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The Supreme Commandery is pleased to announce the appointment of Brother Paul Amuchie as the new West Coast Organizer. Paul has served as the Charter President of the unattached, Our Lady Queen of Angels Commandery #608 in Los Angeles, California since its inception.

There are cells of activity and interest in various parts of California and Paul has taken on the task of following up on them and is in the process of meeting with key persons of interest. We wish him well in this new endeavor.

Generals,

Please be advised that the Supreme President has called for a Supreme Board Meeting this coming October to conduct the business of our Order. There is enough very important business pending that it was decided a two day meeting would be required.

The Board Meeting will be held in Utica, New York and will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, October 10, 2014 and conclude on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

Please advise whether you will be in attendance so that specific arrangements can be made in conjunction with the meeting. The venue of the Board Meeting will depend on the number of members that will be in attendance. Your prompt attention to this matter and your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of my brother Knights of St. John International throughout the world. Here it is already September and I barely remember the first eight months of the year. Time seems to be flying right on by.

I would like to thank all of my brothers for re-electing me as your representative and servant for the next two years. I have always worked hard for our organization and will redouble those efforts for the remainder of my term. Thank you for the trust you placed in me!

I would also thank Brig. Gen. Jim Schafhausen and his committee from Commanderies 97 and 98 for hosting the recently completed international convention held in Columbus, Ohio. Attendance was certainly more than expected and even more than the 2012 convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. They weathered the storm and helped make the convention successful. While the convention has concluded, I pray that all the officers and delegates have returned to their homes safely.

In this article, I would like to touch on an issue that was discussed at convention from the membership committees and that issue is of membership. Specifically, how can we, as individual members, affect membership? On the negative side, we affect membership when we act in manners that are un-Christian and un-Knightly. When potential members witness that, they would rightly ask themselves, "Is this what the Knights of St. John are all about?" We may not even know that we are doing it, but our actions do tell non-members what and who we are. We need to be more aware of our behavior and how we treat each other at all times.

On the positive side, if we become examples of what a true Knight of St. John is, we can be the light on the hill, showing people the way. We need to feel it in the very core of our being, just as the early Christians did. They went out and evangelized about Jesus Christ; we need to go out and evange-

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

I really look forward to attending our Conventions. A chance to see old friends and make new ones. A time to reminisce and to share. The last couple of Conventions were tough, and there was no time for enjoyment. They were work and this one was even more so.

When a full days work at the Convention Floor was completed, there was no time to socialize because your Supreme Officers were in meetings for another four hours or so each day, putting out fires, and attempting to resolve internal Commandery, District & Grand problems brought to our attention for resolution. Petty squabbles that are the result of selfish persons seeking higher military rank, jealousy, and mistrust of one another. Surely not what the Knights of St. John stands for.

The Quartermaster has a huge task in running his store of supplies and our brothers take full advantage of his wares and he moves a lot of product. Thank you for that. You will note that he no longer had his wares on display on a table between his staff and the customer. Now those goods are displayed on a table and panel behind him. Brother knights complained about this move, but little do they know how much has been shop-lifted from our Quartermaster in the past. That is not what we are about, and yet, somehow that is the side of many in our Order that we see. Not something to be proud of.

The Credentials committee has the toughest job of all. They are usually overwhelmed by Officers and Delegates attempting to pick up their credentials. Normally the process is designed to run smoothly, but when something goes awry, maybe the computer goes down, or the names of delegates provided us by the Grand Commandery are different, our loving brothers seem to lose their patience very quickly. The arguments, pushing & shoving are inexcusable. During one such session one of the Ladies (don't know what she was doing there) ended up with a bruised arm. One brother

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Knights of St. John International,

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

Often I say to my friends, and parishioners, before I begin a discussion or conversation, I have three points to discuss. Perhaps, many of us say the same thing. If so we are on the same page. So, here are my three points:

1) Many thanks to the local planning committee who worked so hard during our recent National Supreme Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Their hard work and untiring commitment made our convention a success. All who attended should be pleased how smoothly our convention was conducted.

Our daily liturgies were also spiritually uplifting. I am grateful for all who participated in the liturgies, from the readers, to the musicians, to those who helped plan the liturgies and provided supplies for the Mass, to those who set up the rooms and the Cathedral, and especially all the priests who attended our convention.

Thank you very much.

2) We are becoming more aware of the frightening Ebola disease that is spreading from one country to another. It is quickly becoming an epidemic disaster. Please join me in prayer that a cure will be discovered. We also pray for the many victims of the Ebola disease, and for their families.

Encourage your local Churches to include a petition in the Prayer of the Faithful for a cure from this horrible disease.

God has blessed us with the gift of life. May it not end as a result of the Ebola disease.

