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## SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

I would like to start this article by mentioning this year's National Bowling Tournament. It is being held in Utica, NY and all of the information has been mailed out by our National Sports Committee Chairman, Brig. Gen. Joseph Schmitt. It is the weekend of April 24 – 26, 2015. The local committee in Utica always does a splendid job of hosting this event and we should all plan on stopping by at their hospitality room! Please plan on attending and bowling. You can also cheer on the men on Friday night for the annual Supreme Officer's tournament. With your help and encouragement, the men defeated the ladies the last two years. We sure can use your help again this year!

On the weekend of July 17 – 18, 2015, the Supreme Board Meeting will be held in Buffalo, NY. All Grand Commandery Presidents are requested to make the effort to attend this important meeting. More details about the Board restructuring will be discussed and your input will be vital to the discussion.

The winter weather in the United States has been harsh this year, especially for those living in the northeastern section of the country. Spring though is only about three weeks away and when it gets here we will have much to look forward to!

For now, however, this is the season of lent; of preparation for the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have we, as Knights of St. John, begun our preparations? How are we going to be more like Christ in how we act towards our brothers and sisters? Are we willing to "sacrifice" for our fellow man as Christ did for us? It is in these forty days that we need to get our minds,

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## SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

*"Ktorys cierpial za nas rany.  
Jesus Christe, miloj siend za namy"*

When I was a boy, on Ash Wednesday morning before we left for school, my mother would post a sheet of paper on the wall in our kitchen. It had four blank columns, headed by each of our names, hers, mine and my two younger brothers.

As we left the house, we made sure we had our rosaries in our pocket because that worked as our counter. Mom passed on the legend that as a result of the beatings that Jesus received prior to his crucifixion, he suffered 6,666 wounds. Our Lenten sacrifice, in addition to giving up candy, was to say the short prayer in the caption, 6,666 times during Lent. The prayer, translated to English says, *"He, who suffered such pain for us, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us."*

It seems the prayer was on our lips at every free moment throughout Lent, as our fingers flew along the beads of the rosary. Sixty beads to a rosary meant sixty prayers per rosary. Every evening before we went to bed, we would post our progress on the chart. I don't know of any other families who did this, but it was something that my mom and we kids just did. We were all so proud when we each completed our goal sometime during Holy Week.

We all try to do something special at this time of year as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter. Daily Mass, special prayers, Stations of the Cross, and Confession, are all ways that we can prepare.

Much overlooked is how we treat our fellow man. How we treat our brother knights. I have seen knights hurt deeply by actions of their brothers. Instead of reconciliation, the hurts and pain continues, each looking the other way, placing the blame on everyone but themselves. During this Lenten Season, let's examine our own conscience.

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## SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Knights and Ladies of St. John International,

*May God's peace, grace, and love be with you!*

Please know you remain in my thoughts, prayers, and the celebration of Mass. When I celebrate Mass, all your intentions are remembered.

I know all of our Commandries continue their Stewardship of Time - Talent - Treasure. I thank you for your witness to the Catholic Church and all you do in the name of Jesus Christ and our esteem organization. I also know there has been challenging times for us, especially with the Ebola crisis, civil unrest in some of our countries, poverty and violence in our countries, injustice, the threat of ISIS and personal challenges. Let me remind you of what scripture says: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against us." Or, there is a higher power than man as long as we hold onto our faith. That higher power is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He will help us to prevail over these challenges.

In this season of Lent, it invites us to lift up, give up, and take up. Lift up all we are to Jesus Christ, give up in humility anything that hinders us from doing what we are called to do as servants and disciples of Christ, and take up the willingness to share our faith with others through our speech and actions.

Keep on doing the good you do, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed season of Lent, and a Happy Easter.

*God bless all of you.*

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479 Okigwe, Imo, Nigeria	Joseph Okafor, Phillip Anokwute
488 Somanya, Ghana	Rev. Amegbe Emmanuel
492 Tamale, Ghana	Kpalega Stephen ontoaneyin, Joseph Bagonia, Godwin Poreku
500 Dansoman, Accra, Ghana	Adu-GyamfiRando, Boateng Desmond, Dabbie Johannes, Johnson Ratilus Eugene, Kuukyi Isaac, Morrison Michael, NorteyNii, Quist Doe Erasmus, Quist Doe Caleb, SambahEsleNii
509 EkwuLobia, Anambra, Nigeria	ChukukimaUnegu, Anthony Nsuka, Romanus Enemchukwu
511 Nnewi, Nigeria	Mkparulkechukwu Hugh, Lawrence Okeke, Joseph Ike Ndibe, Francis Onwuatudo, Christian OkechukwuEgbuna
512 Ihiala, Nigeria	Sampson Uhama, Hyacinth E. Ikeh, Uchenna Nsofor, Arthur U. Ojinnaka, Cajetan Igboanusi IgnatiusNwokeora, Jerome C.Anyibueze, Arthur Akalite, Albert Omeda, Michael O. Ukaegbule, James C. Onunkwo, Palinus N. Ife, George IkemefunaObizulike, Peter S. Okafor, Felix Ifeanyiimuo, Jonathan Akajiofor, Thomas IkennaObidiegwu
517 Wa, Ghana	Abobo Camillus
521 Prestea, Ghana	Anaman Bright, Adams ZackariaIssah Lesley
528 Aguleri, Nigeria	Okafor C. Chukwuma
531 Amaigbo, Imo, Nigeria	Remigiuis I. Anyaegbusim, Cypriacus C. Egwunwoke, Hillary O. Obilonu, Andrew Ibeabuchi, HyginusUnadiegwu Opara, Edwin Eke Orie, John E. Oriskwe, Luke Okwuchukwu Uzoigwe, DamainEboh, Benjamin U. Okpara, Benjamin C. Onwusuruaku
532 Urualla, Imo, Nigeria	Patrick Aloahie
533 Eziukwu Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Christopher Grand O. Chigbu, Nathaniel Ekwe Ede
539 Akabo, Imo, Nigeria	Nicholas IsiguzoAnayochi, OmeireOkechukwu Eugene, Okorie Christian Uche, Patrick OkechukwuOsuji, Moses AnosikeUnakalamba Gregory N. Obilor
547 Ozubulu, Nigeria	DonatusNdubuiwu, Patrick C. Kanu, Cyril Okey Nwadioha
559 Ubulu, Anambra, Nigeria	Kingsley Onwuka, Christian C. Okoro
560 Izombe, Imo, Nigeria	Augustine OnyemaEzekwem

