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## SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of the Knights of St. John International. As this issue is published the weather in the U.S. has turned cooler with the winter months just ahead of us. It is also that time of year when we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. As we celebrate Christmas this year, let us have Christ re-enter our lives the way He is meant to be. Let us also take that spirit with us into the new year! In the months ahead, we must investigate new ways of increasing our membership and re-engaging our current members to help continue our mission of serving others and serving the Church.

I would like to give you some of my thoughts and impressions on my recent trip to Sierra Leone, Ghana and Nigeria. I believe that it was a very worthwhile visit to our brothers (and sisters) who do not get the opportunity to come to the U.S. for the biennial conventions. Everywhere we went, we made sure to meet with as many members as possible and to hold little informational meetings with a question and answer period for all.

The trip was certainly interesting from the point of view as a member of the Knights of St. John International. To see our brothers and sisters of the auxiliary who turned out in great numbers everywhere was a sight to behold. Their enthusiasm for our presence was awesome and their great love for the organization and the church was inspiring. Without getting into too much detail, because it would entail a major report, each country we visited is unique and the people were very welcoming. There are three items I would particularly like to point out. The first was in Sierra Leone. This was the first visit of the Supreme Commandery representatives to that country. The men and ladies certainly put out the welcome mat for us. They made us feel right at home and honored us with Masses and celebrations. The second was in Saltpond, Ghana, the birthplace of the Knights of St. John in West Africa. We visited the commandery where it was started and viewed the busts of the two men, father and son Emmanuel Raphael Quansah and Anthony Quansah. The third was in the

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## SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy Fall, but as you read this, all 472 Commandery Presidents should have a copy of the Year End Report and the Password in their hands. The next move is yours, Brothers. When you have had your Commandery elections, the forms are to be filled out by your secretary and sent to my office so that I have them by January 15, 2014.

Remember that fines will be in effect for late reports, and doubled every thirty days. So get them in to me, ASAP.

A reminder: The Password is not to be handed out until your first meeting of the new year. Then the real work begins for me. Once these reports are in my office, I will begin your Per Capita Tax billing.

On the heels of that are the preparations for the July Convention in Columbus, OH. For our overseas members, I will begin forwarding "Letters of Invitation" for those persons requiring VISAs as soon as your Supreme Subordinate Secretary (Grand Secretary for those not in a Supreme Subordinate situation) provides me with the request. I will not take any individual requests and all such requests are to be made via the appropriate secretary.

Putting everything else aside, let me wish you and your families a warm, joyous Christmas, bathed in the glow of God's love, and surrounded by those you hold dear.

Nothing could be better. God bless all of us, as we celebrate the Birth of His Son, Emmanuel - Christ Jesus.

*Fraternally,  
Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz  
Supreme Secretary*



## SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Dear Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary,*

May the grace of this beautiful season of Advent and the season of Christmas bring you a joyful hope and a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A priest friend of mine was traveling home from giving a talk to a group of people. The theme of the talk was "Faith Engaged." While on the plane, he had a deep conversation with the Stewardess. She asked him: "Who are you!?" She was curious and intrigued by my priest friend. But the question "Who Are You?" stuck in his mind.

Last month, our universal Church completed a yearlong theme "Year of Faith" which was proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. We were to challenged to know, understand, and proclaim our faith. Pope Francis I spoke about "New Evangelization." He said he "wants a church that doesn't just open its' doors to others, but goes out to the world to those Christians who are indifferent, to the Catholics who stop going to Mass, and even to unbelievers." Pope Francis continues to state that there are many suffering people in the world. This suffering is not only physical, but spiritual as well. Pope Francis' message is that of the heart of the Gospel, the story of Jesus. His message is simple: "Jesus loves us no matter our indifference, our sufferings, our limitations, our failures, and our personal joys. Jesus loves us so much that He came on earth to be one with us while leading us to the kingdom. His love for us is special.

If someone asks you "Who Are You?", respond by saying 'I am a child of God who is special and loved by Him.'

Proclaim this to everyone, in your speech and actions, and through your Commanderies. This is Faith Engaged; taken from the Year of Faith; and the New Evangelization.

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year to all our Knights and Ladies of St. John International.

*God Bless,  
Msgr. Britto*

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a Blessed and Merry  
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571	Lafia, Nigeria	Samuel Tsaku
590	Katsina Ala, Nigeria	Cyprian Batur, Christopher Abela, Gabriel Myuean T., James Akor Gigh, James Anande
591	Aliade, Nigeria	Rev. Fr. John Asen
592	Korinya, Nigeria	Clement Chiichii Kaha
593	High Level Makurdi, Nigeria	Moses Onwubueme Obasi, Francis Atsea, Clement Adawa
594	Vandeikya, Nigeria	Geoffrey T. Hundu, Benjamin Menze, Athanasius Atser Kyasu
631	Ohafia, Abia, Nigeria	Blaise Paschal Ukaiwe, Paul Chima Eke Ito, Pius K. Orienna, Sylvanus O. Eyeli, Boniface A. Kelu, Nelson Kalu Irop
650	Otukpa, Nigeria	Clement Ogbole, Kelvin Ezugwu
651	Otukpo, Nigeria	Michael Ogebe, Felix Enyi, Thomas Ojeka, Johnson Agbane
654	Obowo, Imo, Nigeria	Adolphus O. Obanny, Romanus C. Iwunze, John Bosco C. Nwaogu, Christian C. Madu, Linus Oyiriaru

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## Makurdi Grand Commandery

We regret to inform our readers that the photograph that appeared on our pages in the June 2013 publication did not go with the article required. Our readers from Mkurdi Grand Commandery especially may be confused over how the picture of Bishop Avenya and the family of brother George Akume featured along with the story that was carried. The article that was meant for the picture was on a dedication Mass and handing over of a church building built by our brother a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who is from St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540 Gboko, the church was handed over officially to the Catholic Bishop of Gboko Diocese Most Rev. William Avenya. The Grand Commandery was turned out to be part of the celebration led by the Grand President Brig. Gen. Simon Aondona and the picture was a reflection of what transpired between Most Rev. William Avenya and the family of Brother (Sen.) George Akume. We are sincerely sorry for the mix up.

We were conspicuously absent from the September publication due to unforeseen circumstances and do sincerely apologise to our readers. The mistake has been handled accordingly.

### Welcome our New Spiritual Advisers

We shall continue to be grateful for the growth and development of Makurdi Grand Commandery. Since the Grand Commandery had been inaugurated a lot of changes have taken place coupled with the creation of two new dioceses out of Makurdi. The Bishop of Makurdi Diocese Most Rev. A.A. Usuh has appointed the following preists in place of those who have relocated to the new dioceses.

Very Rev. Fr. Adolphus Ikyuluke had been appointed District Chaplain for District 40 Makurdi. Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Tondo who was the Spiritual Adviser of SS. Peter & Paul Commandery 591 Aliade has relocated to Gboko Diocese. In his place the Catholic Bishop of Makurdi Diocese has appointed Rev. Fr. John Asen. Very Rev. Fr. Dominic Jir who was the Spiritual Adviser of St. Theresa Commandery 593 High Level Makurdi has relocated to Gboko Diocese and in his place the Bishop has appointed Rev.



**Bishop of Otukpo Diocese, Most Rev. M. Apochi stresses a point. Seated are Major Generals A. Okafor and Dan Okekenta.**

Fr. Donald Ortese. These priests have resumed their responsibilities in their newly assinged Commanderies accordingly.

In Gboko Diocese Very Rev. Fr. Chris Utov who was the Spiritual Adviser of St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540 Gboko has relocated to Katsina Ala Diocese. The Catholic Bishop of Gboko Diocese Most Rev. William Avenya has appointed Rev. Fr. Cyril Anjembe in his place.

While in Katsinal Ala the Catholic Bishop Most Rev. Peter Adobo has appointed Very Rev. Fr. Francis Iber as the new Spiritual Adviser to St. Gerald Commandery 590 Katsina Ala in place of Rev. Fr. C. Iorliam who is currently undergoing further studies outside the country. The Grand president Brig. Gen. Simon Aondona and the entire membership of Makurdi Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary express apreciation to the priests who served as Spiritual Advisers and have relocated to other parishes in the new Dioceses. In the same way we welcome on board the new District Chaplain and the Spiritual Advisers in their various Commanderies. On the whole the Grand President has appreciated the role of all serving Spiritual Advisers and the clergy in general for their spirtual role and advise in our bid to help mold and evangelize the lay faithful through the efforts of the Order of Knights of St. John International.

### Makkurdi Grand Holds Retreat

The first retreat of the Grand Com-

mandery was organized to prepare the minds of brothers and sisters of the task ahead of them in discharging the functions of Knighthood for the Grand Commandery and in their various parishes and places of work. The opening mass was celebrated by the Grand Spiritual Director Very Rev. Fr. Nicholas Tarbo at St. Peter's Catholic Parish Low Level Makurdi. The retreat was conducted by the Spiritual Adviser of St. Joseph Comandery 592 Korinya Very Rev. Fr. Titus Igyese. Here are excerpts of what he presented: He introduced the theme of the Retreat as Spirituality and Faith. Faith, he said is the putting into practice what we believe. Its practical spirituality is not limited. It concerns things not seen. He referred to these two biblical passages to explain vividly these virtues. 2nd Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chap. 4 vs. 16-18. John chap. 15 vs. 4-5

Living by Faith is bearing fruit. Spirituality is the motivation to practice one's faith, that is, what one believes. Every organization has its spirituality that motivates the practice of the faith. The distinctive spirituality of the Knights of St. John International is the 3T's i.e Time, Talent and Treasure. The guiding principle of the Order is the 3T's which is the spirituality. Its first target is to defend the church. Any of these 3T's can take one to Heaven. Time: Be conscious of time in KSJ. Be punctual in all activities. Treasure: Pay your

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dues, levies and meet all other financial obligations. Talent: Use your talent for the good of the Order. Don't use your talent to falsify records for financial gains.