3) We continue to move forward proclaiming and professing our faith in Christ Jesus. As Knights of St. John International, never loose sight of what we are about. Keep in mind that what we do is not about "me" or what "I" want, but about Jesus Christ, and the good of the order. Continue to

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It is with great joy and fantasy as we gathered in Columbus, Ohio for safe deliberations and are back home enjoying life with our families. The giver of life could not permit all to be at Ohio, some because of lack of proper coordination and for sickness but most painfully some died days before the Convention. We are particular about the Jos Grand President in Nigeria late Brigadier General C.I.C. Nwankwo who made every arrangement to be there with his Grand Secretary but could not make it even in the process of putting documents together meant for the travel. We pray the almighty God to grant him and other brothers departed eternal rest through Christ our Lord.

We would like to apologize to our Makurdi Grand Commandery readers for the mistake we made in our last publication even when we wanted to make a correction on the photograph published in the March issue on award of Papal Knight. We were talking about Sir Francis Ode but mistakenly penciled Sir Dominic Ode. These two are brothers in the same Local Commandery but it was the junior Ode called Francis that was made a Papal Knight which we reported about in the March issue where his picture was published without footnotes to show his name. The senior Ode is a Regimental Commander and may be his name comes to mind often would have caused the mistake. Please we beg for pardon for that mix-up.

Many things happened in

Makurdi Grand commandery for which this publication can not contain but the few we can report about is the relative calm that has come to the inhabitants within the Makurdi Grand Commandery Jurisdiction. We reported how the Fulani herdsmen displaced people from their places of abode. We thank God, with the prayers of the Church and all of you, calm has returned to the area. We reported that the Makurdi Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondona directed that Districts should organize and visit the camps of the displaced in their areas. We have received reports that District 40 Makurdi visited the camps of the displaced persons and donated food items and other valuables to them. They were led on the visit by the District 1st Vice Commander Captain Bartholomew Tarbo who was accompanied by the District 2nd Vice Commander Captain Joseph Agbo and the Worthy President of Commandery 593 High Level Makurdi. Similarly District 42 Gboko visited homes of displaced people in Gboko and Katsina Ala Dioceses respectively. They also donated various items including raw food to the displaced people. They also offered Masses for peace in Tiv Land, Benue State and Nigeria and prayed especially for the abducted Chibok girls for their safe return to reunite with their families in Borno State of Nigeria. They were led on the visit by the District Commander of District 42 Lt. Col. Joseph Anzenge, accompanied by

the District Auxiliary President of Gboko the Worthy Presidents and members of Commanderies 540 Gboko and 590 Katsina Ala and their Ladies Auxiliaries. They were received in Katsina Ala Diocese by the Vicar General Very Rev. Fr. Matthew Asemagama on behalf of the Catholic Bishop of Katsina Ala Diocese Most Rev. Peter Adoboh who happened to be a Spiritual Director of a Commandery in the District (Christ the King Commandery 594 Vadeikya) before he was elevated to the throne as the first Bishop of Katsina Ala Diocese.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

History will continue to be made with the members of Makurdi Grand Commandery. This time around the son of one of our Brothers from Commandery 591 cadet Felix Nyinya was elevated to the order of Priesthood on July 19, 2014. He was among the twenty priests ordained by Makurdi Diocese. He had his first Mass at St. Patrick's Parish Taraku on Sunday July 20, 2014 where SS. Peter and Paul Commandery Aliade and their Ladies Auxilliary attended in full force. They were led by the Worthy President Captain Thomas Kyour. This outing was rejoicing and an event to make the Commandery forget the unfortunate death of Brother Augustine Amile whom the Commandery loved dearly but was called to glory. It was not quite long after the burial then the ordination came up for the Commandery for them to rejoice with the Reverend Father Felix Nyinya (CSSP) son of Brother Denis Nyinya of Commandery 591 Aliade. We now have two brothers from Commandery 591 Aliade whose children are working in the Lord's vainyard. Sir Anthony Dagi has groomed and brought forth the Reverend Father Emmanuel Terngu Atume Dagi (CSSP) and a Reverend Sister in his family. Many other sons and daughters of our brothers are in training to be raised to priesthood and sisterhood. It is our prayer that the good Lord will guide them through the rough road.

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



Owerri Grand Commandery

Grand President, Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu Further Deepens Owerri Grand

Wednesday 21 May, 2014, Aba Catholic Diocese, Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu Owerri Grand President further deepens the Grand Commandery by visiting the Catholic Bishop of Aba, Most Rev. Dr. Vincent Valentine Ezeonyia Cssp. Catholic Diocese of Aba is in Owerri Ecclesiastical province.

The move is to show case the activities of Owerri Grand before the Bishops in the Catholic province of Owerri. Earlier the Grand started the visit by visiting the Catholic Bishop of Umuahia Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Lucius I. Ugorji.

The Grand president told Bishop Ezeonyia, Owerri Grand has local Commanderies situated in Aba under District 13 of third Regiment. He informed the ordinary that Knights of St. John International are supportive of the Catholic Bishops in Nigeria, particularly Owerri Arch Diocese.