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561	NguruMbaise, Imo, Nigeria	Ukaegbu Charles C. Kennedy, Ohanaka Jude C., Ezekwem Athanasius U.
562	Ezinihitte, Imo, Nigeria	Oliver A. Nwachukwu
563	IhitteEtiti, Imo, Nigeria	Ezenwa Lazarus, Obilo Charles I.M.
564	IsiaiaMbanu, Imo, Nigeria	Damian Agugua, Anumnu Lawrence, Anosike Theodore, Charles Duruimo, Martin Ugoma
565	Ehime, Imo, Nigeria	Theodore Unoniwu, Valentine Ogoke, Anthony Odu
566	Ihioma, Imo, Nigeria	Anthony Mbadiniuu, Livinus U. Odinu, Christian S. Umeh, Nzerem Peter Chibeze, DonatusEjifugha, Desmond ChidozieDuru, Vincent UgorjiChidi, Boniface Chinagu, Ignatius NwabuezeOguchienti, Stanislaus Chidieberi Obi, Godwin Nwosu, Eheodore Arudiwe
572	Okija, Nigeria	Charles EziamakaUde, Felix Easo Mgbenka
576	Awada, Nigeria	Anthony Ogbali, Godwin Diala, Magnus Iyioke, Joseph NwekeNdife, Richard Adiele
577	Fegge, Nigeria	Livinus N. Ejidike, VitalisIkediasso
587	Nkpor, Nigeria	Christian Okudoh, Aloysius OkeyEzepue, Emmanuel Ossai, DonatusNnadi, Daniel ObiorahOkpoko, SabastineUkwatu, Charles N. Okeke, Stephen Nwankwo
604	Madina, Ghana	Rev. Fr. James OwusuYeboah
614	Trans-Nkisi, Nigeria	Charles N.Obikwelu, Cyril OsitaIlongwo, Pascal ZimuzoOzuligbo, Anthony Okafor
624	Asawase Kumasi, Ghana	Acheampong Look Benjamin, AikinsOpoku E. Joseph, Amponsah Pius Enock, CornahOnibie John, KyeiNewlins, Mensah Isaac, Oduro Anthony, TackieKwabena Edmund
628	Bole, Ghana	Dorzie Peter, Emmanuel, Bangnikuu Denis, DebuoDery Cletus, Mani Fernard
631	Ohafia, Abia, Nigeria	BenedictIkorolfere, ChistianusIkeogu Kalu
632	OlokoruUmuahia, Abia, Nigeria	Anthony A. Amauwa, Cletus U. Ejirika, Cyril O. Kwubiri
636	Umuaka, Imo, Nigeria	Anokwute Edwin O., ChekwasAjuruchi Emeka
654	Obowo, Imo, Nigeria	Oliver Ibe, Festus Ekwueme
655	Aladinma, Imo, Nigeria	Luke IheanachoNnodim, Duke Nnaemeka Opara
656	Ehime Mbanu, Imo, Nigeria	Clement Iwunze, Jeremiah Ohajunwa
660	Ezzamgbo, Ebonyi, Nigeria	SebastineOdonoh
705	Umuacha, Abia, Nigeria	Emmanuel Nwanevu, Lawrence Agu, Innocent Iwumuo
711	Awkuzu, Nigeria	Anthony-Mary ChukwudozieAmali
740	Adoagyir, Ghana	Akoto Felix, Dussey Robert, Acheampong Nana Sarfo B., Rev. Fr. Augustine Frempong
742	Brooklyn Center, MN	Vannie Scott
744	Nadowli, Ghana	Dongbawaavuu Felix
745	Kaleo, Ghana	Dumba David, Udomah K. Nicholas, Peter John Papunaah, Jaatoo Mathias Mwinlabagna
749	Nima, Accra, Ghana	Joseph Gyessah, Vincent Adio, Joseph Kunsong
751	TwifoPraso, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Thomas Abekah
752	Dunukofia, Nigeria	Anthony I. Okeke, Emmanuel N.Odilo Christian ChukwuObiweluozor, Anthony Ogbukagu, Vincent C. Asalu, Edward Emeka Ejide, Celestine Ewenike, Raphael Ogbonna
757	Penkwase Sunyani, Ghana	Bartholomew Inkoom, Frederick Abeyo
759	Ajalli, Nigeria	Cyprian Menyua, Adolphus Okoli, Nnamdi Innocent Eze,
777	Uruatta, Imo, Nigeria	Elike Festus Opara, Sylvester I. Obiakor, Perry Nicholas Ugwuogbo, AnyanwuTobechi
778	Onyeaghalanwanneya, Imo, Nigeria	Stanislaus UgochulwuOkere, FinanEmeka Okere
780	Ezi-East, Imo, Nigeria	Lawrence Ikoo
781	Ekwerazu, Imo, Nigeria	Fabian Isiagu, Christopher O. Uka, Lawrence A. Anyanwu
794	Winneba, Ghana	Peter Ekow Manuel, Kingsley Amoaka, George Ayew Mensah
803	Ukpor, Nigeria	Victor Okoili, Christopher Obijiofor, Cyprian Nwabunike, JosephatEwim, Bartholomew Okafor, CharlesEzeukwu
818	AssinFosu, Ghana	Akomaning John, Amoah Matthew, Annan John Paul, Arthur Fynn Francis, Asare Frank Asirifi Gabriel, AssumangNuamah, John Boateng, Entsie Kwame, FiankorEklu Samuel, Foh Thomas, Rev. Fr. Francis Fynn, Rev. Fr. GyasiAmoah, Insaidoo Vincent, Kumi Collins, NannsuaKonlan, Nsiah Bernard, Odeh Peter, Osei Thomas, Samba Augustine, Tsebewu Mark, Xor Raymond
819	AwutuBereku, Ghana	Ahorsu M. Augustine, Annan Samuel, Asamoah K. Alexander, Ayebeug Bernard, Ayegre Mathias Anaba, Baah John, Banerman K. John, Boye N. Nathan, Dadzie Benedict, Dontoh W. John, Ekpale K. Paul, Honey A.K., Mensah Clement, Mensah Daniel, Michael Williams, Nyem Innocent, Ofori J. Badu, Sackey N. Augustine
820	Tamso, Tarkwa, Ghana	Abakah Emmanuel, Abelingo Anthony, AboagyeKoomson Emmanuel, Acheampong Augustine, Afful Anthony Sandy, Alaska Dennis Franklyn, Anbang-Mwini Wilfred, Angoh Emmanuel, Arhinful Alex, Attiah Nicholas, AwubaawunKuzuu Bright, Danso Richard, Lartey Emmanuel, Nkeysiah Augustine, Okyerebarnie Ezekiel, OwusuGyamfi Prince Quaidoo Patrick, Tikwaa Ebenezer
825	Dansoman, Ghana	Henry Prah, OkoeCudjoe, Francis Essuon, Spencer Okantey
827	Suhum, Ghana	Augustine AmankwahGyapong, Emmanuel A. Yitankey, Francis D. Akumatey, George Appiah, George GyaneTwum, Godwin Dunyo, Mark K. Dovo, Paul AhaviMawuko, Peter K. Mensah
829	Kotobabi, Accra, Ghana	Agbo George, Agbonu Patrick, Agyeman Greg., Amenku Richford, Amenyoo Walter, Amoah Nelson, Anafo Daniel, Babanawo Solomon, Baidoo Frederick, Gabriel Julius, Glimeti Rich., Hitoka Daniel, Kemeh Maxwell, Kwashikuma Frank, Lawenyo Gabriel, NoiBismark, Opatah Terrence, Tebby Evans, Telfer Aaron, Zakur Moses

