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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights, I am pleased to send this writing to you for by now we are all aware, or should be, that we have officially appointed the officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commanderies of Liberia, Sierra Leone, and the United States. This act has proclaimed a step toward the future of our organization and demonstrates the willingness of your Supreme Board of Directors to fulfill the needs of the members. We are now faced with the responsibility to ensure that your appointed officers have all that is required to not only form the new Supreme Subordinate Commanderies, but that they submit proper By-Laws, organize a functional structure for meetings, and most of all to ensure that all members are represented. I personally feel that the officers appointed have the understanding and the heart felt desire to move our great Order forward, and with the utmost respect to the membership. However, this process will be trying to both, the officers and the membership, we must all conduct ourselves as Brother Knights and respect the principals of our Order. We can all agree to disagree, but in the end, we must come to the best decision that is best for the Knights of St John International. We congratulate you for your desire to function as a Supreme Subordinate Commandery and only time will tell how great your desire to function as one is. I have faith and respect for all my Brother Knights, please show the same respect toward me, not as your President, but as your Brother, that you will do all in God's name to organize and continue to function for years long after me.

As I continue to inform the membership as to the issues in front of your Supreme Board of Directors, I must say that the 2018 Supreme Convention is still eluding us. At the present time, we have no re-

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

It has been an invigorating past 30 days, coming off the last Supreme Executive Board Meeting and the New York Grand Convention. Both always informative and exciting experiences. First off, I want to congratulate the newly appointed Supreme Subordinate Officers. A list of those appointments can be found elsewhere in this Journal. The responsibility of forming these Supreme Subordinate Commanderies will be a challenge for all of you and be sure to know that I am there, always, to grant any assistance that I can. Especially demanding will be the responsibilities of the Supreme Subordinate Secretaries. Consider yourself the funnel that controls the flow of information from the Supreme Secretary to your Grand, District & Local Commanderies. Everything will flow through you, both ways. This method has worked exceedingly well with the Supreme Subordinate Commanderies of Ghana and Nigeria and my plan is to continue it in Liberia, Sierra Leone and the United States. This assures that there is a constant, understandable flow of communication to and from the Supreme.

Disappointing, is the hesitation of United States Grand Commanderies to take on the next Supreme Convention. Skillfully organized, with team-work and cooperation a Supreme Convention can be a substantial money-maker for a Grand Commandery. Problem, as I see it, events such as these are put on by a handful of people and they feel that they can control, guide and run every aspect of the function. There is no delegation of duties, the chairman does it all. As a result, not everything that should be done is accomplished properly and usually the outcome is shoddy. Time was, when Commanderies would step in and take responsibility for separate aspects of the convention

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,
Peace be with you!

How often have we heard the phrase: "Time Flies, or "Time waits for no one". Perhaps you have other phrases telling how time passes us by quickly.

I offered a message to you right before the season of Lent. That season of grace, along with Easter and Pentecost, has come and gone. Through these spiritual and liturgical seasons, we celebrated our faith in Jesus Christ, renewed our promise to Him and received that awesome gift of the Holy Spirit.

The season of Lent and Easter and the celebration of Pentecost reminded us of the importance of our faith, discipleship, and stewardship. It reminded us that our faith is not merely a "head trip." It is a lifestyle of practical activity. It is living and sharing and caring about our brothers and sisters in the human family.

Our faith also leads us to discipleship. Each of us are called to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ and assist in building up the kingdom of God here on earth. Without discipleship, we are just a figure of molecules.

Finally, our faith encourages us to demonstrate stewardship in our lives. Our stewardship of time-talent-treasure must always be for the glory of God and uplifting His people.

As always, I am grateful for your faith, discipleship, and stewardship. I pray Our Loving Savior and the Holy Spirit will always engage you and work through you in building up His kingdom here on earth.

Faith, discipleship, and stewardship are who we are as Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary. May we always remind ourselves of this.

Peace and blessing,

Msgr. Federico A. Britto

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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 21 to 23, 2017 – Sterling Heights, Ohio

The Sixty-Seventh Annual National Bowling Tournament was held in Sterling Heights, Michigan on the weekend of April 21, 22 and 23, 2017.

The Sports Committee would like to thank Gen. Dale Gossiaux and the members of The Michigan Grand Commandery for hosting this annual tournament.