Every other organization has their own spirituality that guides them in behaving in their peculiar ways. The Theologians too have their spirituality. All spiritualities guide towards God. Faith is guided by spirituality. Faith and spirituality work hand in hand. Faith is believing in the unseen things.

The longest journey in spirituality is from the Head to the Heart. Every day is battle and we should be on our guards at all times.

Your spirituality will enable you resist temptations. Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy. It is difficult but achievable by faith. Faith enables us to realize our expectations. Remain in God through Faith. Don't judge others but judge yourself. Where is your faith in the 3T's? Do not criticize one another but think of yourself. Use your uniform to come close to God.

### **Memories of Makurdi Grand Commandery Inauguration**

Still fresh in our minds are the activities that took place during our inauguration. These include visit to the Bishop of Otukpo Diocese Most Rev. M.I Apochi by the Supreme Subordinate President Maj. Gen. A. Okafor and the decoration of the Supreme Subordinate President in traditional atires with members of his team at a reception ceremony after mass on Sunday January 13, 2013.

### **Sad News from Local Commanderies**

We have lost two brothers since our last publication in St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540 Gboko brother Donald Nege and Sir Michael Dyege from St. Theresa Commandery 593 High Level Makurdi. From SS. Peter and Paul Commandery 591 Aliade, the Ladies Auxiliary there have lost Sister Yvonne Achado. May their souls and the souls of all our departed brothers and sisters rest in peace. We have some sick brothers and we expect prayers from all for their quick recovery notably is Brother Augustine Amile of SS. Peter and Paul Commandery 591 Aliade.



**Decoration of the Supreme Subordinate President Major General Anslem Okafor flanked on his left by: Abuja Grand President Brig. Gen. N.N.N. Nwanesi, Port-Harcourt Grand President Brig. Gen. George Ikiomouton, Kaduna Grand Secretary Col. Chris Onjewu and Makurdi Grand Secretary Col. Godwin A. Nen-na. On his right are: Makurdi Grand President Brig. Gen. Simon Aondona, Supreme Trustee Maj. Gen. Dan Okekenta, Abuja Regimental Commander Col. Martin Ukachukwu, a representative of Awka Grand Commandery Brother Dennis C. Ikemezie and Abuja Grand Secretary Col. Remmy Martins.**

### **Spiritual Growth and Development of our Children**

We are pleased to inform you that the son of our Grand 2nd Vice President Brother George Welgba wedded the daughter of late Brother Vincent Iortyer both of St. Thomas Aquinas Comandery 540 Gboko. The daughter of one of the Grand Trustees Brother Felix Jov Abor wedded recently. The wedding was officiated by the Catholic Arch Bishop of Jos His Grace, Most Rev. Ignatius Kaigama in Abuja Arch Dioceses, we are grateful for the solidarity shown at this wedding by the brothers from Abuja Grand Commandery.

To crown it all, the son of our Grand Organizer Brother Innocent Agev of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Commandery 486 Makurdi was ordained Priest by a visiting Bishop His Lordship Gregory John Hartmayer, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Savannah in the United State of America. This colourful ceremony was conducted at St. John De Baptist Cathedral in Gboko Diocese where the visiting bishop ordained seventeen young men

to priesthood. Our Cadet, Rev. Fr. Christopher T. Agev has celebrated his 1st and 2nd Mass with the Grand Commandery participating. A Mass Box was donated by the Grand Commandery led by the Grand President Brig. Gen. Simon Aondona to assist the new priest in the discharge of his priestly assignment.

### **New Members**

As we welcome forty two new members we sincerely appreciate the interest of the clergy in taking time to be fully involved in our activities. Three Reverend Fathers took the First Degree initiation of our Order recently at a colourful initiation ceremony conducted at Mt. St. Gabriel Secondary School. They are: Rev. Fr. Andrew Adaga, Rev. Fr. John Asen and Rev. Fr. Andrew Sule. They were decorated with the sash and cap by the Grand President Brig. Gen. Simon Aondona who also congratulated them on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

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



## Enugu Grand Commandery

### Visit of Supreme Commandery Officers to Enugu

The programme prepared by the Supreme Subordinate commandery, Nigeria for the visit of Supreme Commandery Officers to Nigeria grouped the Nigerian Grand Commanderies into four zones, namely Lagos Zone comprising Lagos and Benin Grand Commanderies, Abuja Zone comprising Abuja, Kaduna, Jos and Markurdi Grand Commanderies, Enugu Zone consisting of Enugu, Onitsha and Awka Grand Commanderies and Port Harcourt Zone comprising Owerri, Calabar and Port Harcourt Grand Commanderies. The itinerary was for the team to first visit Lagos Zone, followed by Port Harcourt Zone, Enugu Zone and finally Abuja Zone.

Officers of the Supreme Commandery of Knights of St John International led by the Supreme President, General Dale Gossiaux visited Enugu on August 30, 2013, as part of their tour of Nigeria. Other members of the supreme delegation were the Supreme Auxiliary President, Lady Iris Turner, Supreme Secretary, Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz, Supreme Treasurer, Lt. Gen. Terience McCann and Supreme Auxiliary Trustee, Lady Carol Sniezyk. Their fellow supreme officers resident in Nigeria, Supreme trustee, Maj. Gen. Dan. Okekenta and Supreme Auxiliary Second Vice President, Noble Sister Martha Egbe joined the team. As well, officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Nigeria accompanied the supreme officers to Enugu. The officers included the Supreme subordinate President, Major General Anselm Okafor, Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary President, Noble Sister Lizy Oguzie, Supreme Subordinate Secretary, Brig. Gen. Chidi Arinze and the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary Secretary, Noble Sister Bene Nwanekezie.

The visiting supreme officers and their entourage were received at the Enugu Airport by the grand presidents and grand ladies auxiliary presidents of the zone including Brig. Gen. P. S. Nwajagu, Brig. Gen. Alex Nnabuife and Brig. Gen. G. N. Muotolu. The team then paid a courtesy visit to the Catholic Bishop of Enugu Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. C. V. C. Onaga where they were warmly welcomed, offered kolanuts and given break-



**Reception of Supreme entourage at Enugu Bishop's place.**

fast. Thereafter, the Supreme Officers and entourage were driven to the KSJI International College, Agba in Ishielu Local government area of Ebonyi State. By the way, the college is the major capital charity project of Enugu grand Commandery. The dynamic grand president of Enugu Grand Commandery, Brig. Gen. P. S. Nwajagu gave the supreme officers a guided tour of the facilities at the college before receiving them in the college dining hall where he read an address of welcome. The signature event at the college was the planting of trees by each of the officers in the Kevin Ejiogu Memorial Park. Thus the Supreme President planted the first tree, followed in turn and planting trees were the remaining Supreme Officers. A cultural dance troupe of school children later performed for the august visitors before they departed the college and returned to Enugu.

The days activity was capped at Enugu with a town hall meeting and gala night held at the KSJI Nigeria Temple, Holy Ghost Cathedral, Ogui Enugu. During the town hall meeting the Supreme Presidents answered questions on ranking in the Order, on how the Supreme Commandery could come to the assistance of the KSJI International College, Agba and when the Constitution would be amended to give a separate chapter to Regiment. At the Gala Night which had buffet, music and presentation of cultural dances, speeches were also made commending Enugu Grand Commandery for not only blazing the trail worldwide but for their landmark KSJI International College, agba. A project which the Supreme President, General Dale Gossiaux acclaimed and said he had never seen such anywhere in the history of KSJI. The President promised to challenge Grand Commanderies in the US and see how they could assist the college.

### Courtesy Visit to the new Bishop of Nsukka

Further to the historic episcopal ordination of the new Catholic Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka



**Supreme President planting a tree at the KSJI College, Agba.**

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on July 4, 2013, which occasion was attended by over two hundred knights and their ladies auxiliary of Enugu Grand Commandery, among other faithful, officers of the grand led by the grand president, Brig. Gen. P. S. Nwajagu paid a courtesy visit to the new Bishop, Most Rev Prof. Godfrey Onah on August 4, 2013. The team reached Nsukka early and joined the 9.30am Mass usually celebrated by the Bishop with a view to meeting the Bishop after the Mass. However, it turned out the Bishop was on a pastoral visit to Opanda. The grand president and his team then drove to Opanda after the Mass where they met with the Bishop who received them very warmly and blessed them as well. The grand gave a purse to the Bishop and made photos with him.

#### **Celebration of Feast of St John the Baptist**

All the twenty eight Commanderies of the Enugu Grand Commandery celebrated the feast of St. John the Baptist, the Patron saint of KSJI on June 24, 2013 with out reach Masses and parties in their various parishes. The occasion was also used to do charity to the needy, visit orphanages, visit the prisons and hospitals.