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**Unattached Commanderies:  
#608 Los Angeles, California**

**KSJI Los Angeles Commandery  
608 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification,  
Nov. 2014**

We thank God Almighty that we finally had our 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification on Nov. 22 2014. It was a three day solemn event that started on the 21<sup>st</sup> and ended on 23<sup>rd</sup> with a concelebrated Mass that attracted committed Catholics within the vicinity. The KSJI event was the first of its kind to be held in the West Coast of the United States of America.

A total of 20 brothers were exemplified by the officials from the Supreme. The Worthy President of Commandery 608, Tony Ikebudu and all the brothers were pleased that the Supreme exemplification team, led by the Supreme President Gen. Dale Gossiaux, Supreme Secretary Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz, and Capt. Richard Morse including the Grand Master Celestine Ebegebulem and the Chaplain Reverend Ike Ikeocha conducted the ceremony.

*Sir Bob Mark Akponye  
Historian KSJI Comm 608*



**Rev. Fr. Ike Ikeocha & Supreme Officials pose with brothers after their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification.**



**Supreme President, Gen. Dale Gossiaux, with Supreme Cadet Secretary Munachi Akponye**



**Tony Ikebudu, President of Commandery 608**

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- 832 Kwashieman, Accra, Ghana Asagba Peter, Yorkie Michael, Afull Francis Essiaw Dominic, Taabavi John, Asamoah A. Joseph, FrimpongAdjei Michael, Atinyuo Isaac Pascal, Hasford Emmanuel, Owusu Benjamin Asare, Nyuur Conrad, Amoh Kingsley, Tay RicharadOwusu Emmanuel, Dadzie Albert, Danso Samuel, Kumazah William, Anderson Ebenezer, Hagan Christian, Amoaku Clement Oforu, Ninsin Emmanuel, AsamoahAkrasi Richard, Osei Michael Paul, OpokuFranzel, Arthur Michael Kobina
- 833 AshaleyBotwe, Ghana AchillesMwinmaaluDongdem, Anthony Kwasi Sessi, PhiliipFataa, SelormAgbeley, Confidence GborkuAdjei, Albert Nyaakus, James Senyo, Raphael Dzugbah, Maxwell Klu, Ernest Agboka, Maxwell Ewoxo-Nyamekye, Prince King, Cornelius KwasiDordunu, Norbert MakafuiAdadey, Silas Appiah Mills, Patrick Asiedu-Daartey
- 834 Ashongman, Ghana Nelson A. Dovoh, John KowAbakah, Owiredu Gyampo, Carlos Jay, Nicholas B. Fening, Courage Bucknor, Fabian Sunu, George M. Baffoe-Bonnie, Roger Akpoka, Felix Sunu, Cletus Emeka Mike, Komla B. Tata, Daniel Tetteh, Owusu Peter Ansah, Samuel Komle Agbotsey, Fred Mahama, Richard Dapaah, Daniel Yaw Atati, Edem David Gayina, Felix Augustine Anku
- 835 Taifa, Accra, Ghana Raphael Anthony Quansah, Eugene Jojo Dweben, Benjamin Obiri-Yeaboah, Maxwell Boamah, Walter MaakoChombbui, Jojo Alorvor, TheophilusAttah, Isaac Ohene Boakye, Michael Arthur, Desmond Fiifi Oppong, Benjamin OduroGyamina, Dominick Arthur, Leo Vander Pallen, Emmanuel Chombbui, DomicicObiri-Yeaboah, Atunya Femi-Okechukwu, Bernard Kabire, Isaac Amasi Elvis Oppong, Stephen Mensah Afoakwa, Thomas AyiQuaye, Frederick K. Asuman, FosterBoabeng, Frank Abeng-Annor
- 841 Odorkor, Accra-West, Ghana Anderson Maxwell, Adu-Twum Henry, RansfordGyane, James Coffie, Daniel Addison Nkum, ArchiboldAmmanorDoodoo, King David Kpogli, Felix Aidoo, Anthony EkowAikins Absalom Benth, Dennis Sago Sasu
- 842 BremanAssikuma, Ghana Abaidoo-Ayin Hilary, Aboagye Stephen, Aidoo Mensah Hilary, Anakwah Elvis Serverine, Arthur Michael, Baidoo Anthony, DanyiArmah Richard, Donkoh Michael, Donkoh Richard, Dontwi Samuel, EnyanBismark, Hammond Frank, Kesseh Michael, Mensah Michael, Nduako Francis, Nduako Henry, Nti Eugene Tettey, Owusu Ignatius K., Quartey Benedict O. Tetteh Frederick Nash

## New York Grand Commandery

### New York Grand News

The New York Grand Convention will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, NJ and is being hosted by Commandery #680 and Auxiliary #592. Informational letters have been sent out; the information is also available on the Grand's Web site at [frontiernet.net/~nygrand](http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand). Time is running out, have you booked your room and sent in your registration.

### From Rochester

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, Al Keidel, Kenneth Scholl, Charles Stitch, Chester Ventura, Tony Perrotta, Joseph and Joyce DeFranco.

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.*

[frontiernet.net/~nygrand](http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand)

### District 4

Happy New Year to all and sundry! In this region, we are still experiencing the winter blasts and continued extreme frigid temperatures, snow storms with frost bites and still have a long way to go.

Congratulations to Brother Bruce Stowers of Commandery 676, Trenton NJ, on his recent appointments as Chairman of Supreme Organizing & Membership Committee, US, and Chairman - Supreme Promotion of the Order Committee. District 4 is very excited to have our revered member be appointed into these Committees. Brother Bruce, member of the NY Grand Board of Trustee, was the First Vice District Commander of District 4. We wish him all the good luck in his new offices.

Our Condolences go to Brother Chukwudi & Lady Ifeyinwa Okolie of Commandery 680 Newark NJ who lost their father and father-in-law respectively in Nigeria. Our con-



**Inductees being blessed by Rev. Father Edward Tetteh**

lences also go to Lady Marcelina Akanno and Lady Aurelia Ike of Ladies Auxiliary 592, Newark NJ who lost their mother in Nigeria in December 2014. May the Lord in His infinite mercies grant solace to the souls of the faithfully departed?