He called on the Bishops in the province to reciprocate the activities of Knights of St. John in Owerri province since the knights are solidly behind them.

The Grand president advise that the Knights of St. John be allowed to exhibit their glamorous activities such as drawing of swords at Masses celebrated by the Bishops.

Reacting, Most Rev. Vincent Ezeonyia told the Grand, though



Brothers and Sisters of #705 and Laux 648 after Mass on the nativity feast of St. John the baptist.

during the medieval period, the knights defended the Pope with their swords; today's greatest sword is love. He urged the knights to draw swords of love.

Continuing, he commended Knights of St. John International in lending helping hands to the needy. In Aba Diocese Knights of St. John has remained top of donors during cathedraticum and homage to the Bishop over the years. And they seem unstoppable.

Worthy president C.K.C Commandery 445, Aba and 2nd Vice Grand President, Major Anthony Erukeme (Tonimas) facilitated the Grand visit which comprised of HRH Eze Sir Shiweobi past Grand president, Noble Sis E. Shiweobi Grand Respected President Owerri, Regiment 3 Commander, Noble Bro BLC Okoro.

The visitors were treated to a sumptuous meals and drinks in the Bishop's dining hall. The visit is continuing.

St. Michael Com. #705 and Our Lady Gate of Heaven #648, Umuacha Celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday 24, June, 2014 St. Michael Commandery and Our Lady Gate of Heaven celebrated the nativity of our patron St. John the Baptist.

In a Mass celebrated by the spiritual adviser of commandery #705 and LAUX 648, Rev. Fr. Chika Ofoegbu, urged brother knights and sister to eschew avarice and greed, and to face squarely the things of

God, as well as follow the footsteps of St. John the Baptist.

He explored into the life and time of St. John the Baptist who was killed because of truth and fearlessness of condemning the public harlotry of King Herod and Herodias his brother's wife.

The celebration featured group photograph, lectures and sumptuous entertainment. In the lecture, "The life and times St. John the Baptist" by the recording and correspondence secretary, Lieut. Vincent Chukwuemeka Azubuike, he explored the life of St. John ranging from his birth, his early life, adult life/public ministry, times of John the Baptist, his mission, his confrontation, and his abduction.

The presentation was well applauded and credible comments passed on it by brothers and sisters. Thereafter there was another talk presented by Captain John Saul Emeonye, the 1st Vice president on old age and its attendant sicknesses. In the lecture, he called on brothers and sisters to begin to shun some foods and drinks as they are no longer healthy for us considering our age. He notified brothers and sisters that certain sicknesses are those of old age and therefore should shun suspiciousness. He advised brothers and sisters to have constant health check-up once we are well into 50s.

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E. Alhionu with Bishop Vincent Valentine Ezeonyia

At The 2014 Supreme

Again, a record number of Knights and Ladies, with Juniors and Cadets, came together in Columbus, Ohio, from July 20, thru July 27, 2014. Delegates from nations including the United States, Canada, England, Germany, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Trinidad and Tobago, all brothers and sisters with a common goal, to carry on the business of the Order, and to celebrate each other and the many accomplishments of the Knights of St. John International.

We must thank the Convention Committee from Commanderies 97 and 98 for hosting such a memorable occasion. "With God All Things are Possible", the convention theme was proven as it was with God's help

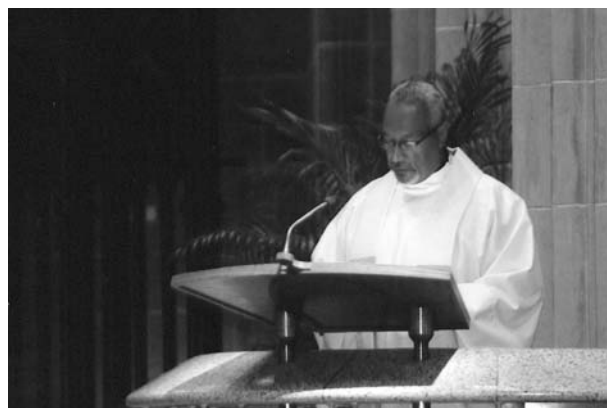


International Convention

that the committee registered over 1100 delegates and convention attendees.

These pages contain only a few of the many, many photos taken during the convention, every photo a special memory, and should be shared with all, especially with those who were unable to attend. As the assistant editor for the Journal, I have communicated with many members and it is always a thrill to meet you, some for the first time, and to once again see old friends. I pray that all who attended had a rewarding experience and a safe journey home.