The annual Supreme Officers match games were not held this year, but several of the bowlers showed up on Friday evening at the bowling alley to throw a few practice games.

On Friday and Saturday, the local committee provided a hospitality room for our enjoyment and fellowship. Both days were very well attended.

Twenty teams participated in the tournament which was a little less than last year, but there were several new bowlers this year, hopefully they enjoyed themselves enough that they will bowl in future tournaments.

Next year's tournament will be held in Buffalo, New York. The dates of the tournament will be April 27, 28 and 29, 2018. As it looks we will be staying at The Millennium Hotel and bowling at The Transit Lanes. These are the same hotel and lanes that we have used in the past.

Hopefully everyone who participated had a good weekend and returned home safely. Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

The winners of this year's tournament are:

Team Event

Good Times, Captain Willie Griffin, John Ball, Shawn Nelson and Anthony Brown, Sr. of Maryland, with a score of 2130 scratch plus 576 handicap for a total of 2706.

Doubles Event

Ray Kearney and Wallace Mc Elveen of Maryland, with a score of 1127 scratch plus 297 handicap for a total of 1424.

Singles Event

Ernest Winters of Maryland, with a score of 699 scratch plus 105 handicap for a total of 804.

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and regularly report their progress to the Chairman, who could guide them accordingly. It seems now that no one wishes to get involved.

We still haven't given up and are still looking at a couple of venues, even if the Supreme Commandery has to take responsibility to run the event. There is also serious consideration being given to the changing of the manner in which our Conventions are conducted. Time will tell.

The Supreme Executive Board decided that there will be no meeting of the Supreme Advisory Board in July of this year. I am sure that many of you have been planning to be there for the inaugural meeting of this body, but it was felt best that it be held off until next year, just prior to the Convention, wherever that may be. I am as disappointed as you are.

The New York Grand Convention, an action filled three-day affair went off quite well, and what was brought to my attention was the confusion among our African brothers about the roles and powers of the military vs. civil portions of their commanderies. What constitutes the military unit and their role in the commandery and region? Much of this is created by the cultural difference between our countries.

A lot of eyes were opened during our question and answer sessions: an important issue to consider in the near future.

Things are changing, brothers, and it is going to be a wild ride. Hang on and help us grow this great Order.

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

**SIGN
UP
A
NEW
MEMBER
TODAY**

Michigan Grand Commandery

This is my last article as (now Past) President of the Michigan Grand Commandery. Elections were held at the final session of our Convention, held April 29th at Sweetest Heart of Mary's social hall. Fr. Gregory Tokarski continues to serve as our Spiritual Director. Our new Grand President is Brig. Gen. Brian Stehlin; 1st Vice President, Col. Ronald Michels; 2nd Vice President, Col. Vincent Iteghete; Secretary, Col. Adam Bush; Treasurer, Col. Michael Dudek; Trustees: Lt. Col. Douglas Rudd, 1st Lt. Douglas Halleux, Cpl. Thomas Gossiaux, and BK Anthony Salemi. Brig. Gen. Eugene Sniezyk returns as Judge Advocate. SK Nicholas Dey is Guard, Sgt. William Majkowski is Messenger, and BK Sebastian Migliore is Sgt.-at-Arms. Congratulations and thanks to our new officers. Holy Mass followed on Sunday, corporate Communion for the Grand Commandery. At the close of the Convention, Eugene Sniezyk made a moving presentation, on behalf of Sweetest Heart of Mary Commandery # 171, of the Jewel of Honor to General Frank Wasileski in recognition of his long and devoted service to the order.

I want to thank all those who made my job easier over the last six years, especially our Secretaries-the late Col. Vince Binsfeld, and Col. Mike Dudek, who succeeded him in office. Their attention to paperwork and procedure was and is commendable. Past Grand Presidents Gen. Dale Gossiaux, Brig. Gens. Eugene Sniezyk and Ernie Stehlin, Jr. have always been ready to advise and assist me, as have the Supreme officers, and of course all the Grand and Commandery officers and members, and the Ladies Auxiliary.



Brig. Gen. Eugene Sniezyk presents the Jewel of Honor to General Frank Wasileski at the Michigan Grand Convention.