### New York Grand Convention 2015

Commandery 680 and LAUX 592 of the New York District 4 Command are warming up to host 2015 New York Grand Convention. Details of the convention (Registration, Accommodation, Convention Brochure and Time Table) could be found at the New York Grand Website [www.frontiernet.net/~nygrand/](http://www.frontiernet.net/~nygrand/) (Please click on "What's New <> 2015 Grand Convention Information"). All are cordially invited.

### District Four Delegates and Commandery Meetings

The Fourth Quarterly Delegates meeting of was hosted by Blessed Sacrament Commandery 680 Newark NJ at the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall on Sunday, December 21, 2014 and was presided over by Major Patrick Mumbo, the District Commander.

In compliance with the Supreme Headquarters Inspection Order No. 1 dated September 1, 2014, inspections and muster of all the Commanderies of District 4 were carried out. Detailed report of the inspections will be forwarded to the Supreme Inspector General.

### Commandery 676 Strength Increased by Three

On Saturday, January 17, 2015, three brothers were inducted into the Knights of St. John International, Commandery 676 at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament - Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, Trenton New Jersey by the Worthy President, Brother Dave Wilson. The initiated three brothers are: Bro. Adewale Gbogboade, Bro. Augustine Bropleh, and Rev. Deacon Christian Nnajiolor.

They had their outing Mass on Sunday, January 18, 2015 and were blessed by the Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Edward Tetteh. We congratulate and welcome the new inductees to the Order of KSJI and wish them joyful experiences.

### Cadet News

Franklin Aririguzoh of the Commandery 676 Cadets is on the Notre Dame High School boy's indoor 4x800 relay team and they became the first one in the country to run a faster-than-8-minute time in a race this season during the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference Relays on January 2, 2015. The team clocked in at 7:57.70 to take first place. We congratulate Cadet Franklin Aririguzoh.

### Upcoming Events

1. New York Grand Convention 2015: May 1 - 3, 2015.
2. Delegates Meeting - Commandery 626 New York, March 2015.

*Faternally submitted:  
Brother Titus Osuagwu  
Media and Information Officer*



## Accra West Grand Commandery

### Inauguration of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 832, Kwashieman, Accra, Ghana

On Saturday, 29th November, 2014 the Worthy President of the Accra West Grand Commandery, Brig. Gen. William Adjei duly inaugurated Prince of Peace Commandery # 832 and initiated new members respectively. It was preceded by Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Major Benjamin Ohene (Accra West Grand Spiritual Advisor) and Rev. Fr. Edmund Donkor-Baine, the Parish Priest of Prince of Peace Parish. A special Chasuble as well as the Ghana Flag and Papal Flag was presented to the Parish to commemorate its new Parish status during the thanksgiving mass on Sunday, 30th November, 2014. In all 25 new Brothers were initiated. Col. Prof. Peter Asubonteng was installed as Worthy President.

*By Anthony Asubonteng  
Secretary*

### 47 Exemplified into the 2nd and 3rd Degree

A total of 47 candidates comprising 46 brothers and a priest drawn from the 3rd, 6th and 11th Districts within the Accra West Grand Commandery have been exemplified into the 2nd and 3rd Degree at a solemn ceremony at the St. Charles Lwanga Parish in Abeka. The event which was witnessed by members of the Order, family members and loved ones of the candidates was performed during a Mass celebrated by the Parish Priest of the St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Reverend Father Konrad Dreyer (SVD).



The event which took place on Saturday, September 6, 2014 had Brigadier General Vincent Dela Selormey, the Grand First (1<sup>st</sup>) Vice President acting as the Grand Master in the absence of the substantive Grand President Brig. General William Adjei.

In his homily, Fr. Dreyer stressed the importance of the two main virtues related to the teachings of the second and third degrees, encouraging members to practicalise them in their day to day life. He stressed the need in reflecting these virtues in their lives wherever the candidates find themselves. He was appreciative of the various roles that members of the Knights of St. John International engaged in especially in the area of evangelisation.

One cardinal area of interest to him for effective evangelization to which he called upon members of the Order to participate in, is in the selfless ministerial role of the catechist. Emphasizing the role of cat-

echisms in the church, he was optimistic that the Order will encourage members to take up roles in this area to bring the word of God to people and promote the Kingdom of God.

The event had been preceded by preparations in the months of July and August with lectures on the lessons of the 2nd and 3rd Degree by members of the Grand Education Committee; Brig. General Robert Foli, Captain Anthony Sikpa, Lt. (Sir) Victor Quaye-Foli and the Grand Ritual Committee Convenor Brigadier General (Sir) Daniel Gyimah.

A total of 76 qualified brothers applied for the 2nd and 3rd degree with 47 making it to the exemplification. Rev Fr Ruben Awuyi, Assistant Parish Priest of the Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church who is also the Chaplain of the OLA Commandery # 619 was among those exemplified.

In a statement on behalf of Grand on the preparation and the exemplification, the Grand Secretary, Col. Robert Kingsley Arthur, stated that there were a few difficulties during the process but that by the grace of God were all surmounted. He was thankful to God for the success of the event and congratulated all the exemplified brothers on behalf of the Grand and wished that all other qualified members will avail themselves of future opportunities in order to grow in the Order.

*Col. Robert Kingsley  
Grand Secretary*



## Owerri Grand Commandery

### Owerri Grand Mid-Wives Orlu Grand

Regina Pacis Ihioma Orlu, seat of Orlu Catholic Diocese, was agog with an army of Knights and Ladies of St. John International as Owerri Grand Mid-wives a new baby in a Holy Mass said by the Catholic Bishop of Orlu Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Augustine Ukwuoma on Saturday, 21st January, 2015.

The birth of Orlu Grand has increased the number to three after Calabar and Port Harcourt Grands.

To the leaders of the new Grand, he cautioned, to work on principles which last, than on sentiments which come and go. He called on them to work collaboratively with the Supreme Subordinate and Supreme.

In the inaugural speech, Supreme Subordinate President Major Gen. Anselm Okafor, said Orlu Grand became a reality because Orlu Catholic Diocese apart from its strategic position is becoming one of the best in Nigeria.

He called out the officers and installed them thus: Grand President, Valentine Oboh; 1st vice, Augustine Ugokwe; 2nd vice, Demian Ojimba; Grand secretary, Jude Otum; Fin. Sec., John Egeolu; Treasurer, Raymond Ezeonye; Judge Advocate, Martin Ukomadu; Sgt. at Arms, An-



**Owerri Grand Hostel, Gearing for Completion.**

thony Nnad; Messenger, Patrick Maduako; Guard, John Alajeku; and trustees: Francis Eluma, Ignatius Ezeonyeasi, Adolphus Chigere, and Livinus Egonu.