*Brig. Gen. James (Jim) Schafhausen
Supreme Under Secretary~Journal*



Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Baltimore-Washington Grand Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Baltimore - Washington Grand Commandery and the Baltimore-Washington Grand Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated its golden jubilee on May 17 & 18, 2014. The theme for the convention "Fifty Years of Christian Service" provided an opportunity for the Knights and Ladies to reflect on the many years they have provided assistance to church, community and youth. The convention began with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 17th. After Mass, all returned to the Metro Points Hotel, New Carrollton, MD, to attend the 50th Anniversary Banquet Dinner followed with fellowship and dancing.

The convention continued on Sunday, May 18th, with Registrations, a Breakfast Program, and Knights and Ladies Business Meetings. John Leek, PhD. was the keynote speaker at the Breakfast Program. Dr. Leek told the group, although he was not a member of the Knights of St. John, he had researched the history of the organization and observed Knights and Ladies at his church, he was very impressed and appreciative of the service that the Knights and Ladies contribute to humanity. He was amazed with the growth of the organization internationally and impressed with the cadet corps. He emphasized reaching out to the men and women of the Caribbean and African nations as well as the youth. He encouraged the Knights and Ladies to continue with their good works. His closing remarks were "Congratulations for fifty years of service and continue



Colonel Russell M. Hall, Commander, Father Ray Bomberger, SSJ and Colonel C.J. Okafor, Vice Commander

to do more because you are a World Wide Christian Organization".

Rev. Robert J. Kosty Celebrates 40th Ordination Anniversary

Father Kosty, Pastor of St. Catherine Catholic Church located in McConchie, Maryland celebrated his 40th Ordination Anniversary at St. Catherine. Father Kosty celebrated Mass as the celebrant assisted with Father Robert Pittman (Body of Christ Farm) and Father Scott Holmer (Sacred Heart Church) as concelebrants, and Deacon John Barnes. Along with Fr. Kosty's family and parishioners, the Knights of Commandery #309 and the Ladies of Sacred Heart Auxiliary #301 were in attendance. A grand reception and dinner was held at St. Catherine's Hall. During the reception Fr. Kosty was honored with speeches, gifts, and certificates from family, friends, youth, parishioners, Auxiliary #301, and Commandery #309.

In celebration of this diamond jubi-

lee, the Archdiocese of Washington, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, acknowledged and thanked those who generously gave their time, talent, and treasure to our family of faith, as well as to sisters and brothers whom we are called to serve in the greater community. Along with individuals, community organizations, and other Catholic fraternal organizations, the Knights of St. John International First Maryland Regiment was honored with *The Archdiocese of Washington 75th Anniversary Medal*. Honored words for the award are as follows: "For more than a century, the Knights of St. John International 1st Maryland Regiment under the patronage of John the Baptist has sought to care for the spiritual, social and physical needs of their members and neighbors, including formation of youth, support of education and acts of mercy and charitable benevolence".

Washington Knights Make Donation

Members of the First Regiment of Washington unanimously voted to give a \$20,000 donation to the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, affectionately known as "The Josephites." Colonel Russell M. Hall, Commander of the Regiment, presented the gift to Father Ray Bomberger, SSJ, during the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commemoration Mass at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Josephites are an interracial, intercultural community of priests and brothers who work to advance the teachings of the Church in the African American community. Their commitment to

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Father Kosty celebrating his 40th Ordination Anniversary at St. Catherine.

New York Grand Commandery

New York Grand News

The Knights and Ladies of the New York Grand will be attending their annual Day of Recollection at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mount Pocono, Pa. on Saturday, September 13, 2014. This event is a spiritual and fun experience that brings Knights and Ladies together from all over the state. The day begins at 10:00 am with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Followed by a lunch in which everyone brings their favorite dish to pass. After lunch there will be Stations of the Cross, the Rosary and Litany of St. John. Our closing Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu our Grand Spiritual Director. This year's theme is "Catholic Knighthood".

The Rochester Temple of the Noble Degree will hold its annual business meeting at Commandery #41's Club House in Utica, NY, on Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 1:00 pm., notices will be going out to all Noble Degree members, hope to see everyone there.

From Rochester

On Sunday, June 22nd the Knights and Ladies of the Rochester Regiment remembered their deceased Brothers and Sisters at the Annual Field Mass at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Thank you Rev. Paul Freemesser (Col.) for celebrating Mass and delivering a very inspiring sermon. A special thank you to George and Edward Schmitt from Commandery 41 in Utica, for joining our ranks at this event.



We have one turnout planned for this month, our Annual Corporate Communion and Inspection, at Annunciation Church on Sunday, September 21st at the 10:30 Mass.