#### **Proposed Col Kevin Ejiogu Memorial Lecture**

Plans have reached an advanced



**The New Catholic Bishop of Nsukka with Enugu Grand President and team during a visit on August 4, 2013.**

stage regarding the proposed Inaugural Kevin Ejiogu Memorial Lecture scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2013, at Daughters of Divine Love Retreat and Conference Centre (DRACC) Emene, Enugu. Enugu Grand Commandery thought it fit to immortalize the founder of Knights of St John International (KSJI) in Nigeria by instituting an annual lecture to be delivered by a past grand president of Enugu Grand Commandery, or a member of the founding fathers of KSJI Nigeria, or a past or incumbent president of the supreme subordinate commandery, Nigeria, as well as

other suitable but knowledgeable catholic clergy or senior members of KSJI.

Each year's papers would be published and transmitted locally and to the US. Already all the papers for the inaugural lecture have been received and are now with the printer for publication in one book.

The days programme of activities include recognition and awards to the 24 founding fathers of the Order in Nigeria, a Keynote Address on Knighthood and the Knights of St John International, Nigeria by Maj. Gen. Anselm Okafor, President, Supreme Subordinate Commandery Nigeria (SSCN) and four papers. The lead paper will be delivered by a member of the founding fathers in Nigeria, the erudite Brother Sylvester Anyigbo, a noble knight. Other speakers/panelists include Very Rev. Monsignor Thaddeo Onoyima, immediate past Spiritual Director of Enugu grand Commandery, Very Rev Fr. Dr Clement Obasi, the Grand Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Dr. EmekaNwoko and Col Linus Ohanehi, past Grand Master of the Nigerian Temple.

*Col. Innocent Diyoke  
Grand Secretary*



**Charity presentation by St James Commandery 706, Aku, to the Parish Priest on the occasion of celebration of feast of St John the Baptist.**

## Buffalo Grand Commandery

### Grand President's Comments— Brig. Gen. James J. Setlock

Brother Knights, my wife and I have just returned from a month long trip to Europe. We attended a wedding in Krosno, Poland and extended our trip to visit four additional Countries. Although our trip was memorable, I was very happy upon our return to Buffalo, New York.

Our vacation included visiting many historic Catholic Cathedrals land marks in all five Countries. The most memorable for me, was the mass we attend in Prague, Czech Republic at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral. Here we saw the most celebrated statue of The Infant of Prague. It brought back many memories of my mother who has since passed who had a small statue of the Infant of Prague in her living room in a place of honor.

I wish at this time to thank my Brother Knights who filled in for me while I was away: past Buffalo Grand President and now first Vice President of the Supreme Commandery Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, Buffalo Grand Secretary Col. William Pocobello, and First Vice President of the Buffalo Grand Col. Richard Braun. I 'am grateful for all



**Maj. Gen. George Check, receiving "Meritorious Service Award" from Supreme President General Dale Gossiaux and Supreme 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca.**

their help while I was away seeing that the work of the Grand would run smoothly. I knew when I left that the duties of the Grand were in good hands. Thank you very much for all you did.

I have often thought about brotherhood within our Order and of always having difficulty trying to define it. The best definition I found is "An association, society, or community of people linked by a common interest, religion." Well, that certainly fits our fraternal order to a tee. Whether it is for a turnout, Mass, or other functions, true brotherhood is always displayed. The association with my brother Knights has fostered many friendships over the years. If a brother Knight needs support of any kind, you may count on all brother Knights to stand tall. We are truly blessed within our Order to have such a relationship as brotherhood among all Knights of St. John. This is how I can best relate to brotherhood.

May God Bless and keep all my brother Knights safe and secure that he will be there for all of us. God Bless America.

*Brig. Gen. James Setlock  
Buffalo Grand President*



**1<sup>st</sup>. Sgt. Kenneth Bubar from Commandery #204 was awarded "Knight of the Year" by the Buffalo Grand Commandery 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment September 8, 2013.**

### The Buffalo Grand Commandery:

The Buffalo Grand Commandery has had the opportunity to recognize and honor several Knights this year and wishes to congratulate them for exemplary service to the Church and the Order.

#### Commandery #204:

- ✦ Capt. Joseph Miller – Jewel of Honor
- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Kenneth Bubar Regimental "Knight of the Year Award"
- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. William Brauch - 50 year Pin

#### Commandery #377:

- ✦ Lt. Col. William Patterson – Jewel of Honor
- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Raymond Gwarek – Jewel of Honor

#### Commandery #381:

- ✦ Lt. Col. Thomas Kelly – 50 year Pin

#### Commandery #391:

- ✦ Maj. Gen. George Check – Supreme Meritorious Service Award
- ✦ Congratulations to Commandery #204 for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Order of Chevaliers, Chapter No. 2 hosted a "2013 Summer Party" on Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2013 at Queen of Heaven RCC. God blessed us with a beautiful day of sunshine  
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and warm temperatures. I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their support and the Knights who volunteered to help host the event. This was a great opportunity for fellowship for Knights and all.

**Buffalo Regiment:  
Colonel's Comments: -**

Fellow Brother Knights. While at the time of writing this article, things are still not "too cool". We have a good sense of what the changing seasons will be bringing to all or at least most of us. This change of seasons inspired me a bit for this article.

Most of us look forward to change of some sort. It can be exciting, like a new car or painting a room to refresh it and make it look new. The "change" recharges you and peaks interest. What happens next over a period of time is what I believe is most important. The newness of change tends to wear off. The luster of something different doesn't quite excite us as much as it first did. We tend to go back to something we are more comfortable with, something more consistent in a way.

This is what I believe we can relate to our Noble Order and on a much, much higher level with our relationship with our Lord. Despite whatever comes between us, we can always count on and fall back to the comfort and security of our relationships and consistency of our Brother Knights. The structure and traditions we follow are not always easy or flashy but they do always continue to provide us with meaning, focus and that safety net of knowing what to expect. In this ever changing, ever puzzling world which we live in where we don't know what to expect from one moment to another isn't this a real luxury to have?

Think about this and then also relate it to our relationship with our Lord. He is ALWAYS there for us. Ever consistent, always reliable, no matter what day, or whatever season it may be. This is such a wonderful thing that we almost always struggle with realizing and contemplating. If we could only realize the newness of our Lord never fades no matter what season of change is



**Commandery #204 Centennial Mass and Breakfast.**

upon us. Our Noble Order's principals can really aid us in this quest. We just have to practice them a bit more and we can then truly realize and appreciate the rewards and happiness that they will bring in a bounty we can never imagine. Just think about it. May you and you families enjoy the peace and love of the upcoming holiday season. May we all be thankful for our blessings and the gifts received from our Lord.

*Col. Dennis R. Potozniak  
Regimental Commander*

**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.

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 Memorium**

The following Brother Knight has passed away since our last JOURNAL article:

Brother Knight, Capt. James Hens of New York was called to his Eternal reward on August 9, 2013. 19 year member of Commandery 387.

May his 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*

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## Indiana Grand Commandery

On Sept. 15 2013, St. Wendel Commandery #282 held our state board meeting getting ready for our state convention, to be held April 3-5, 2014, in St. Wendel IN. Hope to see as many state delegates and Supreme officers there as can make it.

### News from the 6<sup>th</sup> District:

Commandery #282 had a busy summer. We had a successful beirstub in July; our golf scramble, for Marian Education Outreach, was also a success in August. Coming this fall in Oct. we will have our turkey bingo; in Nov. our Thanksgiving eve dance; and in Dec. our annual Christmas open house.

Commandery #355, St. Joe (County), had a fund raiser for a cancer person who passed away and gave the money back to the commandery, who in turn used it in the name of the person to have all the windows in the church reworked and resealed. They are getting ready for the west side fall festival to raise money for their next project.

Commandery #245, Haubstadt, also had a successful summer fest serving fried chicken for all to enjoy, and then, in Oct. began making their home-made sausage as a fund raiser for their many projects.

Sacred Heart Commandery #335 will be making their famous chili and selling it as a fund raiser. On Oct. 27 2013 the uniform knights and auxiliary took part in the All Souls Day Mass at St. Joe Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana.

In Nov. at the next regiment meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> district they were planning on having a special Mass said for all deceased members of the Knights and Auxiliaries and invited all Knights and Auxiliary members to attend.

By the time this is read all commanderies will have held their elections; if not when asked to run say yes. Remember our fathers, grandfathers, and even their fathers started your commanderies in the hope it will continue through you. So please, don't let them down.

Also by the time this is read my wife and I (Rita & Larry Neumann) will have done a pilgrimage to Italy and Rome.

Don't forget the supreme convention coming next July in Columbus Ohio.

As the holidays are upon us once again, I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Brig. Gen. Larry Neumann  
President Indiana Grand*

### 5<sup>TH</sup> Districe of Indiana:

By the time you read this article you will be thinking or doing some Christmas shopping, but let us not forget this is the time of the Christ Child and all the great joy and happiness He brings to us.

Therefore, as we travel through the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Indiana, here is what we would like to share with you.

### Batesville Commandery #243:

In April, Comm. #243 Batesville hosted the Indiana Grand Commandery Convention. All delegates from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> districts were in attendance. We elected our new president, Larry Newman from the 6<sup>th</sup> district of Indiana. The Indiana Grand Knight of the Year was Chris Menkedeck from Commandery #31, Greensburg.