I must also commend St. Alphonsus Commandery #742, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, which has sent delegates, officers and members to every Grand and Supreme Convention since I had the honor of assisting to inaugurate the Commandery nearly six years ago. They are growing in numbers, and now have seven uniformed members.

The Detroit Regiment hosted this year's National Bowling Tournament, April 21 to 23. It was a privilege to welcome so many teams from all over, and meet with our brothers and sisters in good spirits. Supreme officers, bowlers and guests had a great time at Sterling Lanes, and of course at the hospitality room at the hotel.

Fr. Sylvain Mbog, St. Joseph Commandery #239's chaplain, celebrated a Mass for us in the hotel Saturday evening. We are blessed to have priests like Fr. Sylvain who can find time to travel and provide the Holy Eucharist to us, wherever we happen to be.

St. Joseph Oratory in Detroit, served by my own St. Joseph Commandery #239, is since November 2016 under the care of the Order of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest at the invitation of His Excellency Archbishop Allen Vigneron. The newly installed Rector is Canon Michael Stein, assisted by Deacon Johathan Fehrenbacher (soon to be ordained in Florence, Italy). They have welcomed the Knights, and have already called on us for several turn-outs, notably a procession in honor of St. Joseph's feast day from the church to nearby Eastern Market. Canon Stein is working with us to promote membership, and the Commandery has gained a new member (welcome, BK Jeremy Bartholomew!) thanks to a meet-and-greet session introduced and promoted by the Rector.



Procession, St. Joseph Day of Prayer.

*Fraternally,
Maj. Gen. Sean Dey
Past President, Michigan Grand*

Onitsha Grand Commandery

ONITSHA GRAND COMMANDERY UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES OF ONITSHA GRAND COMMANDERY FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF 2016.

We are glad to be on news again through our journal which had been so educative as far as activities of Knights of Saint John International around the Globe are concerned.

YEAR OF MERCY RETREAT:

The Grand President Brig. Gen. Alex .N. Nnabuife

turned out all brothers in Onitsha Grand Commandery for a one day retreat at the Pilgrimage Centre Okija – Anambra State on Saturday 12th November 2016. Highlights of events were the Rosary, Passing through the Door of Mercy by all brothers, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass officiated by Priests led by Rev. Fr. Ofiaeli. The retreat was eventful.

PRESIDENTIAL VISITS:

The Grand President rounded his presidential visits to Local Commanderies for the year with visits to #438, Onitsha in October 17th and #752, Dunukofia in November 19th while #572, Okija had their turn in December 17 2016. At each of these Local Commanderies visited the Grand President's address centred on (1) Discipline in the Order (2) Membership Drive (3) Welfare of Priests and Sick brothers (4) Spirituality (5) Charity to the Needy (6) Upholding the Constitution of KSJI.

2016 INITIATION AND EXEMPLIFICATION:

On 2nd - 3rd November 2016, thirty-four (34) brothers were exemplified into the 2nd and 3rd Degree and invested in their Uniforms at ceremonies which took place at the KSJI Temple Onitsha while Twelve(12) other brothers were also invested in their Full Dress Uniforms.

In the same vain, thirty-eight (38) aspirants were initiated into the Ancient and Noble Order after undergoing the necessary screening. The ceremonies were presided over by the Grand President Brig. Gen.



Alex. N. Nnabuife while the Onitsha Grand Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Dr. Major Emma. O. Nwabude was in attendance with other Spiritual Advisers to minister to the participants spiritually. 6 aspirants came from #438 Onitsha, 3 from #511 Nnewi, 9 from #512 Ihiala, 2 from #547 Ozubulu, 2 from #572 Okija, 4 from #576 Awada, 3 from #587 Nkpor, 5 from #614 Trans-Nkisi, 2 from #711 Awkuzu while Commanderies No. 803 Ukpok and 821 Orsumoghu presented one each.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS CONVENTION:

The 4th Biennial Regimental Sports

Convention of Onitsha Grand was held on Saturday 10th December 2016 at Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity Square Onitsha. Brothers from various Commanderies competed in events like (1) Matching

(2) Sword Manual (3) Track events. Prizes were won individual brothers and Commanderies.