The ceremony also witnessed a conferment of the Jewel of Honour on Brother Eugene Emenalo, who is the Supreme Subordinate Inspector.

### Owerri Grand Launches Her 75 Rooms Capacity Hostel

History was made Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014 Grand office Owerri, when the launching to finish the 75 rooms capacity hostel with living accessories was held.

In a welcome address, the Grand

President Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu echoed the need to finish the hostel started by Brig. Gen. Clement C. Onwuneme, his Predecessor.

He pledges that 2015 Grand initiation and investiture would hold at the Grand office and that Grand hostel should accommodate the officers and aspirants.

In so doing, it would cut down the Local district, regiment and Grand expenses during such annual outings.

When all the revenues are garnered and netted into the Grand coffers, the launching would go a long way to bring to finish the building of the Grand hostel.

*Lieut. Vincent Chukwuemeka Azubuike  
Under Secretary, Owerri Grand*

## Abuja Grand Commandery

These are the most recent activities of the Abuja Grand Commandery:

### Initiation and Exemplification

Initiation and exemplification exercises were carried out for new members of the order between December 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2014. The Abuja Grand Commandery has thus grown to over 600 in number with the initiation of 44 brothers.

### Investiture in Military Uniform

The investiture of brothers into full military uniform took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 for a total number of 27 brothers.

### Grand Workshops

Abuja Grand Commandery held a workshop for all Regiment, District and Local commanders as well as worthy presidents. The workshop took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2014. The theme of the workshop was "Effective Reporting" and it was a very enlightening session.

### Charity Visits

Local Commanderies paid charity visits to less privileged homes in November and December and gift items were shared during the visits.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General meeting of the Abuja Grand Commandery took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2014. On Sunday, December 14, 2014, we held the closing Mass and Full Dress investiture at St. Raphael Chaplaincy Catholic Secretariat, Durumi, Abuja. The parish of our own Rev. Fr. Ralph Madu (Brig. Gen.).

### Annual Reports

Annual reports for the Abuja Grand Commandery were completed and returned in time to the Supreme and Supreme Subordinate Commanderies respectively.

### Land Purchase

A piece of land was purchased in November 2014 to build the KSJI academy which promises to be a huge project. The land measures 1.7 hectares. We look forward to working actively on it next year. The board has been inaugurated.

### Instalation of Elected Officers

The newly elected officers of local Commanderies in Abuja Grand Commandery were installed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2015.

### Joint Supreme Subordinate Board Meeting January 2015

The Joint Supreme Subordinate Board meeting took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 at DRACC Emene, Enugu.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Anselm O. Onyemekwu  
Abuja Grand Secretary, KSJI*

## Buffalo Grand Commandery

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

Western New Yorkers have survived the most devastating snow storm on record this November, leaving many without basic necessities. The city of Buffalo certainly lived up to its name "City of Good Neighbors." The charity of residents within our communities truly lived up to this name helping many elderly clear their driveways and supply necessities as needed. It seems winter is not finished yet as snow continues to hold its grip on this area with several inches in December and now January. Everyone is looking forward to warmer weather that is for sure.

Sunday, November 30, 2014 at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church was a very important date for 21 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights of St. John. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ritual was bestowed on each participating candidate in attendance. Each and every candidate was congratulated and welcomed into the ranks of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees of Knighthood. Again Brothers, congratulations! Least I forget thank you members of the Degree Team who gave up their precious time to make this a memorable event for each of the candidates.

A Wedding Anniversary Celebration at St. Joseph Cathedral was held on Sunday, November 16, 2014. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment acting as Honor Guard led by Col. Dennis Potozniak with 24 Knights under his command made this event most memorable. The following Brother Knights and their wives were in attendance: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Wayne Hawkins of Commandery 408; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Capt. Thomas Fischer of Commandery 381, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Africano and Color Sgt. Thomas Hawkins both of Commandery 382. Congratulations and Heavenly Blessings to each of them and their wives from all members of the Buffalo Grand Commandery Knights of St. John International.

January is the month when newly elected Civil and Military Commandery officers are to be installed, unfortunately the snow and adverse weather this month didn't help to accomplish our task. The Buffalo Grand Installation Team is now is

in the process of installing the new officers of each Commandery as soon as possible.

*Thank you. God, Bless all my Brother Knights, keep them in good health and free from all harm. God Bless America and Canada.*

### Buffalo Regiment: Colonel's Comments - Col. Dennis Potozniak

My dear Brother Knights, I pray I find you all doing well. I did not expect to be writing another article for the Journal as Regimental Commander but as fate would have it, I currently remain as the Regimental Commander!

As I write this article, another fierce winter storm is about to hit the northeast part of our country. This winter has been more severe than it has been long. The snow and winds of this winter have been extreme in nature and very demanding. I take this analogy and compare it to a condition I fear is becoming present in our fraternal order at many levels, from the Commandery level to one as high as a Supreme level. It pains me to say this but I fear that power and position has become more important than compromise and cooperation. I know this is a rather bold statement but I offer this for your consideration.

When you read our journal, attend a Commandery meeting, a Regimental meeting, a Grand meeting or look at the agendas and notes from a Supreme Convention, what does a majority of the time spent of these functions center on? Is it charitable work, is it spent on ideas to help our parishes or even our Brother Knights? Or are these meetings spent on somewhat frivolous amendments to our Constitution granting certain ranks for various offices, or in discussions that proclaim principals of our Order that we profess but in reality only follow when it is convenient and easy? I bring this up as I have alluded to in prior articles, because I see a trend increasing in our Fraternal Order that takes us away from core values and support and cooperation among us. I see a growing pattern that mimics our government (at many levels), one of no compromise, one of "it is my way or

it is no way". I ask you really look and consider if you too don't see this happening to our Noble Order.

I know and truly feel that this condition can be corrected. It will take strong leadership to correct things. But we have the best leader anyone could have. We have our Lord, Jesus Christ to look too. We can go back to the basics. Forget about the frivolous and material things. We can support one another, help one another. Spend more time doing positive things and less time seeking reward.

I say these things not to ridicule or criticize any one group or person but to remind all in our Order, including myself, to really ask ourselves are we doing and following the practices that we profess.

This is just my opinion, my observation on this topic. I think we can all do better, especially me, being a Knight of St. John. I consider it to be an honor, something that is 24/7. Thanks for hearing me out my Brother Knights. May our Lord continue to bless, forgive and help us always!

### 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.

### 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](http://www.ksjibuffreg.com)**

## Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

### Abundant Harvest for Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

Usually in Port Harcourt Diocese, and indeed, all over Nigeria, Churches hold Harvest /Thanksgiving celebrations towards the end of the year. Often, exotic names are given to these celebrations, in order to attract and draw the attention of parishioners so that they may participate in the exercise. Tags like: Harvest of Gratitude, a Harvest of Multiplication; Harvest of Abundance, Harvest of Graces etc, abound.