Congratulations to Mike Perri on the recent celebration of his 90th birthday. Mike was the guest of honor at a surprise party which several of his brother Knights attended. Mike is President and Commander of Commandery #308. Congratulations also go out to Tony and Betty Perrotta on their 70th wedding anniversary.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office honored their former leader by cutting a very special ribbon on a room that bears his name. The Andrew P. Meloni training room was dedicated to the retired Monroe County Sheriff. The ribbon that officials cut was crime scene tape. Current sheriff Patrick O'Flynn said it's an appropriate way to honor his former boss and mentor. "He was always committed to training and advancing the sheriff's office and posi-

tioning us in the state to be one of the best, so this is just a fitting thing for him to be recognized in this way," O'Flynn said. Former Sheriff Meloni and Sheriff O'Flynn are members of Commandery #308.

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

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(Balt./Wash. Grand from previous page) us is expressed through sacramental, educational and pastoral ministry, service to those in need, and working for social justice.

Many of the members of the Washington Regiment attend Josephite Parishes in the District of Columbia and know firsthand the significant role they play in bringing the Holy Eucharist to Black Catholics.

New Communications Director

Father Xavier Edet, SSSJ, is the new Director of Communications for The Josephites (Society of St. Joseph of the

Sacred Heart). His appointment was recently announced by Superior General Father William L. Norvel.

As the Director of Communications, Father Edet will coordinate information between the many components of the Society; disseminate pertinent information about the Josephites and their mission to the general public through the various media resources; and identifying ways of keeping their communication resources up-to-date and as effective as possible.

Father Edet is a member of Incarnation Commandery 296 in the District of Columbia and we congratulate

him on his appointment. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

*Ron Taylor, President
Incarnation Commandery 296
William B. Young, Jr., Historian
Sacred Heart Commandery #309*

Buffalo Grand Commandery

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

The Supreme Convention in Columbus, Ohio concluded this July 2014 with the passing of Proposal 1 to our Supreme Constitution that affects all Grand Commanderies, including our Buffalo Grand.

The following Supreme Officers, from Buffalo: Lt. Gen. Thomas Deluca as Supreme 1st Vice President; and Lt. Gen. Terrance McCann as Supreme Treasurer were re-elected to their respective office. It should also be noted the election of our new Inspector General, Maj. Gen. James Gibbons replacing the retired Maj. Gen. George Check. Please give your support to these fine men if and when called upon, as I will also.

The Annual Memorial Day Mass and Communion this year was indeed a very special event for all Brother Knights of the Buffalo Grand. The original dedication ceremony of our monument took place May 31, 1914. May 26, 2014 represents the 100 year rededication of the "Parade Rest" monument to our fallen Brother Knights located in the cemetery along Pine Ridge Road, Cheektowaga, New York. What makes this event even more eventful was the additional dedication of a bronze plaque honoring the Venerable Nelson H. Baker who is on His way to Sainthood. He is one of the most honorable members of our Noble Order as a Knight of Saint John.

I would like at this time to thank all the Brother Knights who stepped



1st. Lt. Raymond Gwarek received the Jewel of Honor at Com. #377's Communion Mass and Breakfast.

forward to make this event a tremendous success. God's light will shine upon them for their unending services to this event and our Order.

Our recent Buffalo Grand Business meeting on June 14th was well attended and accomplished many of our goals. Most notable were the acceptance by the attending Delegates who received copies of our updated by-laws prior to our meeting. Another notable highlight was the approval of 2nd Lt. Timothy Jachlewski as third Trustee of the Buffalo Grand Commandery. Welcome aboard Tim.

Msgr David LiPuma, Pastor of St. Peter R.C. Church located in Lewiston NY, was recently honored by his fellow Knights. Fifteen in all turned out as Honor Guard for Msgr. David LiPuma to receive his well-deserved officer commission as Major in the Knights of St. John International as assistant Spiritual Advisor to the Buffalo Grand. He has always worked tirelessly for many years aiding the Church, our Order and as Secretary to the Bishop of Buffalo. It was an honor to be part of this celebration.

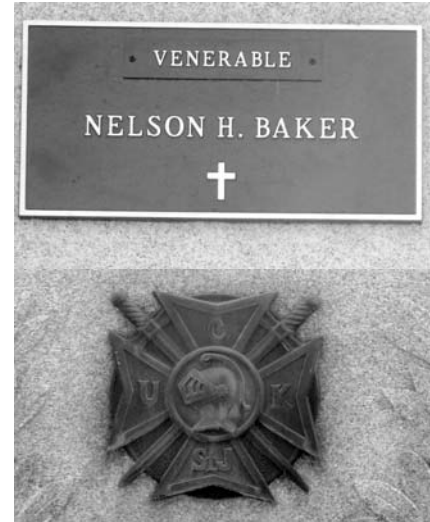
Commandery 408 of Springville, NY recently on June 14th celebrated their 40th Commandery anniversary with a Mass and dinner. Major Ronald Wendel and Capt. Jerome Grasso along with other Commandery Brother Knights did an excellent job in their planning of this event.

Almighty God, keep all my Brother Knights safe from all harm and God Bless America.