70 YEAR BIRTH DAY ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP HILARY OKEKE:

On Saturday January 21st, the Catholic Bishop of Nnewi Diocese celebrated his 70 years birth day anniversary at the Assumption Cathedral Nnewi. Brothers from Onitsha Grand Commandery participated actively both at the planning and execution of the celebration. It was really a memorable day.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

25/3/2017 – GBOT meeting at KSJI Temple Onitsha – Nigeria. 29/3/2017 – 1/4/2017 – 40 years of KSJI in Nigeria. 11th – 14th May 2017 – 6th West African Summit at Abuja.

Col. Emeka .C. Okolie

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Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

The Noble Degree was conferred on Saturday, April 29th at the Church of the Incarnation in Washington DC. There were 28 recipients. The celebrant was Bishop Ricard.



Jos Grand Commandery



Brig. Gen. Paul C. Nsofor and his grand officers visited St Theresa's commandery #687 Jos. It was a wonderful uplifting visit. As holy week approaches we shared together preparation of Holy week and Easter.

Accra West Grand Commandery

SS Peter and Paul Commandery #747 and Ladies Auxiliary # 631 of Knights of St John donates to Kasoa Govt. Hospital

Members of the SS Peter and Paul Commandery #747 and Ladies Auxiliary # 631 of the Knights of St. John International, New Aplaku in Accra have presented a poly tank to the Kasoa Government Hospital. The gesture was made in response to a request from the hospital. According to Ms Helen Mahama, a principal nursing officer who received the poly tank on behalf of the Management, the hospital has always had challenges with ensuring adequate provision of water for both staff and patients a situation which always affected sanitation and posed a serious threat to the health of both patients and staff of the hospital. She thanked the members of the Order for this gesture stating they consider it as very priceless.

The Worthy President of the Commandery, Noble Brother Augustine Kessie assisted by the Respected President, Sister Cynthia Nkansah and the Past President, Sister Gloria Dwummah-Adu formally presented the poly tank to the Hospital.

Speaking after the presentation, Noble Brother



Kessie indicated that, as an Order which has charity as one of its key values, the SS Peter Commandery #747 and Ladies Auxiliary # 631 made this donation in observance of their Advent charity pledge and hoped this will go a long way to help improve sanitation at the hospital.

By Benjamin Dwummah-Adu

Buffalo Grand Commandery

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

The annual Catholic Men's Conference was well attended by approximately 600 Catholic men. Thanks to the efforts of Maj. Joseph Miller and Lt. Tim Redinger the Knights of St. John provided an honor guard for Bishop of Buffalo, Reverend Richard Malone. I also wish to thank all Brother Knights who setup and worked the membership table. Lt. Tim Rindinger did a remarkable job with its design and being very attractive for all those attendees to admire. The reward of new members will follow the actions of these two fine men.

Buffalo Grand & Regimental Membership Committee has been aiding many of our Commanderies that require assistance with improving membership at their local Parishes. Many Commanderies are actively incorporating many of the recommendations from this committee such as attending various parish functions in Mass; speaking to the congregation at Mass; supplying pamphlets and other informative information. Commandery 381 has already seen the reward of four new members and other Commanderies 377, 387 and 391 will soon be reaping the rewards of improved membership thanks to the efforts of Maj. Joe Miller and Lt. Tim Rindinger.

All Commanderies within the Buffalo Grand have prepared many functions during this Lenten season. Commandery 391 is no exception. They cordially invited all Buffalo Grand Commanderies to their Lenten Holy Hour, organized around the theme of the Seven Last Words of Christ. It was very successful and well attended. I commend S.K. Jeffery Kohler for his outstanding effort.

Commandery 382 of Queen of Heaven mourned the loss of Brother Knight Sgt. James Bulger (Feb. 7th). Jim was a remarkable individual who served with dedication for many years the Knights of St. John, his Parish and community. Jim will never be forgotten as a "Sgt. James Bulger Memorial Fund" was created to provide donations to families of deceased Commandery Knights to



assist in defraying funeral expenses. This is a truly wonderful way to remember all that Jim gave to his Commandery and community for his many years of service.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was a special event for Commandery 382. Prior to the parade, the Knights of St. John provided an Honor Guard for Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone at St. Joseph Cathedral. After leaving Mass and entering the Parade they were greatly rewarded by receiving the Bishop Grosz trophy for "Best Catholic Float". Congratulation Sgt. Maj. Robert Meyer and Capt. Vincent Binder for a job well done

May God, Bless all my Brother Knights, keep them in good health and free from all harm.