In June, we had a golf outing for members, wives and friends. A steak dinner was enjoyed by a big crowd in August. The Mission Team, sponsored by the Knights, went to Parma, Ohio and helped people in need. Many members volunteered at the Church Festival in September. Also, celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Jerry Becker Memorial Golf Tournament on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. We appreciate the friendship and support we receive from our Ohio Brother Knights as well as our local commanderies as we raised over \$4,000.00 which will benefit the Tri-County Special Children's fund.

### Oldenburg Commandery #220:

As we journey to our Brothers at Oldenburg Comm. #220, we found them very busy donating money (\$200.00) to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Donated \$100.00 to the Kevin Wallpe Benefit, as well

as \$100.00 to Relay for Life. Raised \$755.00 to send the Tri-County Special Children to attend the Cincinnati Reds Ball Game. Memorial flags were placed in the Holy Family cemetery for all deceased members of the Knights.

Seven (7) Uniform Knights dressed out for the Holy Family's Corpus Christi Annual Procession. Operated food booth at Oldenburg's Freudenfast. Grilled for the Sisters of St. Francis Michaela Farm Celebration in September. Also, the Uniform Rank participated in the 90<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to the Lourdes Grotto at St. Mary of the Rock on the feast of the Assumption.

### Milhausen Commandery #227:

The Commandry donated supplies to the local youth group for trip to Haiti. Held silent auction to raise money for a local family's medical costs. Donated money to Oldenburg Academy. Held annual golf outing with 20 teams competing. We helped fry chicken for St. Mary's, Greensburg, Parish Festival. Helped Ladies Auxiliary with their 1<sup>st</sup> annual wine tasting event.

### Richmond Commandery #172:

The Commandry hosted the Legacy of Richmond Rock & Roll concert. Hold monthly Euchre Card Parties. We have regular bingo nights on Monday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Donated \$150.00 to the Seton High School Band.

### Thought for the Day:

Remember this time of year is the time for peace, love and joy throughout the world. So say "Have a Good Day" to everyone you meet today.

*Submitted by:  
Jim Hortemiller  
5<sup>th</sup> District of Indiana*

**Keep Christ  
in  
Christmas**

## Monrovia Grand Commandery

### Liberia Bids Farewell to an Illustrious Son

On Friday, October 11, 2013 hundreds of knights, ladies, cadets, juniors as well as members of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, also a Catholic fraternity, turnout to give their last respect to Noble Knight Brig. Gen. J. Emmanuel Pepple who died on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medical Center in Monrovia. Brig. Gen. Pepple was initiated into Sacred Heart Commandery #366, Liberia's first Commandery, in 1963 and served actively in the Order for 50 unbroken years. He rose through the ranks of the Order and served in many capacities both within his local Commandery as well as the erstwhile Liberia Grand Commandery. Many remembered him as the "old man who led the processions and drills of the Knights of St. John".

After receiving the body, the cortege under the command of Brig. Gen. Moenti E. Young, the Grand President of Monrovia Grand Commandery accompanied by Grand Presidents and Grand Respected Presidents of the other two Grand Commanderies and the three Grand Ladies Auxiliaries respectively, as well as Past Grand Presidents and Grand Respected Presidents began a procession to the Sacred Heart Cathedral for the wake keeping and funeral Mass. The Mass was concelebrated with the Archbishop of Monrovia, His Grace, Lewis



Jerome Ziegler, and the Bishop of Gbarnga, His Lordship Anthony F. Bowah, being joined by several priests. In his homily, Bishop Bowah extolled the dedication of the deceased brother in the services he performed be it for the Order or his country. He admonished brothers and sisters of the Order to try to emulate the work of the deceased.

Brig. Gen. Pepple served in the Order as past vice regimental commander and regimental commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Regiment of the former West African Grand, Brigade Commander of the former Liberia Grand Commandery, Grand Commander of the Districts of the Liberia Grand Commandery, Grand

Master of the Bishop John Collins #16 Chapter of Chevaliers, and member of the Liberia Temple of the Noble and Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross. In appreciation of his services to the local church and the growth and development of organizations especially the Order in Liberia, the late Holy Father Blessed John Paul II honored him with the Benemerenti Medal on December 5, 1998.

He worked as a career civil servant and served the Ministry of Education for 56 years before being retired and for his long service to his country, the President of Liberia, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf conferred upon him one of the country's highest honors, the Humane Order of African Redemption in the rank of Knight Commander on July 24, 2007 during celebration of the country Independence Day.

He also served as a member of the Liberia National Guard and rose to the rank of Colonel in the Liberian Army and received the Distinguished Service Order in 1978 from the late President William R. Tolbert.

He is survived by his wife for 52 years, Sis. Myrtle D. Pepple, a union blessed with three children, two of whom predeceased him.

### ~ 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.

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**Please limit entries to TWO (2) pages maximum.**

Articles submitted after the deadline will be included on a space available basis. (see page 11)

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

*Thank you for your assistance.*

Submitted by  
Col. Michael A. Clarke  
Worthy President #366

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

Admission (Advance) \$15.00  
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Saturday, July 26, 8:30 p.m. – midnight

Join us for a fun-filled evening  
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**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  
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Reservations made after June 20, 2014, will  
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enter this completely and it will take you directly  
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877-901-6632 Tell them you want to make  
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– or –

Call the Renaissance Hotel direct at 614-228-  
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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  
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NOW!**



## Owerri Grand Commandery

### St Michael Commandery 705 Umuacha on the Wheels

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2013, Umuacha, Isiala Ngwa South, Abia State, Nigeria, St. Michael Commandery 705 Umuacha used one stone to kill two birds.

The commandery had her hall foundation laying launching, same time, her Sister, Our Lady Gate of Heaven Laux 648, Umuacha was inaugurated.

In a goodwill message and welcome address, the worthy President, brother Knight, Captain Bernard Chukwuemeka Okoro thanked brother knights and sister Knights for attending the occasion.

He thanked most pertinently the Supreme Laux, USA for unhooking the charter.

By this inauguration, of Laux 648 Umuacha, Commandery 705 has properly come to stand as a full fledged commandery since 2011 of its inauguration.

In handing over the charter to the charter Respected President Sister Josephine Aliche, the Grand Laux Respected, Noble Sister Lizzy Shiweobi wished the new Laux Commandery well.

The two occasions happened simultaneously and it was smiles on our faces as we look forward to our joint meetings.

### Recompense to our Supreme Officers' Trek to West Africa

Praise to God in the height that you landed safely back to our supreme headquarters after the trek to West Africa.

It was a delighted feeling watching you on my small television set, in my small apartment, in my local village, Umuokegwu – Omoba, Abia State, Nigeria, together with my family.

You saw our genuine efforts towards making Knights of St John International remain on the top of high heights.

All are attributable to past and present leaderships, particularly Late Major General AEN Izuwa for laying a solid foundation and now our dynamic Major General Anselm Okafor who with our capable secretary Brig. General Chidi Arinze is piloting the ship of



supreme subordinate commandery Nigeria.

We are happy as we saw our Supreme Officers meet with the political and religious leaders of our country, Nigeria.

Your visit to them added impetus and vigor to our apostolic work in Nigeria.

Though time could not permit, your meeting with the grassroot members, would have afforded a more vivid picture of the Order in Nigeria. We wish when next you trek to this place, the grassroot members will have hands shake with you.

May the Good God bless, replenish and recompense your efforts and desire to have a trek to West Africa.

### Owerri Grand Commandery, Nigeria, District 13 Held 2013 Muster

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, Christ the King Commandery 445 Aba, District 13 held the 2013 Muster for the four commanderies in the District.

After the mass celebrated by the District Spiritual Adviser and Parish Priest, St. Jude Parish, Amapu Ntigha Rev. Fr. Obinna Chikezie, brothers filed out for muster and inspection.

The books and records of the four commanderies in the District were

carefully scrutinized by the Grand Secretary, Owerri Grand Commandery, Col. F.M.P. Akpaka.

The mock monthly regular meeting was held by St. Michael Commandery 705, Umuacha. The worthy President, Captain Bernard .C. Okoro and the recording and correspondence Secretary, Lt. Vincent .C. Azubuike took the high table set for the business of the day.

Upon the raps of the gavel, all officers and members took their proper positions. And with the opening and closing rituals the mock meeting was conducted.

In comments and compliments session, the Grand Secretary, Owerri Grand, the Regimental Commander, Col. B.L.C Okoro, commander Laz Ugorji and the District Commander Major C.J. Nwakwa gave talks to help keep the District onto good footing.

In a homily the Eucharistic Chief Celebrant, stressed on the importance and need for the unity and charity in the Order. He called on brothers to love one another and to live the life of charity particularly to strangers.

It was indeed a memorable ceremony as the October rain descended with alacrity after the Muster and inspection; a showered

*(Continued on next page)*

## Supreme Secretary and Wife Receive Papal Award



Word was received from the Vatican that His Holiness, Pope Francis I, has approved Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz, and his wife Jeanne, as candidates to be initiated into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sir Tom and Lady Jeanne Zdanowicz were invested into the Order by the Grand Prior, His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, at a grand ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, NY, on Saturday, November 23, 2013. A reception followed at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Other KSJI members receiving similar honors of knighthood from the Vatican in the past have been:

- ✦ Gen. Frank Biel,  
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
- ✦ Gen. Joseph H. Weiss,  
Order of St. Gregory the Great
- ✦ Gen. William Heimbock,  
"Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice"
- ✦ Lt. Gen. Frederick Alwaboah,  
Order of St. Gregory the Great
- ✦ Brother N.E. Koranteng,  
Order of St. Gregory the Great
- ✦ Brother Raymond O. Sarpong,  
Order of St. Sylvester

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blessing and gift of charity from God Almighty

### Nigeria-Supreme Subordinate Commandery Convention

The Supreme Subordinate Commandery Nigeria held her 5<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial) convention from Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013 at the Divine Love Retreat and Conference Centre (DRACC) Emene – Enugu Eastern Nigeria.