In Port Harcourt, our harvest was of a different kind, a harvest of souls for the Lord. A year of intense evangelization, and catechetical work, yielded 73 initiates at an extraordinary initiation retreat held from December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Rumuibekwe, Port Harcourt.

A major focus was the new Commanderies which altogether fielded 35 aspirants. Some of the aspirants had been stepped down and instructed to aspire for a longer period. Of the older Commanderies, Mater Misericordiae Commandery #800 fielded 9 candidates while All Saints Commandery #801 fielded 7 candidates. Almost all the Commanderies put up a candidate for the initiation.

Rev. Fr. Polycarp Henetu, Spiritual Adviser to St Mary's Commandery #460, Port Harcourt delivered a key lecture on the theme of the retreat: "Nurturing the Catholic Faith in the Family".

Our Grand Spiritual Adviser was present at every session, leading other priests in hearing Confessions, and other spiritual exercises. The Outing Mass took place at Our Lady of the



Holy Rosary Chaplaincy, the Catholic Institute of West Africa (CIWA) turned out to be a huge evangelization success, with the Chaplain pleading with the Grand President to establish a Commandery in his Chaplaincy. Coincidentally or rather, providentially, the mother of the chaplain was one of the new initiates LAUX; 394.

### An Oblate of St Benedict celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

It was a moving occasion on January 10 in Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chaplaincy, of Catholic Institute of West Africa (CIWA), as members of St Mary's Commandery #460, Port Harcourt, joyfully celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of their Noble brother, Noble Bro Dan Ubaka, and his silver Jubilee as an oblate of St Benedict. He was initiated into the Order of KSJI in 1988, and was admitted in as oblate the same year. Oblates of St Benedict assist the monks of the monastery of St Benedict.

### Bro Mbuk Benedict, Ebong, called by the Lord (Comm. #802, UNIPOINT)

It was a somber end-of-the year for

Annunciation Commandery #802, as their brother, Sir Benedict Mbuk Ebong, a professor in the Department of Surveying, at the University of Port Harcourt, was laid to rest on December 30<sup>th</sup>, in his home town Uyo. Professor Ebong joined the Order in 1999, and was an active member of Commandery #460, and then transferred to Commandery #802 in 2014. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

### District 48, pays a Christmas Visit to Bishop Etokudoh

As it is its custom, District 48, of Port Harcourt Grand Commandery, paid a courtesy call on His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Camillus A. Etokudoh, at his Chancery office at Corpus Christi Cathedral, Kaduna Street. The District informed the Bishop that "it was fitting that KSJI visit him to present a score card at the end of the year, and to thank him for all his guidance throughout the year". The Bishop was very pleased with the visit. A cheque of ₦50,000 was presented to him and a big size cow, too. The prelate said he was pleased with the work of evangelization of the Order in Port Harcourt Diocese. He then prayed for the District and blessed its officers. The team was led by Capt. Dr. Peter Okoh. Others present were Sir Ambakaderemo (Pay master) District 49 and District 50 have also planned similar visits to their Local Ordinaries in Bomadi Vicariate and Aba Diocese.

### Charity:

₦2million in the period (December - January 30).

Col Daniel Onuoha  
Grand Secretary



## Awka Grand Commandery

Once again we have entered a new year, a year of hope, happiness and of fraternal fulfillment. We want to wish all our Supreme Officers and members from far and near a very wonderful new year accompanied with God's abundant blessings. Above all, we wish our editor and his team a successful production year.

The last quarter of 2014 for our Grand Commandery witnessed lots of activities though routine in nature but asterisked by sweeping improvements. Members of the Grand Commandery were highly elated by the growth, development and activities of the Grand which has just recorded its second anniversary as a Grand Commandery. These activities were praised by His Lordship Most Rev. [Dr] Peter Opkaleke during the 2014 Memorial Mass for the departed members of the Grand Commandery which was organized by the Regiment on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. The Mass brought all members of the Grand together and special prayers were offered for all the departed Brothers and Sisters from every Commandery and LAUX. The Bishop admonished all to always remember our dead members individually and communally so that when our time is spent and we are called by our maker, we will be certain that others will remember us.

However, as the Grand cel-



**The Grand President and his team with St. Thomas Aquinas Cadet Commandery #712 GRA Awka**



**The Grand President and his team with St. Anthony's Cadet Commandery #545 Enugwu-Ukwu.**

brated the decrease in its membership, it also increased its membership through First Degree Initiation of 19 members while 25 members were invested. The monthly visit of the Grand Presi-

dent to Commanderies ended with the inauguration and installation of Officers of St Thomas Aquinas Cadet Commandery #712 GRA Awka and St Anthony's Cadet Commandery #545 Enugwu-Ukwu. The Grand President and his team who were excited with the performance of the Cadets during the inspection of their parade appealed to all Brother Knights who were there to witness the ceremony to make sure that the Cadets do not lack anything with regard to their meeting needs.

The Grand Commandery ended its 2014 official year with a Christmas Party for all the widows of its fallen Brothers from every Commandery within the Grand and also gave Christmas Baskets to all the bedridden Brothers. The Party which was preceded by a Holy Mass witnessed over 80 widows in attendance. It was an excellent occasion to show solidarity with all our loved members.

*Captain Peter C. Uttazi  
For: Awka 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.

**PLEASE LIMIT ENTRIES TO ONE (1) PAGE MAXIMUN.**

Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 3) will be included on a space available basis.

*Thank you for your assistance.*

## Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery



**The Most Reverend  
Leonard J. Olivier, SVD  
(1923 - 2014)**

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Leonard J. Olivier, SVD, 91, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, DC and a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, died on November 19, 2014. He was residing at The Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, DC.

Bishop Olivier was a member of Holy Name Commandery 388, Washington, DC, and a member of the National Capitol Temple, Noble and Exulted Degree of the Holy Cross. He was very supportive towards the knights and ladies' in the Baltimore-Washington Grand and played a vital role in securing tickets for members to attend the Mass celebrated by our beloved Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, on his visit to Washington, DC in April 2008. He was also a member of the Liturgy Committee of the United States Catholic Conference/National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Committee on Bishops Life and Ministry, Board Member of Covenant House Washington, Member of the Inter-Faith Conference, Member of Maryland Catholic Conference, Board Member of The National Black Catholic Congress, Member of National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, and Episcopal Moderator of the Pan African Roman Catholic Clergy Conference.

Bishop Olivier was born on October 12, 1923 in Lake Charles, LA. He was the fifth of eight children. A Funeral Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle on November 24, 2014, in Washington, DC. Bishop Olivier was returned to Lake Charles afterward and Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial on November 29, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Bishop Olivier's home parish.