God Bless America and Canada.

Buffalo Regiment: Regimental Comments - Lt. Col. Allen Hammer:

By the time, you read this Memorial Day turn out will be over. As I think back on past Memorial Day turn outs I remember hundreds of men in line formed by three battalions that once formed the regiment. We would assemble at American Optical on Sugar Road and march to the monument accompanied by the Regimental Band. Regimental, battalion and commandery flags were unfurled and flowing in the wind. For those of you who were around in those days I am sure you can remember those times.

On September 10th we will have the annual Regimental Mass and Breakfast. Mass is at Our Lady of Victory at 8:00 am. Breakfast will be at Curly's Restaurant. Then on October 18th the Regimental Muster and Inspection will be held at Our Lady of Pompeii. We will start at 7:00 pm.

DON'T FORGET THOSE WHO ARE 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 may experience a speedy and a full recovery.

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

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

*Col. William Pocobello,
Buffalo Grand Secretary*

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

Awka Grand Commandery

The month of April 2017 was laden with activities in Awka Grand Commandery. The month opened up its activities with Lenten Retreats organized by many Local Commanderies under the Grand. The Grand President, Brig. Gen. G. N. Muotolu, and the Grand Secretary, Col. P. C. Egwui, being members of St. Patrick's Commandery # 434, Awka, joined members of their Commandery to participate in their Lenten Retreat that took place between 7th and 9th April, 2017. It has been the tradition of this Commandery to hold her annual retreats in the week – end terminating on Palm Sunday – a practice that has lasted for over 30 years. The Retreat Moderator was Very Rev. Fr Martin Anusi, the Director of Fides Communications, Awka – a weekly newspaper owned by the Catholic Diocese of Awka. The theme of the Retreat centered on “St. John the Baptist: Patron of Knights of St John International” A lot of spiritual messages flew through the Moderator to the attentive participants. Every one went home much happier than he/she was at the coming.

On the hills of this retreat, came the Chrism Mass/ Cathedraticum which was celebrated on Thursday, 13th April. That day, the Bishop of the Diocese concelebrated Mass with all the Diocesan Priests in which each renewed his Priestly Ordination vows. In the same Mass, members of the Laity displayed their love and solidarity with their Diocesan Bishop through presentation of gifts in cash and kind to him to aid him for his pastoral work in the Diocese. Awka Grand Commandery turned out Commanderies and LAUX to join adherents for the celebration. Awka



The Charter Worthy President of Commandery #892 Neni appreciating Awka Grand President at the thanksgiving Mass in honour of their successful inauguration and installation of officers.

Grand Commandery presented 8 cow ropes at N50, 000. 00 per rope to the Bishop

Again on 22nd April, nineteen (19) Papal Knights awardees in Awka Diocese were invested/decorated by the Diocesan Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Ezeokafor within a Holy Mass. Four recipients comprising a Rev. Sister, a Rev. Bro., a Catechist and one other received Papal Medals; thirteen (13) persons including a woman were knighted in the Order of Knights of St. Sylvester (KSS) while one candidate was decorated as Knights of St Gregory the Great (KSG). It is interesting to report that three Bros viz: Victor Umeh, A. U. Nonyelu and C. I. D. Anierobi – all members of Commandery # 434 Awka – were among the KSS who

received the Papal award. Awka Grand Commandery showed appreciation to the Bishop by presenting a cow rope worth N50, 000. 00.

Finally, the next day, (23rd April), Commandery # 892, Neni, the newest and the 12th Local Commandery in Awka Grand, marked her outing Mass at the Commandery Headquarters of St. John's Catholic Parish, Neni. Over 15 Priests concelebrated the Mass with the Bishops representative. Towards the close of the Mass, an opportunity was given to the Grand President to install the Commandery Spiritual Adviser, Very Rev. Fr. Charles Umeoji. The Charter Worthy President, Bro Tochukwu Muoma, was also presented with the Commandery Charter. The motivator of the new Commandery, Col. A. O. Erukeme, 2nd Vice Grand President of Owerri Grand Commandery and Onowu of Neni and his sister, Lady Mary, were recognized as the Patron and Patroness of the new Commandery. The outing Mass event featured parades aided by a marching band, photographs, speeches and entertainment

We live to die to go to heaven. Within the period under review, the Grand Commandery lost the following: Sister Agnes Chinweze, Sister Florence Obiudu, Sister Virginia Ojukwu, Sister Roseline Ndulue, and Bro J. O. Ibeke. May their souls rest perfectly in the Lord. Amen.