The convention had its theme as "Knighthood and the year of faith". The convention convened with

Mass at the Conference hall of the Centre and was said by Very Rev. Fr. (Dr) Col. Clement Obasi, Spiritual Director of Enugu Grand Commandery and Very Rev. Fr. Major Ralph Madu, Supreme Subordinate Spiritual Director.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, nominations and elections were held in a consensus manner and the officers were sworn in thus: Supreme Subordinate President, Major General Anselm Okafor; Supreme Subordinate 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Major General Dan Okekenta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bro. Sylvester Eka; Supreme Subordinate Secretary, Noble Bro. Chidi Arinze; Treasurer Bro. Bob

Ebikiye; 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee, Col. Joseph Echemazu.

The convention dinner held Saturday night was organized by Enugu Grand Commandery and it was a joyful one as Egwu Umuagboho, Great Mkponkiti dancers entertained the delegates.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov; 2013 delegates departed after the departure Mass.

The cool coal city of Enugu atmosphere was serene as the delegates had a joyful convention and another hopeful one in 2015.

*Lt. Vincent .C. Azubuike  
Rec/Cor. Secretary  
Commandery 705*

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## Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

### St. Dominic's Knights of St. John International Commandery #373 and Ladies Auxiliary #303 Extend Thanks to Their Honorary Members

St. Dominic's Knights of St. John International Commandery #373 and Ladies Auxiliary #303 honored four of their members during a special "Let Us Break Bread Together" Luncheon on Saturday, September 21, 2013. This special recognition and thanks was extended to Brother John Brown, Sr., Sister Carrie Glascoe, Sister Gertrude Johnson and Brother James A. Jones for their personal, dedicated service and leadership given to the Organization. Brother John Brown, Sr., a member of Commandery #373 for over 60 years was reminded of his respect for the organization's Christian values which were always observed in his action and words. Brother Brown is one of the most respected Knights in the organization on the local and district levels. Sister Carrie Glascoe a member for over fifty years was a former Deputy Organizer and Junior Auxiliary Director. Sister Glascoe held several officer positions in Auxiliary #303, district, and grand levels. Sister Gertrude Johnson is the only living charter member of St. Dominic's Ladies Auxiliary #303, organized in 1952. Sister Johnson was a very effective delegate to the Grand and Supreme conventions. She was rec-



**Cardinal Donald Wuerl greeting people after Mass.**

ognized for her genuine skills as the treasurer. Brother James A. Jones, President of St. Dominic's Commandery #373 has been an active member for over 30 years. Brother Jones' contribution to the organization is unlimited as he successfully served in many positions. He is admired for his reputation to be on time, prepared and willingly fulfilling any Knights responsibility with pride.

Each member was presented a certificate by Sister Elaine Jones, President of Auxiliary #303. Sister Mary Murphy, past Supreme President extended a special gift on behalf of Sister Ann Johnson, Supreme Recording Secretary, Sister Bertha Colbert, Supreme Financial

Secretary and herself to each honoree. She also commended the honorees on their ultimate contribution to the organization. The honored members surrounded by their family reminisced on their years in the organization.

The luncheon ended with a surprise presentation to the honorary caregivers and members over the age of 70 from the youthful members. These cherished moments were presented by Sisters Sharon Brown and Swynice Hawkins. The event was held at Mimi's Café in Waldorf, Maryland.

### St. Joseph Parish Celebrates 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

St. Joseph Parish located in Pomfret, Maryland celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mass and picnic on September 22, 2013. The special outdoor Mass was celebrated on a sunny afternoon under a large white tent. His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington was the principal Celebrant and Homilist for the Mass. There were a large gathering of Concelebrating Priests, Deacons, Nuns, Altar Servers, and a combined Choir providing the music. Elected officials representing the State of Maryland and Charles County were in attendance. Piscataway Indians helped welcome those who were attending Mass by chanting and playing a large drum. Color Guards for the Mass were performed by the Knights of St. John and the Knights



**Knights Assembled at St. Joseph Parish 250th Anniversary.**

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of Columbus. The turn out of a large number of Knights of St. John members dressed in full dress and black suit was very impressive as acknowledged by many of the Mass goers. The Mass was followed by a parish picnic that included music, games, and a moon bounce.

### Second and Third Degree Exemplification

First Maryland Regiment held a Second and Third Degree Exemplification at Ascension Catholic Church located in Bowie, Maryland on October 26, 2013. Celebrant, Rev Kyle T. Ingels, Pastor of Ascension Catholic Church and Deacon Robert L. Martin of Commandery #309 celebrated the Eucharistic Liturgy. The exemplification was hosted by Commandery #283. Thirteen candidates were exemplified by Grand Master Colonel Martin M. Bella during the ritual. The candidates were very focus on the Grand Master's explanation of Unity as the prime lesson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Charity as the greatest virtue of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of the Order. After the conclusion



**Second & Third Degree Exemplification.**

of the Rites, Blessing and Dismissal, everyone assembled in front of the Church for a group photograph. Knights went to the Church Hall to fellowship and enjoy a delicious prepared meal. Our new Knights are

A, L, Brown, Comm. #4; Chijioke Okafor, Comm. #286; Gregory A. Miles and Anton Hoop, Comm. #296; Anthony Brown and Earnest Winter, Comm. #373; Louis Barnes, Comm. #386; John Brown, Jr., Tristan Brown, Lawrence Gray, John Briscoe, Marc Countiss, Comm. #309; and Michael Sobah, Comm. #615. *Congratulations.*

### Events/ Activities

Commandery #309 in unity with Sacred Heart Junior Auxiliary #51 held a dinner sale at Saint Catherine's Hall located in Mcconchie, Maryland. Commandery #309 and Sacred Heart Auxiliary #301 provided Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Charles County, Maryland.

### Please Remember:

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*

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## Awka Grand Commandery

When the Officers of Awka Grand Commandery were installed, they all knew that they were to be “the light of the Church”. This was not because the State that housed Awka Grand – Anambra State – is known and called the “light of the Nation” though the Governor Mr. Peter Obi encouraged the Grand Officers to spread the light to all parts of the Country. It was not also because the diocese that the Grand exists within is one of those blessed with the highest number of priests and religious. It was simply because the Awka Diocesan Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Paulinus Ezeokafor enumerating the challenges that will present themselves to the new Officers as he received them on the eve of their installation enjoined them to stand firm and trust in the sufficient Grace of God for them. “You must be the light of the Church” he finally submitted.

Borrowing a cue from His Lordship, the Grand President Brig. Gen. G.N. Muotolu in his welcome address after the inauguration Mass said to the eleven Commanderies under his charge “... today, I am your Grand President which implies that while you rest, I must work; while you eat, I must fast; while you sleep, I must stay awake to think for you; while you walk, I must be with you carrying the light and showing you the way; may God help me”. As if they must share with him the office of the Grand President, he urged them in these words “please brothers, I beg you to remember to carry along with you your light each time you go out no matter how small they shine just in case mine fail to see clearly.

Eight months have passed since these sweet words were spoken. Brothers had tried in many ways to be the light of both the Church and the Nation. Yet, the eight months were exciting as almost every week the Grand Officers took another step toward solidifying the prospects of the new Awka Grand. In February, the Grand Secretary Col. Peter Egwui made a symbolic gesture in support of the Order’s longstanding tradition on charity when he announced the need for all Commanderies to increase the char-



**The Most Rev. Dr. Paulinus Ezeokafor, Bishop of Awka diocese, with the Supreme Subordinate and Grand Officers during a courtesy visit to him.**

ity practices in this year of faith. To the joy of all members, by mid October, the Grand had recorded over =N=10 million – about 70,000.00 US Dollars – worth of charity from its eleven Commanderies, four Districts, one Regiment and the Grand itself. The charity extended through the motherless babies home, prisons, widows and orphans to the clergy, religious and the diocesan university.

In the months under review, the Grand President and his able acolytes had succeeded in visiting all the Commanderies. On a visit to each Commandery, as he takes his salute before the pedestal, he makes it a duty to draw the Grand Secretary’s attention to the lighted candles, a sign of what they are – showing the way. But as if to shy away from this duty he will always end his address with these words “... as you know, Christ is the perfect light, follow him for he will show you the way since he is the truth”. The continuous search for this way and the truth inspired our Grand retreat, a spiritual rejuvenation which brought together all officers of the Commanderies, Districts, Regiment and Grand. It is this same search that motivated the spirit filled Communion Sunday we witnessed this year from various Commanderies. As part of the year

of faith, the Grand continuously re-educated the faith of its Board of Trustee members by the production and circulation of reflections and mimeographs on faith related topics. The District Muster and Inspections have been concluded and the Cadets and Juniors’ session were total encouraging.