Buffalo Regiment:

Dearest Brother Knights, at this writing, as we enjoy the warmth and sunshine of a summer season that seems oh so short to many of us, I wish to reference back to a few themes that I have mentioned in prior writings recently.

I believe to sustain, strengthen and hopefully grow our great fraternal order we truly must believe and then consistently practice the principals of our order, these being the practice of faith, hope and charity. This includes doing the "less glamorous" and often unnoticed things that are crucial to making anything work. These things often come without a lot of fanfare, recognition or publicity. They are though the very things that



Bronze plaque honoring the Venerable Nelson H. Baker who is on His way to Sainthood, placed on Knights of St. John Parade Rest Monument.

strengthen one from the core. This is truth that has been handed down to us from the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We must be ready to do what is needed, not seeking fanfare or reward, but taking solace in the fact we are doing something that is needed to be done in the example He showed all of us.

*Col. Dennis R. Potozniak –
Regimental Commander*

DON'T FORGET THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:

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

*Col. William Pocobello,
Buffalo Grand Secretary*

Awka Grand Commandery



The Supreme Subordinate Convention just came to an end and all delegates and observers are making their ways back home carrying with them comprehensive news about the Convention, elections, great changes and general lessons on how the Convention was conducted. One great lesson from the Convention is the reported show of love by the various Grand Commanderies which was reflected in their relationship with members from other Grand Commanderies within the Order and Knights from different Orders within the Church.

As each Supreme Subordinate and Grand Commandery give reports on their various activities, members of Awka Grand were delighted to note that they had never been found wanting with regard to relationship with other Knights of the Church in Awka Diocese. Early last year, the Diocesan Bishop of Awka announced the formation of Awka Diocesan Council of Knights. Members of this Council were the three Orders namely Papal Knights, Knights of St. John International and Knights of St. Mulumba. With great enthusiasm, Awka Grand participated and promoted the Council in all its ramifications. The Council's activities were charted in the Diocesan directory and meets formally with the Bishop on the 10th of May every year.

Last year, when the Bishop met with the Council, it was with a Pontifical Mass concelebrated by the Bishop with all the Spiritual Directors, Advisers and Chaplains of the three Orders. A lecture on the year of Faith and the Catholic Knights was delivered by the Bishop's Secretary Fr. Lawrence. This year, the officers of the Council were inaugurated and commissioned by the Diocesan Bishop during the Pontifical Mass. Members of our Order who are

officers of the Council include, Major Pita Ejiofor who is the Chairman representing also the Papal Knights; BGen. G.N. Muotolu serves as the second vice chairman, Capt. PC. Uttazias the Assistant Secretary, Lt. C.I. Nwankwo as the Judge Advocate while the Grand Respected President of Awka LAUX Sister N. Ezeuchu serves as the Treasurer. At the meeting with the Bishop, Awka Grand President BGen. G.N. Muotolu presented a lecture on the promotion of discipline among the Catholic Knights.

As the Council meets regularly, with the constructive and affirmative contributions of Awka Grand, the understanding among the three Orders have been deepened and promotion of good working relationships is so exemplified in such a way that if this continues over a period of time, it will build for us a formidable means of recruitment of new members. The experiences of the Grand Commandery during the recent Communion Sunday organized by St. Joseph's Commandery #545 Enugwu-Ukwu on the 22nd of June 2014 was a

testimony to this prediction. While the Communion Sunday was fully attended by members and charity given toward to completion of the Reverend Fathers House, many parishioners who have heard of our efforts to influence a working relationship and affect positively the various Orders within the Church, expressed their appreciation and few indicated their willingness to join our Order.

We wish to thank all the Supreme Subordinate Officers, Convention Committee members and Staff of the Supreme Subordinate Secretary for making the Supreme Subordinate Convention a success. May all our deliberations and decisions at the Convention be to the benefit of every Local Commandery that participated, for the growth of the Order at large and for the greater glory of God who called, exemplified and sanctified our Order – Amen.

*Capt. Peter Chukwuemeka 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 MAXIMUM.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Accra West Grand Commandery

Accra West Grand Marks St. John the Baptist Feast Day

The annual feast day celebration of our Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist was held at the St. Paul's Catholic Church, Kpehe, on Saturday, June 28, 2014, with the Sixth District hosting. It was jointly organised by the Third, Sixth and Eleventh District Commanderies as well as District Ladies Auxiliary 1 and 2. The event was attended by over 250 members from all the Commanderies and Ladies Auxiliaries together with their Cadet Commanderies and Junior Auxiliaries.

The event was honoured with the presence of some officers of the Accra West Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary, Supreme Subordinate Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary.

Ahead of the commemorative Mass to mark the Feast Day, an impressive parade with Captain Jude Anani in command was held on the premises of the Parish. The parade was inspected by Very Rev. Fr. Lt. John Mintah-Mensah, the Chaplain of 11th District, Parish Priest for St Theresa Parish and Dean of the Kaneshie Deanery.