Members of the new Commandery #892 Neni after their Thanksgiving Mass.

*Col. P. C. Egwui
Charter Grand Secretary*

Enugu Grand Commandery

Workshop for Admin Officers, Commanders, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Adjutants, and Financial Secretaries

The need for this workshop was articulated by a committee of four (two brothers and two sisters) chaired by the Grand Secretary, Col. Charles Nwakanma. It spelled out the “modus operandi” which among others included date and venue, resource persons and fees payable by attendants.

The workshop was held at the pastoral centre, Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki, Abakaliki on Thursday March 23, 2017. The first resource person, Col Innocent Diyoke spoke on the “*STRATEGIC ROLE OF SECRETARIES, DISTRICT COMMANDERY AND REGIMENTAL ADJUTANTS*”. He traced who a Secretary is, his role and finally relates them to roles assigned to secretaries by KSJI constitution. The secretary is most important official of an organization after the president. According to him “the role of the secretary starts before the meeting, continues during and beyond the meeting.

In the second paper presented by Noble sister Mary Okafor, She traced the evolution of accounting systems in Nigeria to Book keep-

ing, Double-Entry Bookkeeping and Ledgers. Finally she dealt with statement of transactions for presentation to members of a non-trading concern. The receipts and payments accounts and the income and expenditure accounts, she opined that income and expenditure accounts are ideal.

The third paper on the “*EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL*” was delivered by Brig. Gen. Chidi Arinze, the Supreme Subordinate Secretary, Nigeria. He not only gave a brief history of the Order but also listed the echelons of command in the Order.

He opined that “effective administration is synonymous with mastery, obedience and respect to the constitution, bye laws, rules and regulations, code of conduct of our Order and use of gavel where applicable”. He asked very deep and incisive questions to the principal officers of the echelons on how effective their governance is. He ended up by reciting the constitutional obligations for worthy presidents, recording and corresponding secretaries and financial secretaries. A very good paper.

Easter Lenten Retreat

At the end of the workshop on 23rd March 2016, the elected offic-

ers of the grand commandery led by the spiritual director Brig. Gen. Rev. Fr. Clement Obasi paid a courtesy visit to the Bishop of Abakaliki Catholic Diocese. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Michael Nnachi Okoro, as Abakaliki pastoral centre was the venue of our traditional annual lenten retreat.

The retreat whose theme was “*LIVING BY THE WORD OF GOD*” was anchored by Rev. Fr. Simon Acha of St. Theresa’s Parish Akaeze, Rev. Fr. Ken Chigbo and Dr. Alfred Unah. Rev. Fr. Simon Acha spoke on the main theme of the retreat while Rev. Fr. Ken Chigbo spoke on “*SEEK YOU FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND ITS RIGHTEOUSNESS*” (Matt 6. 33-34) Dr. Alfred Unah spoke on “Healthy Ageing” Each speaker delivered very well researched paper on the topic in question. Participants were very well informed.

Extension of Management Agreement of Knights of St. John International College (KSJIC) AGBA

As part of “*WELCOME TO YOUR NEW OFFICE*” the Grand President Brig. Gen. Peter Adimorah in company of the grand secretary Col Charles Nwakanma paid a visit to the new mother general of Daughters of Divine Love congregation, mother, Anastasia Dike to congratulate her on assumption of office as new mother general. Among other things discussed was the extension of their management of our college for another three years. The approval was conveyed to us in their letter dated 4th April 2016. Glory to God.

*Col Charles Nwakanma
Enugu Grand Secretary.*

~ 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.

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Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 8) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

PORT HARCOURT GRAND COMMANDERY YOUNG BROTHERS AND SISTERS WORKSHOP

It has become a routine in Port Harcourt to offer our Young Brothers Workshop in March every year. This time, our Ladies Auxiliary wanted to be part of the programme organized by the School of Knights. The last two squads of the LAUX numbering eighty four (84) sisters signed in for the programme along with ninety brothers from Edmund Fitzgibbon Squad and Squad. All were initiated in 2016. Monsignor Charles C. Agu, a former Spiritual Adviser to Commandery #460, and Parish Priest of Holy Family Catholic Church, Woji where the two day programme took place, welcomed the Grand Officers and the School Management Board, after the opening Mass.