For the new Grand, the accelerated rhythm of modern life demanded that a Knight constantly re-train himself. Hence, on September 1, when the father of the Order commanded the order of muster and inspection, the changes from the new and Acting Supreme IG called for re-training. So, the sky on October 12 was clear and the weather clement. Inside the Grand hall, Col. Peter Egwui took the entire District, Regiment and Local Commanders and their Vice, their Adjutants and delegates from Commanderies on the new changes. Also treated in the workshop were issues on social ethics among brothers and indiscipline and their corresponding sanctions.

Beginning from November, our year of faith shall end with faith based competition among the four Districts, our population shall increase through initiation into the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, our brothers shall be exemplified into the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> de-

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gree and our convention and widows' party shall be splendid. Our brothers who have gone to their rests will be remembered in a specific way while our members who have waved the banners of Jesus for many years and have been considered victorious in many ways will be honoured. Not forgetting our active participation in the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, in our local parishes in our diocese and in our places of work. For all these successes and for many expected successes, we thank all the echelon of our Order through which all our successes can be visibly recorded and the good Lord who is the light, the way and the truth. To him be glory forever and ever – Amen.

*Capt. Peter C. Uttazi*  
*Under Secretary [Admin]*  
*For: Awka Grand Commandery*



**The Grand carrying out Charity work to one of its Spiritual Adviser who is now a Bishop.**



## New York Grand Commandery

### New York Grand News:

From all the members of the New York Grand a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our Brothers and Sisters and their families. May the infant Jesus smile on all of you and your families.

The Rochester Temple of the Noble Degree held its annual business meeting on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Dutch Mill, a delicious lunch served by the Ventura family was enjoyed by all.

The 2014 New York Grand Delegates meeting and the 2015 Grand Convention will be hosted by Commandery #680 and Auxiliary #592 in Newark, NJ.

### From Utica: Capt. Jason Fazio:

This past September Commandery 41 assisted in a Eucharistic prayer vigil for peace. St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church in Utica, NY held a 6 hour Eucharistic prayer vigil. The vigil was part of Pope Francis' continued prayer for peace in the Syrian civil war. Knights participation included leading the Rosary to participants in the Church.

In addition, fellow Knights participated in events celebrating St. Marianne Cope. St. Marianne Cope (her given name was Barbara Cope) was a German immigrant who was raised in Utica, NY. She was a parishioner of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church in Utica. She became a Sister of St. Francis, and she would answer a call to minister to Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) patients in Moloka'i, Hawai'i. St. Marianne was declared a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

This past August the City of Utica renamed a street in honor of St. Marianne Cope. The street is now called St. Marianne Way. When her home parish held festivities honoring this occasion Knights volunteered to support the parish. Knights also helped to clean and maintain the site of St. Marianne's childhood home. This property was recently purchased by St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church. The maintenance of this site is an ongoing service project for the Knights.

This past October Knights helped to promote a 9 day novena to St. Marianne Cope. Our participation included serving on the parish com-



mittee for St. Marianne Cope, advertising the novena by placing an 8' by 12' banner on the front of Commandery 41's home, and Commanderies 41 and 385 turning out in uniform for the Mass and procession on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the Novena. The members of the Knights in the city of Utica will continue to participate in events honoring this great Saint.

### From Rochester:

We extend our sympathy to Major Donald Santangelo on the recent death of his son Mark, 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, Edwin Morris Jr., Al Keidel, Kenneth Scholl, Charles Stitch, Carmen Cinanni, Chester Ventura and Donald Santangelo.

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.

Fall season was filled with beautiful and joyful experiences. It marked the end of outdoor family barbecue, summer camps and cookouts by various ministries in this region.

Our Condolences go to Brother Stephen Uche Aghanya, Commander of Commandery 626 NY who lost his elder brother in Queens, New York recently. May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in Paradise.

### District 4 Delegates Meetings:

The Third Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery 676 Trenton NJ at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament – Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, 716 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, NJ on September 22, 2013. Top on the agenda was the ratification of the By-laws. The Delegates unanimously voted to adopt the Byelaws presented by the Byelaw Committee.

### New York Grand Retreat:

New York Grand Retreat has become an annual pilgrimage for all the Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries under New York Grand Commandery. Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, witnessed another annual day of recol-

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lection at the Sacred Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mount Pocono, PA. The retreat commenced with a Eucharistic Celebration which was officiated by Monsignor Anselm Nwaorgu, Spiritual Director and assisted by Rev. Fr. Albert. There were confessions and solemn hour of Adoration and Stations of the Cross by all participants. Formation for procession and muster parade was commanded by Brig. Gen. George J. Hoffman Jr., New York Grand President.

#### **Commandery #626:**

Congratulations to Sgt. Anthony Okeke of Commandery 626 New York. On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, His Excellency, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of the Diocese of Brooklyn NY decorated him with the "Shining Star Award" during the Bishop's Annual Dinner. Sgt. Anthony was honored for his good example and outstanding services to the Church and entire Catholic Community.

Sgt. Okeke celebrated the award with a Thanksgiving Service at his parish - St. Clement Pope Catholic Church, 141-11, 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Jamaica New York on Sunday, October 6, 2013. The Eucharistic Mass was officiated by Rev. Father Chris Ezeoke, the Spiritual Director of Commandery 626 New York. Following the Thanksgiving Mass was a reception party and cultural dance at the Obi Igbo Hall in Jamaica New York where the parishioners, friends and well-wishers showed up en masse to celebrate with the Okeke family.

In a goodwill message, the Supreme Secretary, Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz who was unavoidably absent highly congratulated Sgt. Anthony Okeke and apologized for not

being there in person. Tom remarked: *"What a thrill it must have been for you to receive the "Shining Star Award" from the Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. I am so happy for you. Your family must be proud. From my observations, you are a devoted Knight of St. John who really deserves the recognitions. There are many good men who are members of the Knights of St. John. And better than that, there are those who silently do the work of the Lord without any fanfare. You are one of those individuals. You are deserving. May God bless you in all of your endeavors. I hope that the event in your honor was one that you will remember the rest of your life"*.

#### **Commandery #676:**

Commandery 676 Trenton NJ had a Retreat on Saturday, October 12, 2012 at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament - Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, 716 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, NJ from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. There was a workshop, Reading and Spiritual Reflection following the Retreat with the theme: KSJI as Servant Leaders. Induction of three brothers into the Order marked the close of the event. We welcome the following new brothers and wish them well in their endeavors in the Commandery and in the Noble Order: SK Oliver Plunkett Nnadi, SK Gbarclai Andrew Mowenn, and SK Celestine Aririguzoh.

#### **Commandery #680:**

Congratulations to the newly inducted Knight of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592. During the regular monthly business meeting of Sunday, September 8, 2013, one brother - Anthony Ebere, was initiated into the Knighthood by the Worthy President, Sir Ben Onwuegbu. Also five sisters were inducted into

the Ladies Auxiliary. Following their outing Mass, there was a traditional reception party in the Church Hall where friends came to celebrate with them. Please support them in their efforts to grow spiritually with the Commandery and in the Order.

Commandery 680 Drill Practice of October 27, 2013 was held on the parade ground of Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark NJ. Brothers and sisters turned out in good numbers and the drill was very successful under the command of Captain Joe Ofodile, Commander of 680.

#### **Fr. Raphael Madu Visits Commandery 680:**

Father Madu, the Spiritual Director of the Nigerian Supreme Subordinate Commandery, recently was on a working visit to United States and he made a stop-over at Commandery 680 and LAUX 592 to felicitate with the members of the Order. Fr. Madu participated in the Eucharistic Mass presided by Monsignor Anselm Nwaorgu, NY Grand Spiritual Director. In a reception hosted by the Commandery, Fr. Madu highlighted the outstanding contributions and progress made by the KSJI in Nigeria is the pioneer lead in the building and administration of Veritas Catholic University, which campus is currently being erected in Abuja, capital of Nigeria.

#### **Cadet News:**

Commandery 676 Trenton NJ Cadets will be officially inducted on the first week of November 2013. Please stay tuned, we will bring you news of the induction in the next quarter.

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*Fraternally submitted:*

*Sir Titus Osuagwu*

*Media and Information Officer*



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Commandery:

655 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Felix O. Ekeanyanwu, Finbar K. Ogunta, Alexander Emenyeonu, Anbrose U. Eke, Charles U. Kanu, Donatus I. Ndukwe, Venantius C. Onyeuba, Wilfred C. Nwosu
656 Ehime Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	Christian Onwudiwe, Longinus Okoro
673 Adoka, Nigeria	James Oguche, Godwin Aliwo, Vincent Mary Odeh A., Edward Okodi
674 North Bank Makurdi, Nigeria	Michael E. Okobo, Benedict S. Yogbo, James T. Tarkende
676 Trenton, NJ	Oliver Nnadi, Andrew Mowenn, Celestine Aririguzoh
699 Ikono, Akwa Ibom, Nigeria	Peter Uduma Obong, Patrick M. Udo, Anthony Bassey, Mark C. Umoh
705 Umuacha, Abia, Nigeria	Cyril Nwankwo, Christain Amamba, Fidelis Ucheji, Clement Onwere, Ambrose Ahiwe
744 Nadowli, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Aloysius Kpiebaya
748 Nkwanta, Ghana	Godwin Peter Asante, Samuel Amelefema
758 La, Ghana	Gabriel Agyei, John Yaro Abane, Robertson Agbenyega
760 Pokuasi, Ghana	Wisdom Domie, Frank Antwi. Raymond Kingston Kodwo, Simon Agbeli, Love Bruce Alistar, Ahorli Bernard
780 Ezi East, Imo, Nigeria	Poulimus Onwuka, Joseph Iweho, Kennedy Nwoko
795 Teshie, Ghana	Prosper Kofi Ocloo, David Boye-Agoe, Jacques Vikuom, Anthony Edem Anku, George Adeyinka Olajide, Peter Koeteh Korwu, Samuel Kotei Frantah, Michael Elendu, Gright Amponsah, Maxwell Bedu Boateng, Immanuel Justice Vidger, Patrick Kodua, Andrew Ugbodaga, Theophilus Uyi Ukpebor, Emeka Anthony Okoli, Clement Kakpema
798 Airport West, Accra, Ghana	James Gbedemah, Patrick Tandoh-Offin, Nicholas Atsu Delor, Emmanuel Kpenema, Martin Eson-Benjamin, Patrick Mireku, Raphael Afonya, Frank Twum Barima Ampofo, George Gidi, Cyril Opon, Daniel Larbi, Joseph Carl Rhule, John Kwadowo Amaniampong, Henry Kofi Dodd, Emmanuel K. Gyamfi