### Commandery #373 and Ladies's Auxiliary #303 Hall Historic Marker Unveiling

On November 14, 2014, an unveiling of a historic marker in honor of the Woodville School (today is the Commandery #373 and St. Dominic Ladies' Auxiliary #303 Hall) located in Aquasco, Prince George's County, MD, was celebrated. The Woodville School dates back to 1934 as the largest rural school built in Prince George's County. It was the local school for children in the area until county schools were integrated. The school closed after integration in 1954 and was purchased by the Knights of St. John's Commandery #373 as depicted on the historic marker. The building is currently undergoing internal renovations for Commandery and Auxiliary meetings and community events. Attending the historic marker unveiling were county dignitaries, clergy, members of the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of St. John International, members of the community, and visitors. Brother James A. Jones, President of Commandery #373 and Sister Elaine Jones, President of Auxiliary #303 represented the Knights of St. John International during the unveiling ceremony.

### Commandery #309 Knights Supports Safe Nights Program

Sacred Heart Church (the home church of Sacred Heart Commandery #309) hosted a Safe Nights Program to aid the homeless. The Safe Nights Program is directed and coordinated by Life Styles, Inc. of Charles County, Maryland to serve the homeless. Safe Nights is a homeless shelter program that rotates weekly among county churches where shelter and meals are

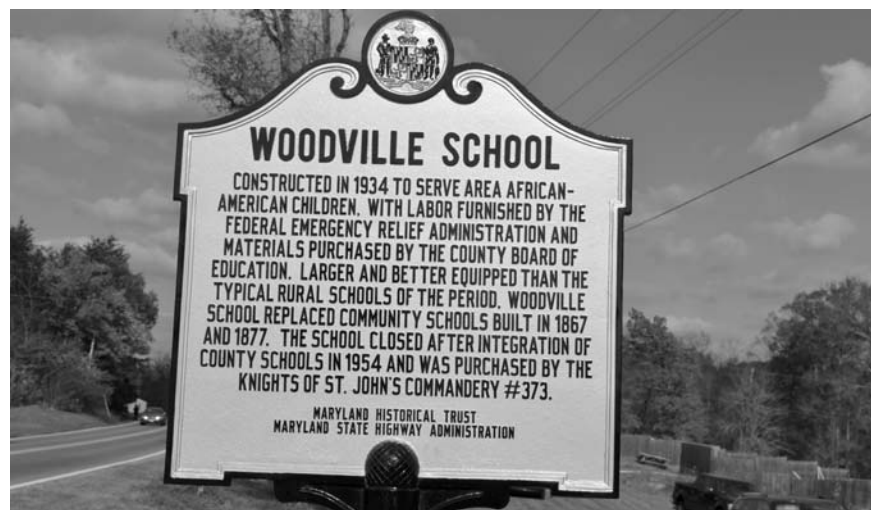
provided to homeless men, women, and children. The program functions by church and community volunteers donating, preparing and serving meals and acting as monitors at night. Early in the morning on Sunday, February 1, 2015, Knights from Commandery #309 assembled in the Sacred Heart Church Friendship Room and assisted with setup and the serving of breakfast for over forty two homeless people consisting of women, men, youth, and children. As they were departing Sacred Heart Church to catch the bus provided by Life Styles, Inc., many expressed gratitude to the Pastor, church members, and the Knights.

### Knights and Ladies Outreach to Families

Continuing with the annual outreach program to families in the community that are in need of a wholesome meal during Thanksgiving, the Knights of Commandery #309, the Ladies of Auxiliary #301, and the Juniors of Auxiliary #51 prepared and provided over fifty food baskets to families in Charles County, Maryland. Each food basket included a turkey with all the supporting trimmings for a family of 4-6 people.

Please remember that when we gather to meet or to socialize keep in mind those Brothers and Sisters who are ill or confined to their residence or to a private nursing home. They will appreciate your telephone calls, personal visits or cards to show that they are not forgotten. But most of all keep them in your prayers.

*Ronald C. Taylor, Adjutant  
First Regiment of Washington  
William B. Young, Jr., Historian  
Sacred Heart Commandery #309*





## Makurdi Grand Commandery

### Introduction

This news articles serve as a review of last year events with emphasis on the last months of 2014 from June to December. It is with gratitude that I convey the goodwill message of a happy New Year from the Grand President of Makurdi Grand Commandery Brigadier General Simon Aondona and the entire membership of Makurdi Grand Commandery to the Supreme President General Dale Gssiaux and the entire membership of Knights of St. John International all over the World where they exist. The Grand President and Grand Secretary regret their inability to be present at last Supreme Convention in Ohio Columbus.

### Internal Security

Year 2014 witnessed a lot of instability for some parts of Makurdi Grand Commandery. We have reported on these and most of the members have now been stabilised in their various homes while some are still hanging out as the security situation is still doubtful and the fear of their being attacked is still there. We thank God that despite the provocation, there had been no reprisal attacks. A new Commandery was chartered at the last Supreme Convention for our brothers in Naka, Gwer West but the Commandery as at now is not inaugurated due to the security situation there.

### Annual Reports

The Grand Commandery reported on 13 Local Commanderies. District reports were sent to the Supreme Inspector General from Districts 41 Gboko and 42 Otukpo. The report of Gboko was however returned that it did not meet the requirement. I was made to understand that the required forms had been sent to Grand Presidents for distribution to the District Commanders. The report of District 41 Otukpo has not returned so it might be accepted. 353 brothers consist of the thirteen Local Commanderies reported upon. Although, the Supreme Secretary is waiting for the report from the newly created Local Commandery at Naka, the en-

tire membership when collated together with the newly chartered Commandery will make no much difference.

### Grand Board Meetings

Makurdi Grand Commandery held three Grand Board meetings in March, June and October 2014, the Grand Board meeting of December was not called for.

### From the Districts

Within the period under review the Districts organized and visited their Bishops and donated various amounts of money to them to assist in the training of priests.

**District 40** visited their Bishop to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist and made a cash donation of one hundred thousand naira (N100000.00) to the Catholic Bishop of Makurdi Diocese Most Rev. Athanasius Usuh to assist in the training of Priests in his Diocese. Commanderies in this District celebrated Masses on the eve and day of the Feast with SS Peter & Paul Commandery 591 Aliade holding nine days Novena.

**District 41** Otukpo celebrated Masses and paid a visit to their Bishop and presented gifts. During their outing Mass at Oju they donated one hundred and thirty thousand naira (N130000.00) to the parish they visited.