The principal of the School, Major Ben Iwuoha, presented a lead paper on the 'rough road'. Incidentally, the First Grand Respected President, also delivered a similar paper to the Ladies in a separate setting.

After dinner, Noble Dan Onuoha presented a paper on the history of Port Harcourt Grand Commandery, after a brief review of Catholic Knighthood from the Medieval times through the formation of KSJI in the nineteenth century to the Supreme Subordinate Commandery Nigeria. Col. Steve Ekwelibe, the Grand First Vice President, dealt with the Ethics of the Order and Degrees of the Order.

The Grand President, Brig. General George Ikioumoton, presented a lead paper the next day on Discipline which he said was at the heart of every army. He reviewed breaches of discipline in the Church, at meetings and in civic gatherings and attendant sanctions.

Two papers on health issues were presented on sickle cell anaemia, prostate cancer IV Aids and other diseases ravaging the country.

Captain Silvanus Ukaegbu from Owerri Grand Commandery was invited to assist in drill practices to

which two sessions were allotted.

The two day programme was "hailed" by the young brothers and sisters who described it as very profitable for their understanding of the Order and growth in it.

A few days later, the School of Knights was restructured to make its administration 21st century compliant. The School Governing Board now includes a Rector, the military Department and the Office of the Grand Secretary, while the Management team has Finance/Administration, Programs/Technical Services and Welfare. There is now an archivist and/or document control officer – a Librarian.

Easter Charities, 2017

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery reached out to our Bishops during the celebration of the Cathedraticum in their various dioceses. It is during the Cathedraticum that lay members and priests celebrate with and honour their Bishop and show him love for the great work he is doing for them. This year, the Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese and Bomadi Vicariate received from Port Harcourt Grand Commandery the sum of N100,000.00 each while the Administrator of Aba Diocese received N50,000.00. We have only one Commandery in Aba Diocese.

Our widows benefited from our N500,000.00 Easter Widows' purse. The widows numbered over one hundred and ten but our Widows

Committee paid attention to the very needy ones. In a depressed economy, worsened by hyperinflation and insecurity, widows with young children, are the first casualties. Aged widows, who are bedridden, who receive no tangible support from their children, suffer a lot in a society where there is a poor or non-existing social welfare system.

Our Local Commanderies forwarded the names of only eleven widowers. Some of these widowers have on-going business concerns that yield some income, but from the list we could identify two indigent and aged brothers. One of them is totally blind.

After screening, we came up with forty one widows and widowers, urgently needing a helping hand.

In the face of the staggering needs of these widows and widowers, N500,000.00 was like "drop in the bucket". But we relied on the Lord to multiply it and stretch it for their use as He had done when He used only "five barley loaves and two small fishes" to feed five thousand persons, and had a leftover. John 6:8-10.

Incidentally, one of the widows Lady Oyor, had received the sum of one million naira during our March Joint Grand Board meeting as she was a beneficiary of our Death Benefit Scheme.

*Col. Dan Onuoha
Grand Secretary*

Indiana Grand Commandery

On a beautiful weekend April 7, 8, 9th Millhausen Commandery hosted the 114th State Convention. Friday evening we had registration of delegates and great fish dinner. Later that evening some of the best bowlers in the state competed for prizes and the traveling trophy. Well maybe not the best bowlers but they sure had fun.

Saturday morning at 7:45 there was formation in front of Immaculate Conception Church with Mass by Fr. John Meyer for the departed members of the Knights of St John and Auxiliary. Breakfast was followed with the formal opening of the business meeting at 10:00, after roll call. All delegates were assigned to committees and with elections this year nomination from the chair and the floor were held. Before Lunch all delegates reported to their appointed committees.