**September 2013 thru December 2013**

## 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":

- ♦ Bath and Body Basket
- ♦ Snack Basket
- ♦ Sport Snack Basket
- ♦ State/Country Basket
- ♦ Game Basket
- ♦ Romance Basket
- ♦ Wine and Cheese Basket
- ♦ Assorted Chocolates Basket
- ♦ Religious Basket
- ♦ Candle Basket
- ♦ Imported Beers Basket
- ♦ Hair Products
- ♦ NFL/NBA Theme Baskets
- ♦ 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:

Connie Schafhausen, Chairperson  
Phone: (740) 965-8274  
email: [SupremConv2014@aol.com](mailto:SupremConv2014@aol.com)

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Port Harcourt area of Nigeria where I was honored to plant an apple tree in honor of the late SSP-Nigeria, Maj. Gen. C.O.E. Onwuliri and to dedicate a tennis court built in his honor. 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. The KSJI University in Enugu and the addition of a new building for Veritas University were two of the largest that we had the honor to visit. Because of all the good work being performed through and in the name of the Knights of St. John International it is my hope that the Supreme Commandery support a visit to our West African brothers as time and finances allow.

By the time this issue is published each commandery should have had the annual election of officers. I would encourage all members to support the newly elected officers for 2014. They cannot do all of the work of the order. Although they are elected to serve you, you must also work to serve the organization. Whether it is fundraising, acts of charity, visiting the sick, turning out for our deceased members, these are but a sampling of those items where we can serve the order, our fellow man, the church and our God.

And now, a plug for the upcoming Supreme Convention. Brig. Gen. James Schafhausen and his committee have been working very hard to make the convention a very good experience for all who attend. The location is very central to most of the members in the U.S. and is served by an international airport for all of our overseas delegates. If you know that you will be unable to attend the convention, then let your membership know so that they may elect a member who will be able to attend. The better the attendance, the better the convention since the members make the organization!

Before I complete this article, I would like all members to reflect on what it means to be a member of the Knights of St. John International. We are an organization whose mission is to serve the needs of our members and the needs of the church. We come together as a charitable fraternity to work together. There have been a number of incidents of late that make me believe that some of us have forgotten what it is that we come together to do. We are not members to enrich ourselves with either rank, privilege, or power; rather we are members so that we may

In Memoriam	
Commandery:	
100 Schenectady, NY	Richard Farry
100 Schenectady, NY	Timothy D. Fibbie
282 Poseyville, IN	Paul Arnold
282 Wadesville, IN	Clinton Koester
345 Haubstadt, IN	John Spindler
346 Saltpong, Ghana	John Baptist Nyamiah
346 Saltpong, Ghana	John Sam
392 Tamale, Ghana	Francis Bayor
411 Wa, Ghana	Hiary Gborg
411 Wa, Ghana	Edward Sanche
422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Francis Nwokoro
422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Nicholas Iwuoso
422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Cletus Nsonwu
422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Leonard Chukwunyelu
427 Jirapa, Ghana	Emmanuel Donglabong
433 Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Innocent U. Ngaikedi
433 Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Festus Obioha
433 Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Lawrence E. Nnadi
439 Tumu, Ghana	Martin Z. Tang
439 Tumu, Ghana	Gorden Sumaire
443 Bolgatanga, Ghana	Joseph Adongo Asakeyatigo
443 Bolgatanga, Ghana	Leonard Baba Atampugbire
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Fidelis Okafor
456 Ahiara, Imo, Nigeria	Francis G. Anyanwu
469 Umuahia, Abia, Nigeria	Benedict Etie
479 Okigwe, Imo, Nigeria	Pius N. Egwim
499 Effiakuma, Takoradi, Ghana	Gordon Hans
517 Wa, Ghana	Hilary Milleyong
517 Wa, Ghana	John Bayor
532 Urualla, Imo, Nigeria	Hyacinth D. Agu
533 Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Peter Nwosu
533 Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Cornelius N. Njoku
539 Akabo, Imo, Nigeria	Lambert Ohaegbule
560 Izombe Imo, Nigeria	Raymond Okonkwo
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562 Ezinihitte, Imo, Nigeria	Edward O. Madu
562 Ezinihitte, Imo, Nigeria	Godwin G. Ihedinma
564 Isiala Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	Martin Ebirim
564 Isiala Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	Titus Okoro
564 Isiala Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	Edmund Okereke
564 Isiala Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	John Eziefule
566 Ihioma, Imo, Nigeria	Michael Obob
593 High Level Makurdi, Nigeria	Michael Dyege
596 Adenta, Ghana	David Danku
654 Obowo, Imo, Nigeria	Johnson Adimadu
705 Umuacha, Abia, Nigeria	Joseph Nkoro
744 Nadowli, Ghana	Gaspard Mwinyogle
746 Hamile, Ghana	Patrick Mwintuur
748 Nkwanta, Ghana	William Nyame
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serve one another and our church. I ask one and all to pray for the Knights of St. John International so that we may, once again, serve all who are in need and to forgive our brothers the petty disagreements that separate us.

May God Bless you and may God

Bless the Knights of St. John International and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

## SUPREME MILITARY COMMITTEE

The Knights of St. John, International, Supreme Commandery Military Committee is publishing the rules governing the Color Guard Drill Competition, Mileage Competition and Exhibition Drill Competition for the 2014 Supreme Convention. The deadline for submitting your letter of intent to participate is May 1st, 2014. Prizes for the Color Guard Drill Competition (Knights & Auxiliary), Mileage Competition (Knights & Auxiliary) and Exhibition Drill Competition (Cadets & Juniors) will be announced in the next "Journal" publication.

### Color Guard Teams -

You will note from the Rules Governing the Color Guard Drill Competition that it only takes a minimum of Six (6) individuals in line and One (1) Commander to form a team.

### Mixed Teams -

(1) The greater number of Knights or Ladies will determine the category for the team to compete. (Example - Four (4) Knights and two (2) Ladies, the team will be competing for the Knights prize; a team consisting of four (4) Ladies and two (2) Knights, the team will be competing for the Auxiliary prize.)

(2) If a team consists of an equal number of Knights and Ladies, the Commander of the team will declare which prize he / she will be competing for. This declaration must be made at the time the application is submitted.

Captain James M. Gibbons II  
KStJI Supreme Commandery  
Military Committee, Chairperson

## Knights of St. John International & Ladies Auxiliary Supreme Convention 2014 Color Guard Competition FORM OF INTENT

(Prepare in Duplicate and Mail to Addresses below.)

Commandery No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ will  
participate in the following:

Color Guard Drill Competition:

Knights (    ) Ladies (    )

Mileage Competition: (    )

Exhibition Drill Competition: (    )

Please send letter of intent form to  
the Supreme Commandery Military  
Committee Chairpersons.

Mail to:

Capt. James M. Gibbons II  
76 Sunset Creek Drive  
West Seneca, NY 14224 USA

and

Kathy Moore  
2337 Walnut Lane  
Richmond, IN 47374 USA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander (Print Name)

## RULES GOVERNING THE PRIZE DRILLS AND MILEAGE COMPETITION AT THE SUPREME MILITARY CONVENTION IN COLUMBUS OHIO

The following rules have been adopted by the joint Supreme Military Committee of the Knights of St. John, International and the Ladies Auxiliary, governing the Color Guard Competition, Mileage Competition and Junior Exhibition at the 2014 Supreme Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

1) All Supreme Subordinate, Grand Commandery, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion or District Commandery and Auxiliary Color Guard Teams desiring to compete for prizes must notify the Supreme Commandery Military Committee Chairpersons: Capt. James M. Gibbons II, 76 Sunset Creek Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224, USA, and Kathy Moore, 2337 Walnut Lane, Richmond, IN 47374, USA, by May 1, 2014.

2) All Supreme Subordinate, Grand Commandery, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion or District Commandery and Auxiliary Color Guard Teams members in approved uniform MUST muster and participate in the Pontifical Mass Processional and Parade as a unit to be eligible for Drill and Distance Prizes.

3) Each Knight or Ladies Color Guard Team competing shall report to the Drill Competition with not less than six (6) in line and one (1) Commander. The Commander shall be a member of the Knights of St. John, International or Auxiliary. A PENALTY OF ONE POINT ON GENERAL AVERAGE WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH PERSON SHORT OF THE REQUIRED PERSONNEL AS OUTLINED IN THE RULES.