The Mass was con-celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Lt. John Mintah-Mensah and Very Rev. Fr. Lt. Raymond Osei Tutu, Parish Priest of St. Kizito Parish and Chaplain for the St. Kizito Commandery No. 749 and Dean of the Kpehe Deanery.

In his sermon, Rev. Fr. Lt. John Mintah-Mensah admonished us to be steadfast and resolute in our faith. He stated that through Isaiah, God reveals His works on us and would not want his labour to be in vain. Using the Opening Ode, he admonished us to hold on to our virtues, and never give up just as the Lord never gives up on us and continues to labour on us to ensure we do not lose our salvation. He further

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plant the seeds of faith, love, charity, and service.

May the grace of Jesus Christ be with you, and may our patron St. John the Baptist always intercede for us.

*Peace and blessings,
Msgr. Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*



The Colour Party Commander was Captain Darlington Abotsi. In attendance was the St. Charles Lwanga Commandery No. 482 Brass Band, directed by Captain Augustus Kweku Eshun.

used the story of Zechariah to challenge us.

Using the circumstances of the life of the father of our patron saint, Zechariah, he stated that when he asked that his son be named John, many were the family members who challenged it wondering who in the family was ever called by that name. Similarly in our lives as Christians we should note that people including our close family may challenge us and may even cause us to act differently from the will of God and this could result in our losing the glory and salvation of God which we have been working hard for.

He therefore encouraged members of the Order to remain steadfast in faith and act according to the will of God even in sickness and in death. We should not succumb to our own will, or the will of family and loved ones, we should submit only to the will of God.

Reflecting on the life of our Patron Saint, he challenged us to find time for the Lord each day for it is only through that that we can find the will of God and stay close to him.

The occasion also saw the launching of our black and white cloth by Sister Petrina Coker, the Respected President of the Accra West District 1 Ladies Auxiliary. The first 2 pieces were auctioned and purchased by the past president of the erstwhile Accra Grand, Brig. Gen. Sir Daniel Gyimah and the Respected President of the Accra West Grand, Auxiliary, Noble Sister Francisca Bright Adu. Notable personalities on the day included; the Grand President of the Accra West Grand Commandery,

Brig. Gen. William Adjei, Past Supreme Subordinate President, Brig. Gen. Larry Tandjie, Past Grand Presidents, Brig. Gen. Robert Foli, and Brig. Gen. Sir Daniel Gyimah.

Earlier in the week, there was a Pre-feast Day lecture by Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Salifu of St. Paul's Parish, Kpehe. Speaking on the topic "deepening the faith of a Knight or a Lady for effective evangelization" he stated that in today's fast changing world with all its material attractions the Knight and Lady like all Christians are faced with a crisis of faith. Christians seem to be driven by the desires of this world more than the virtues of our religious calling.

He said that to be able to live exemplary lives as Knights and uphold the values and virtues of our Order, we need to deepen our faith through the study of scripture and the teachings and traditions of the Church and make the effort to live the faith. Our christian values and living should not only be relevant on Sundays, our lives should portray our faith everywhere and every time. It is the only way through which we can keep alive the zeal of evangelization adding that the value of a person is not what he knows, but how he practice his knowledge. He encouraged us to have our personal spiritual companions who will help us walk the journey of faith.

*Submitted by
Sir Knight Benjamin Dwummah-Adu
Under Secretary- Publications
Accra West Grand*

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lize about the Knights of St. John. We need to always take the lessons of those who have gone before us and preach about the virtues of knighthood, not only by words, but by actions.

A couple of final thoughts.....

Please continue praying for the end of the violence in Nigeria and in the Middle East. Let the Voice of God be heard and let peace begin to fill the hearts of those who would do harm to their fellow men, women and children.

Please also continue to pray for the victims of the Ebola virus in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Guinea and all the other West African countries where the virus has spread. May God help the health care workers in those countries who are trying to comfort the sick and stop this disease.

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

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was so threatened by the attitude of brothers in line that he was forced to leave and return to his room to medicate himself. He was so distraught. Is that how we profess love of our brothers?

Wednesday's Memorial Mass provided the opportunity to remember our devoted and dedicated members who passed away during the past two years. We try to make it as memorable an event as we can. It is truly a moving time for some. But, then come the paparazzi. I counted not one, not two, not three, but at times fifteen people walking back and forth across the front of the Altar taking photos. I scooted five away who just stood in front of me for most of the Mass. Once shooed, they returned like pesky flies. I can't understand why anyone wants pictures of each individual receiving the Holy Eucharist. They just stood there, and took their photos. All the while Knights and Ladies are trying to find their way back to their pews and weave their way through these obsessed photographers.