The afternoon business session opened at 12:30 with roll call followed by reports from all committees. Our new candidates for election were presented to the body and the election followed. Newly elected officers are: President: Mark Elpers, 1st Vice President: Jerry Knapp, 2nd Vice President: Joe Kraemer, Recording Secretary: Dan Nobbe, Financial Secretary: Steve Luigs, Treasurer: Larry Neuman, Judge Advocate: Roman Nobbe. Messenger: Gary Naas, Guard: Kenny Will, Sargent at Arms: Eric Sunderhaus, 5th District trustee: Jay Pfeiffer, 6th District trustee: Randy Kissel. We expressed appreciation and thanks to the outgoing officers for serving the Indiana Grand with pride and leadership, especially Brigadier General Larry Newman who has served for the last four years. Job well done! With the new officers in place we look to a future that the Indiana Grand will continue to be alive and growing.

Under the good of the order our Spiritual Adviser, Fr. Rock Travniker was recognized for his service to God and the Knights of St. John. For many years he has flown from Florida to be with us to say Mass and participate at the con-



Past Indiana Grand President Eddie Obermeyer (left) presenting the Indiana Grand Knight of the Year Award to Kenneth Will.

ventions. Father passed away on December 25th. He will be greatly missed.

The afternoon session closed at 3:00.

A banquet was held at Millhausen's Knights of St. John at 6:30pm. The new officers were presented by the President Mark Elpers. After dinner the bowling awards were given with the 5th District winning the traveling trophy. The Special Children's report was given with donations of over \$16,000 between the 5th and 6th districts This is something we are very proud of.

The Knight of the Year Award was presented to an outstanding Knight for deeds done for his Church Community and Commandery. Kenneth Will was the proud recipient of this award. He has been a Knights Member of St. Wendel Commandery 282 for over 50 years.

The evening ended with an auction and the proceeds going to St

Vincent de Paul.

Sunday morning we had formation at Immaculate Conception Church for all the delegates and uniform members with Mass by Fr. Bill Turner. After breakfast Millhausen was thanked for their hospitality and the well organized Convention.

Let us keep our deceased and sick Knights in our prayers.

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	C-4D Fourth Degree Membership Card (each)	\$.05	
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	C-WC Withdrawal Card (each)	\$.15	
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	B-SC Constitution and corrections – with cover	\$12.00	
	B-CN Constitution and corrections – without cover	\$10.00	
	B-CC Constitution Corrections	TBA	
	B-DR Drill Regulation Manual Book	\$10.00	
	B-PD KSJI Promotion and Drill Manual Training DVD	\$18.00	

Quantity	ACCESSORIES	Price per	Total
	A-CL KSJI Cuff Links – gold (set)	\$125.00	
	A-KT KSJI Tie	\$20.00	
	A-TT KSJI Tie Tack – with tabs	\$ 7.50	
	A-TN KSJI Tie Tack – without tabs	\$ 7.50	
	A-PT KSJI Lapel Pin – with tabs	\$ 5.50	
	A-PN KSJI Lapel Pin – without tabs	\$ 5.50	
	A-NP Noble Degree Lapel Pin	\$ 5.50	
	A-NR Noble Degree Ribbon	\$ 3.50	
	A-GL Noble Degree White Glove – Large	\$10.00	
	A-GX Noble Degree White Glove – Extra Large	\$10.00	
	A-PE KSJI Pocket Emblem Mounted on Plastic	\$ 7.00	
	A-EP KSJI 3" Emblem Patch	\$ 3.50	
	A-SR KSJI Sash – Regular	\$55.00	
	A-SL KSJI Sash – Long	\$55.00	
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sponse from the Grand or Commanderies in the United States to undertake this responsibility. Having said that let us understand that we will hold our convention in 2018 as prescribed by our Constitution. Our greatest problem is that we have always booked a Headquarters Hotel and counted on room nights to pay for the meeting rooms needed. As we all know, the headquarters hotel rate is higher than other hotels in the area. We no longer have the room nights to cover the cost of the meeting rooms, thus we must face that reality and move in a different direction. Presently we are looking at booking the meeting rooms in a hotel or moving to a convention center. This will cost in the area of \$15,000 to \$20,000 dollars, which would have to be split with the Supreme Ladies Auxiliary. Wherever we choose to locate must have hotel's and restaurant's available for those participating. There is a possibility that we may hold the convention in Philadelphia with the stringent work of the members, and Maj. Gen. Martin Bella, but until I receive word from Maj. Gen. Bella, I cannot confirm this to the membership. Please remember that the structure of the convention and the cost of things such as registration, will increase. Still we will do the best we can to defray the cost to the membership.

*Respectfully,
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr
Supreme President*

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