**District 42** Gboko has two Catholic Dioceses. They visited the Bishop of Gboko and made a cash donation of seventy five thousand naira (N75000.00). They made a similar donation of fifty-two thousand naira (52000.00) to the Local Ordinary of Katsina Ala. Other reports reaching the Grand Commandery from the Gboko District indicate that they have made several other donations including:

Cathedraticum to the Catholic Bishop of Gboko, they donated eighty eight thousand five hundred naira (N88500.00)

Gboko Catholic Bishop's project fifty four thousand five hundred naira (N54500.00)

Donation to St. Michael's Church Abaji forty thousand naira (N40000.00)

Donation to St. Clement Akengba ten thousand naira (N10000.00)

They donated twenty seven thousand naira (N27000.00) to assist the Local Ordinary of Katsins Ala Diocese for the training of priests.

At St. Jude Koti-Yough they donated forty two thousand naira (N42000.00)

They donated for the care of widows and Widowers eighty thousand naira (N80000.00) and shared to them new clothes and food items.

### Sports

District 40 Makurdi had organized District sports with an impressive turn out. Although, the report is yet to get to the Grand Commandery, the Grand Secretary witnessed the events that were staged as Volley Ball, Football, Drills, Javelin, Short-put, Long-jump other track events and athletic games. Commandery 591 Aliade emerged the overall winners of the events. The Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona attended the closing ceremony and presented trophies and Certificates to the winners accordingly. The over-all best Sports-man was one Captain Timothy Ayoor of Saints Peter and Paul Commandery 591 Aliade and was given a cash award of ten thousand naira (N10000.00).

### Local Commandery Elections

Two Local commanderies held their elections in December last year and their new officers have been installed accordingly.

### Good of the Order

There was a wilful donation from our Brother Senator George Akume from St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery 540, Gboko. The brother who is a Majority Leader in the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria donated six Cows and eighty (80) 25kg bags of foreign rice. This had been shared among the membership of the Grand Commandery accordingly.

We have some brothers who are down with illnesses. Brother Innocent Agev of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Commandery 486 Makurdi had partial stroke close to the end of last year and many other brothers are sick whom we have not got the information to publish but we request your prayers for their quick recovery.

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

*(Supreme President from page 4)*

hearts and attitudes right with God. Every year we are afforded this opportunity, will we just keep on ignoring it? Will we keep thinking that we will have more time? We need to live each day as if it is our last, because one day, it will be. Will we be ready, on that day, to meet God and tell Him that we did all we could for all of His creation? I hope so!

**Just a few random thoughts...**

In the month of April there will be a number of Grand Commandery Conventions being held. To all of the officers and delegates to those conventions, I ask that you choose wisely in your elections for those men who will faithfully execute their duties under the constitution of the Knights of St. John International and their respective by-laws. Also, please, support all of the elected officers, for they work for you. Without your input, they cannot run the Grand Commandery successfully.

Have a great three months and I look forward to continue to serve the organization and you, the membership!

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

*(Supreme Secretary from page 4)*

Ask yourself, is there a brother knight in my commandery that I avoid or exclude from activities, or even conversations? I see this happening so many times and I can see how that hurt festers. I ask you to swallow your pride and embrace that man, seeking a renewed relationship with him. Christ forgave his torturers. Pope John Paul II forgave his assassin. In comparison, your act of true friendship seems like a small thing, but to that man it can mean a peaceful heart. Let's all look forward to Easter Sunday with renewed love in our hearts.

*May the Lord bless you and fill you and your loved ones with the hope of the Resurrection.*

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz  
Supreme Secretary*

## In Memoriam

Commandery:

40 Rochester, NY	James Duignan
94 Covington, KY	James D. Garrett
98 Columbus, OH	Msgr. Ralph J. Huntzinger
100 Schenectady, NY	Timothy D. Febbie
172 Richmond, IN	Bob Reckers
296 Washington, DC	Dwight T. Miles
308 Rochester, NY	Carmen Cinanni, Sr.
345 Haubstadt, IN	Paul Odum
345 Haubstadt, IN	Robert Seib
345 Haubstadt, IN	Leroy Schmitt
345 Haubstadt, IN	Frank Greubel
345 Haubstadt, IN	Leroy Gilles
357 Cape Coast, Ghana	Gillette George King
366 Monrovia, Liberia	Philip G. Gadegbaku
385 Utica, NY	Joseph Colicci
397 Takoradi, Ghana	Nyamekye Larson Norbert
397 Takoradi, Ghana	Amoah Robert Yaw
405 Tema, Ghana	Chris A. Andoh Jr.
412 Navrongo, Ghana	KojoAnagyeri
412 Navrongo, Ghana	Emmanuel Chegeweh
412 Navrongo, Ghana	Pascal Yeldor
413 Osu, Ghana	Amos Ledi
414 Enugu, Enugu, Nigeria	Romanus Unegbu
416 Techiman, Ghana	Eugene Gokel
424 Teteman, Ghana	Semanu Christian
426 Nandom, Ghana	Kuusoyuur Silvanus
426 Nandom, Ghana	Gregory Sokuu
434 Awka, Anambra, Nigeria	Michael OkeyNibo
438 Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	Gabriel Igbodokwu
438 Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	James Onwudiwe
438 Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	Chris Ekwenibe
460 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria	Aloysius Onochie
499 Effiakuma, Takoradi, Ghana	Francis K. BoakyeDanquah
509 EkwuIobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Andy Umeoji
509 EkwuIobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Dominic Nwosu
511 Nnewi, Anambra, Nigeria	Patrick Nnajofofor
528 Aguleri, Anambra, Nigeria	Gabriel Okeke
528 Aguleri, Anambra, Nigeria	James Meballor
545 Enugwu-Ukuru, Anambra, Nigeria	Basil Iloghalu
545 Enugwu-Ukuru, Anambra, Nigeria	George Akybue
547 Ozubulu, Anambra, Nigeria	Augustine Igne
547 Ozubulu, Anambra, Nigeria	Raphael Ejinkeonye
547 Ozubulu, Anambra, Nigeria	Martine Onunkwo
572 Okija, Anambra, Nigeria	Ignatius Okechukwu
572 Okija, Anambra, Nigeria	C.C. Ifebuzzor
572 Okija, Anambra, Nigeria	H.O. Mgbenka
577 Fesse-Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	John Aziwe
577 Fesse-Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	Raphael Nkekelonye
587 Nkpor, Anambra, Nigeria	Anthony Ezegwui
633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria	Clement NzuteOchiaka
672 Akwango, Nasarawa, Nigeria	Abraham Gala Kudu
752 Dunokofia, Anambra, Nigeria	Lawrence Ike
752 Dunokofia, Anambra, Nigeria	R.N.C. Mguonim
752 Dunokofia, Anambra, Nigeria	George Akubue
789 Bekwai, Ghana	GodfredAssibiDery
804 Bori-Ogoni, Rivers, Nigeria	Romanus M. Yor-Ama
826 Asankrangwa, Ghana	DapilaFirmino Kuuvem

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