The Supreme President and the Supreme Inspector General ordered a march to the Cathedral for Mass on

In Memoriam

<p>Commandery: 40 Rochester, NY 41 Utica, NY 341 Accra, Ghana 385 Utica, NY 385 Utica, NY 403 Koforidua, Ghana 422 Okwabala, Orlu, Nigeria 431 Adabraka, Ghana 445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria 452 Jos, Plateau, Nigeria 453 Asamankese, Ghana 460 Pt. Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria 460 Pt. Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria 479 Okigwo, Imo, Nigeria 497 Achimota, Ghana 499 Effiakuma, Takoradi, Ghana 499 Effiakuma, Takoradi, Ghana 531 Amaigbo, Imo, Nigeria 559 Uli, Anambra, Nigeria 590 Katsina-Ala, Benue, Nigeria 590 Katsina-Ala, Benue, Nigeria 591 Aliade, Benue, Nigeria 594 Vandekya, Benue, Nigeria 674 Makurdi, Benue, Nigeria 757 Penkwasi-Sunyani, Ghana 760 Pokuase, Ghana</p>	<p>John Statts Michael A. Amorose Michael Ampadu Rev. Msgr. William Donovan Rev. Msgr. Francis Willenburg John Jerry Amegashie Festus Obioha Linus Agboka Theophilus Okolo Clement I.C. Nwankwo Francis Agyekum Vincent Ibekwe Nathaniel Abraham Simon Onuoha Armah James Evans Bernard Adu-Boafo Severine Gomez-Mensah A.O. Iweobikanshi Nwachukwu Christopher Anaya Okoro Edward Ugbona Fidelis Azaigba Augustine Amile Joseph Amokaha Joseph Yisanor Philip Akanzinge Simon Agbelli</p>
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Saturday afternoon. Rain threatened and then became reality. I believe that other Presidents and/or Inspector Generals would have cancelled the march, but none was forthcoming. An Order is an Order and we marched. Well at least some of us did. I'm proud to say that all of the U.S Supreme Officers were in the line of march, but some of our other brothers were obviously absent.

We marched to the Church in spite of the weather. I recall seeing a white bus parked in front of the Cathedral and when their sopping wet Grand Commandery President passed by, they then smartly joined in the ranks behind him. As we stood in the vestibule of the Church waiting to process in, I saw a very senior officer standing in the aisle while a young lieutenant got down on his knees to polish the rain water off the officers patent leather shoes. I assume they got wet when he exited his taxicab in the front of the Cathedral. I don't even want to comment on this.

Once we dried off, there was the Farewell Party ahead of us. Finally, we would be able to sit with our

brothers from the U.S. & West Africa, relax with a couple of drinks, and have a few laughs. A way to unwind and maybe get a few African dances on the floor. (I am getting pretty good at them now) Sad to say that this wasn't the case. Of the over 1000 attendees at this Convention, I noted no more than 50 people there (tops). Saw my good friends from Sierra Leone, but no others. Where were you? I don't know what was served, but all I could see was fruit, cake, coffee and a cash bar. (Buffalo Grand take note) I got one of each and called it a night.

I may sound like I am full of complaints and finding a way to vent. It was a great convention. The Convention Committee did an outstanding job. We got a lot accomplished, and seeing old friends from around the world was a joy. You get to love and care for the many friends you meet and know, in spite of those few who can tarnish what we work so hard to keep bright.

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 17, 2015

(OFFICIAL)

September 1, 2014

General Order No. 1

To: Major General James M. Gibbons II, KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General.

You are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies. Said Muster & Inspection to be held not later than January 17, 2015.

You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than July 1, 2015.

By Command of General Dale Gossiaux, KSJI, Supreme Commandery, President.

Attest: Lt.Gen. Thomas Zdanowicz, KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Adjutant General.

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September 1, 2014

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

In compliance with General Order No. 1, issued by General Dale Gossiaux, dated September 1, 2014; you are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies within your jurisdiction to be held no later than January 17, 2015. Said Muster & Inspection to be conducted as prescribed in the official Knights of St. John International Drill Regulations (Reprinted, June 2008), Sections 486-496. KSJI Muster & Inspection Report Forms 1 & 2 (KSJI MIR Forms 1 & 2) will be sent to you and you will send two copies of KSJI MIR 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 KSJI MIR 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 KSJI 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 KSJI MIR Forms 1 the inspection of uniform items. One completed KSJI MIR 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 KSJI MIR Forms 2. When the KSJI MIR Forms 2 is complete, the Colonel or District Commander will have a number of copies made. The Colonel or District Commander will submit the KSJI MIR Forms 2 to their Supreme Subordinate Commandery or Grand Commandery who will compile all of their subordinate commands KSJI MIR Forms 2 for follow on submission to the KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General no later than January 17, 2015. The Colonel or District Commander will send one copy of the KSJI MIR Forms 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. KSJI, Unattached Local Commanderies will submit the KSJI MIR Forms 1 & 2 to the KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General not later than January 17, 2015.

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