51	50
564 Isicla, Mbano, Nig.	62	55	63	63
565 Ebime, Mbano, Nig.	45	30	49	46
566 Ihoma, Nig.	43	29	44	29
631 Ohafia, Nig.	23	17	24	18
632 Olokoru, Nig.	41	13	46	13
636 Umuaka, Nig.	26	17	29	29
654 Obowo, Nig.	42	33	49	43
655 Owerri, Nig.	56	23	73	46
656 Ehime-Mbano, Nig.	32	28	35*	29*
705 Umuacha, Nig.	32	29	27	23
777 Uratta, Nig.	-	-	21	20
778 Onyia, Nig.	-	-	63	62
780 Ezi-East Maise, Nig.	-	-	26	17
781 Ekwereazu-Ahiasu, Nig.	-	-	7	13
Total	1795	1172	2005	1567

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

460 Port Harcourt, Nig.	180	156	139	121
535 Yenooa, Nig.	48	27	47*	8*
558 Elele, Nig.	36	30	40	34
633 Ovigbo, Nig.	47	39	52*	43*
634 Port Harcourt, Nig.	37	19	47*	34*
635 Bodo, Nig.	42	20	41*	31*
713 Bonny, Nig.	12	3	29*	0*
759 Ajeil, Nig.	-	-	20*	0*
779 Woji, Nig.	-	-	27	8
800 Port Harcourt, Nig.	-	-	18	12
801 Rumueme, Nig.	-	-	27	6
802 Port Harcourt, Nig.	-	-	27	3
804 Bori, Nig.	-	-	20	11
806 Kaima, Nig.	-	-	21	0
807 Igboegbe, Nig.	-	-	19	0
Total	402	294	574	311

Togo Grand Commandery

364 Lome, Togo	56	28*	56	28*
376 Sokode, Togo	10	5	10	0
398 Paline, Togo	9	4	9	4*
407 Tsevie, Togo	36	20	32	16
410 Lome, Togo	50*	22*	33	23
421 Aweho, Togo	11	6	13	7
464 Atkapane, Togo	22	7	22	7
465 Tokoin, Togo	31	16	31	16*
501 Nyekonakpoe, Togo	25	10	25	10*
502 Tokoin, Togo	28	14	27	16
503 Klotu, Togo	9	4	9	4*
504 Klotu, Togo	9	1	10	1
513 Wuiti, Togo	15	5	15	5*
514 Be-Kpota, Togo	25*	8*	25	8*
522 Kara, Togo	16	6*	16	6*

523 Kpeme, Togo	12	6	12	6*
542 Lome, Togo	10	3*	10	3*
574 Atakpame, Togo	19	2*	18	6
575 Vogam, Togo	9	2*	9	2*
625 Lome, Togo	18	14*	24	5
627 Lome, Togo	17	9*	16	9*
768 Agoe, Togo	-	-	18	0
Total	437	192	440	182

Trinidad and Tobago Grand Commandery

202 Port of Spain, WI.	12*	0*	5*	0*
261 Arima, WI.	0*	0*	1*	0*
301 San Fernando, WI.	0*	0*	0*	0*
312 San Juan, WI.	0*	0*	0*	0*
323 Carapichaima, WI.	0*	0*	0*	0*
327 Sangre Grande, WI.	4*	0*	4*	0*
333 Carapichaima, WI.	9*	0*	8*	0*
342 Port of Spain, WI.	6*	0*	2*	0*
353 Thnapuna, WI.	0*	0*	0*	0*
Total	31*	0*	20*	0*

Gbarnga - Cape Palmas Grand Commandery

371 Grand Cess, Lib.	18	2	18*	2*
394 Cape Palmas, Lib.	15	0	16	6
404 Yekepa, Lib.	34	2	34	2*
432 Saniquawl, Lib.	9	7	37	9
466 Pleebo, Lib.	18	3	25	3
467 Zwedru, Lib.	18	0	32	2
468 Gbarnga, Lib.	23*	1*	32	6
611 Ganta City, Lib.	34	7	36	6
612 Voinjama, Lib.	14*	0*	14*	0*
620 Tappita, Lib.	21*	0*	20*	0*
662 Barrekkan, Lib.	16	16	21	0
796 Foya, Lib.	-	-	18*	0*
808 Gbarnga, Lib.	-	-	22*	0*
Total	240	383	25	36

Monrovia Grand Commandery

366 Monrovia, Lib.	125	53	94	45
442 Monrovia, Lib.	75	36	83	51</

We are still trying to find rooms.

At the time of this printing, the Renaissance Hotel, has sold out of rooms. We are also having problems finding additional hotels with rooms because of another mid-week conference, being held in Columbus at the convention center, with an expected attendance of 14,000 people.

Please be assured that we are

trying to find additional rooms.

HOWEVER, please try to book rooms on your own, trying any and all hotels in the central Ohio area, including Worthington, Dublin, Powell, Grove City, Reynoldsburg, and Pickerington, just to name a few.

Participation in our convention has gone beyond all original expecta-

tations as when we first started this endeavour, our economy was experiencing a great recession, and after many discussions, decided on a room block slightly smaller than in Charlotte in 2012; and for this we must apologize.

Supreme Covention Committee

(Supreme President from page 4)

school previously dedicated by Tim Hoerst located in the Enugu Grand Commandery. It chills me to the bones that this current situation could have occurred there. I pray that this violence against Christian girls ends right now. We all need to support our brothers and sisters in Nigeria with our prayers so that this senseless violence can end.

As I write this, almost two (2) years have past since the last convention. Time sure does fly fast. The convention for this year in Columbus, Ohio promises to be a very good one. Jim Schafhausen and his committee have been hard at work making sure that all of the details have been taken care of. While at the registration area, I would ask that everyone be courteous to the registration volunteers. They want to ensure that you have a pleasant experience and through the registration as quickly as possible.

One final word on the convention is in order. For those who are making reports, please have at least 50 copies for the board meeting on Monday and Tuesday and at least 200 copies for the convention beginning on Wednesday. Also, I ask that while giving your report, please keep it to 10 minutes as we have a lot of proposed constitutional amendments to go through. If you have a long report, please summarize it while giving it. We must keep the meeting and convention moving.

So, I hope to see you in Columbus in July. Please have a safe journey to the convention and a safe journey back home!

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

(Supreme Spiritual Dir. from page 4)

As Catholics and Knights and Ladies of St. John International, continue to share the stories about Jesus Christ, be proud disciples of faith and truth.

You never know how many people you might impact and convert to the Catholic faith. You never know how many people's hearts will be burning with enthusiasm and joy

because of what you say and do, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I thank you for your faith, commitment, and stewardship to the Church and to the Knights and Ladies of St. John International. I thank you for all your works of charity.

God bless you.

*Msgr. Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*

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41 Utica, NY
282 St. Wendel, IN
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300 Fort Laramie, OH
306 Evansville, IN
345 Haubstadt, IN
345 Evansville, IN
347 Lancaster, NY
351 Accra, Ghana
368 Kumasi, Ghana
377 Lancaster, NY
379 Takoradi, Ghana
381 West Seneca, NY
382 West Seneca, NY
391 Blasdell, NY
392 Tamale, Ghana
405 Tema, Ghana
405 Tema, Ghana
411 Wa, Ghana
414 Ihiala, Anambra, Nigeria
427 Jirapa, Ghana
443 Bolgatanga, Ghana
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517 Wa, Ghana
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633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria
634 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
660 Ezzamgbo, Ebonyi, Nigeria
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