4) Knights of the Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross may wear the Noble Degree Cross, Ribbon and gloves. Auxiliary Ladies who have received the Military Degree may wear their Military emblem. NO OTHER decorations or awards are permitted on the approved uniform.

5) After inspection, each team shall march on the floor and form a line in front of the judges. The Commander salutes and reports: "Sir, Local Commandery No. \_\_\_\_, Supreme Subordinate Commandery \_\_\_\_, Grand Commandery, \_\_\_\_, Brigade, \_\_\_\_,

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Regiment, — Battalion, — District Commandery or Auxiliary No. —, (omit those designations that do not pertain) awaits your orders,” and hands the Chief Judge a certification properly signed by the Commander containing these words: “I certify on my honor that every one of the (give number) Officers, Sir Knights OR Ladies in line before you are bona fide members of Local Commandery No. —, Supreme Subordinate Commandery —, — Grand Commandery, — Brigade, — Regiment, — Battalion, — District Commandery or Auxiliary No. — (omit those designations that do not pertain), stationed at — and were not transferred for the occasion from other commands. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Commander)”

A penalty of three (3) points will be deducted from final general average for failure to present above certification.

6) Any requirements herein or in the Schedule of Movements if not understood will be construed by the Judges on the Floor and their decision in all cases shall be final.

7) The Schedule of Movements is intended to be a nearly consecutive as practicable, however, a necessary intermediate movement made to enable a Team to execute the next scheduled movement, is permissible.

8) All movements shall be made and will be judged according to the Knights of St. John, International Drill Regulation (Revision June, 2008).

9) Only authorized tactical commands will be allowed to be given. No assistance or prompting will be permitted during the Drill Competition. A penalty of one (1) point will be deducted from the general average for violation of this rule.

10) The Color Guard Drill Competition shall be under the complete control of two (2) impartial judges. The two (2) Field Judges, and an Inspector who will judge the Color Guard Drills, will be selected by the Supreme Military Committee. These two (2) judges will be from the uniformed rank of the Knights of St. John, International and one of these appointees will be designated as Chief Judge, with one alternate judge available. Whenever feasible, judging appointments shall represent impartial Grand Commanderies without representation in the Drill Competition. All judges will serve with approval of the Joint Supreme Military Commit-

tee and shall be accountable to them in the fulfillment of their duties.

11) Judges may not place themselves any closer than five (5) paces from competing Teams for the purpose of judging.

12) The local Grand Commandery shall designate one of its members to act as Timekeeper. It shall be his duty to sound the recalls, and see that no Team exceeds the maximum time allowance of ten (10) minutes. They shall also designate a Cadence Checker who will check the cadence (120 steps per minute) periodically. A penalty of one tenth (1/10) of one (1) percentage point will be deducted for each step out of cadence, but in no case may the deduction be more than one (1) point. This deduction, if any, will be taken from the general average.

13) Drilling shall be without music. All movements will be executed in quick time unless otherwise ordered.

14) Commanders commanding with the use of a written “Schedule of Movements” will be penalized two (2) points on the general average.

15) No team entered in the competitive drills shall be permitted to perform a PRACTICE DRILL on the designated drill floor.

#### **Color Guard Exhibition Drill:**

The Knights of St. John, International Overseas Cap and Sash will be permitted for the Exhibition Drill Competition only but not for the Color Guard Drill Competition.

The Exhibition Drill Competition shall be JUDGED on the basic military rules for ability and showmanship.

Exhibition Teams may, in addition to National Colors, utilize other organizational color(s) and or other approved banner(s).

Minimum number of members in line shall be six (6) with one (1) Commander with no restriction on the maximum number.

Exhibition Teams may consist of a mix of Knights, Ladies, Cadets and Juniors.

Exhibition Teams shall be allotted one tenth of one percent for each member above the minimum number of six (6).

The time allowance for the completion of the “Schedule of Movements” will be thirteen (13) minutes at a cadence that must be maintained at 120 steps per minute. A penalty of one tenth (1/10) of one (1) percentage point will be deducted for each step

out of cadence, but in no case may the deduction be more than one (1) point. This deduction, if any, will be taken from the general average.

The use of Colors (National Colors) when in competition must be consistent with the dignity and respect required by each represented nation’s FLAG CODE. The AMERICAN FLAG or NATIONAL COLORS cannot be MARCHED TO THE REAR. This is only accomplished with a “Wheel Movement”.

Color Guard Drill Competition Schedule of Movements for 2014 Convention:

1. Present the Drill Team to the Chief Judge and Reviewing Officers and proceed to starting line.

2. Par. 405 Form Greek Cross.

3. Par. 406 Section, Right in Circle Wheel.

4. Par. 45 Sections, Forward Twelve steps.

5. Par. 53 Sections, to the Rear, Twenty Four steps.

6. Par. 53 Sections, to the Rear, Twenty Four steps. Reform Cross.

7. Par. 429 March in Circle by File.

8. Par. 39 Right Face.

9. Par. 45 Forward, Twelve steps.

10. Par. 53 To the Rear, Twelve steps.

11. Par. 406 Reform Greek Cross.

12. Par. 407 To Reform Line from Display Greek Cross. Facing the reviewing Officers.

13. Time stops here.

Exhibition Drill Competition Schedule of Movements for 2014 Convention:

1. Present the Drill Team to the Chief Judge and Reviewing Officers and proceed to starting line.

2. Par. 499 Pass in Review.

3. Par. 53 To Rear and Repeat.

4. Par. 378 Order in Echelon by the Flank.

6. Par. 382 To Reform Line from Echelon.

7. Par. 132 Right Forward Wheel.

8. Par. 136 Fours in Circle Right Wheel.

9. Par. 432 Front Take Distance.

10. Par. 405 Display Greek Cross.

11. Par. 406 Threes Right in Circle Wheel.

12. Par. 407 Form Line from Greek Cross.

13. Par. 361 Wheel subdivisions.

14. Time stops here.

*Captain James M. Gibbons II  
KSJI Supreme Commandery  
Military Committee, Chairperson*

## MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 17th, 2014

(OFFICIAL)

September 1, 2013

General Order No. 1

To: Capt. James M. Gibbons II / Supreme Commandery / Inspector General, Act.

You are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies. Said Muster & Inspection to be held not later than December 20th, 2013.

You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than January 17th, 2014.

By Command of Dale Gossiaux, General

Attest: Thomas Zdanowicz, Adjutant General

**Knights of St. John International Military Department**

Office of the Inspector General, 76 Sunset Creek Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224, USA

September 1st, 2013

To: All Supreme Subordinate Presidents, Grand Presidents, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion and District Commanders:

In compliance with General Order No. 1, issued by General Dale Gossiaux, dated September 1st, 2013; you are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies within your jurisdiction to be held no later than December 20th, 2013. Said Muster & Inspection to be conducted as prescribed in the official Knights of St. John International Drill Regulations (Reprinted, June 2008), Sections 486-496. Muster & Inspection Report Forms 1 & 2 will be sent to you and you will send two copies of Form 1 to each Local Commandery Commander, within your jurisdiction, to prepare the muster roll for their Local Commandery. The Local Commandery Commanders will present the two Forms 1 to the Muster and Inspecting Officer(s). The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will complete the Muster Roll for each Local Commandery annotating on the two Forms 1 those members present or absent. The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will then complete the Inspection of each Local Commandery annotating on the two Forms 1 the inspection of uniform items. One completed Form 1 will be retained by the Local Commandery Commander for future reference and one sent to each District Commander, or in Brigades to the Colonel of each Regiment. As soon as these reports are received from all Local Commanderies, the Colonel or District Commander will transfer the information contained therein to the Muster and Inspection Report Form 2. When the Muster and Inspection Report Form 2 is complete, the Colonel or District Commander will have a number of copies made and send one copy to the Supreme Commandery Inspector General no later than January 17th, 2014. The Colonel or District Commander will send one copy of the Muster and Inspection Report Form 2 to each Local Commandery Commander, within the reporting officer's jurisdiction, with the instruction that same is to be read to the members of the Local Commandery in order that they may know how their Local Commandery compares with the other Local Commanderies within their command. An additional copy will be sent to the Colonel or District Commander's Supreme Subordinate President, Grand President, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion and District Commanders.

By Command of James M. Gibbons II, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General, Act.

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**Knights of St. John International Military Department**

Office of the Inspector General, 76 Sunset Creek Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224, USA

September 1st, 2013

To All Unattached Local Commandery Commanders:

In compliance with General Order No. 1, issued by General Dale Gossiaux, dated September 1st, 2013, you are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of your Local Commandery to be held not later than December 20th, 2013. Said Muster & Inspection to be conducted as prescribed in the official Knights of St. John International Drill Regulations (Reprinted June 2008), Sections 486-496. Muster & Inspection Report Forms 1 & 2 will be sent to you. The Local Commandery Commanders will present one Form 1 to the Muster and Inspecting Officer(s). The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will complete the Muster Roll for each Local Commandery annotating on the Form 1 those members present or absent. The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will then complete the Inspection of each Local Commandery annotating on the Form 1 the inspection of uniform items. The completed Form 1 will be retained by the Local Commandery Commander for future reference. The Local Commandery Commander will complete Form 2 and forward same to the Supreme Commandery Inspector General no later than January 17th, 2014.

By Command of James M. Gibbons II, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General, Act.