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SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Sixty-Fifth Annual National Bowling Tournament was held in Utica, New York on April 25, 26 and 27, 2015.

The National Sports Committee would like to thank the members of Commandery 41 and Auxiliary 41 for hosting this yearly event for us, and the employees and staff of both the Radisson Hotel Utica Centre and AMF Pin - 0 - Rama Lanes for the use of their facilities.

On Friday evening the Supreme Officers match games were cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

Bowling started each day at 10:00AM, before bowling, Supreme President General Dale Gossiaux of Michigan welcomed everyone to Utica and thanked the local committee for all their hard work, making all the necessary preparations, so that everyone will have a good time. The number of participants was way down from last year. In 2014 we had 28 teams participate, this year we had 18 teams, in the doubles event in 2014 we had 52 teams this year we had 34 teams, in the singles event in 2014 we had 100 participants this year we had 65 and in the All - Events we went from 90 entries in 2014 to 61 this year. Sadly the prize fund took a hit. In the team event alone the prize fund collected this year was \$400.00 less than last year. In the future we will no longer hold the All Events portion of the tournament.

On Friday and Saturday evening the local committee provided an open house for the bowlers and family members for their enjoyment, this event was well attended each day.

The tournament next year will be held in Buffalo, New York on April 22, 23 and 24, 2016. Hopefully every Grand will send at least one team to participate in this event.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed your stay in Utica, and that each and every one returned home safely, looking forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

*The National Sports Committee,
Joe Schmitt, Chairman,
Ed Schmitt and George Schmitt, Assistants*

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

Team Event - PAFCO - Capt. John Crocker, Anthony Fusani, Kurt Pfeiffer, and Paul Wasch from New York with a score of 2257 scratch plus 618 handicap for a total of 2875.

Doubles Event - Paul Wasch and Anthony Fusani of New York with a score of 1239 scratch plus 291 handicap for a total of 1530.

Singles Event - (High Three w/ HDCP) - CJ Moore of New York with a score of 592 scratch plus 228 handicap for a total of 820.

High Single Game- Singles Event - (Actual Pins) - David Darling of Michigan with a score of 258.

High Three Games- Singles Event - (Actual Pins) - Darren Bernet of Maryland with a score of 695.

All Events- CJ Moore of New York with a scratch score of 1596 plus 684 handicap for a total of 2280.

<http://KSJI.org>

The new Knights of St. John International website is up and running, thanks to the efforts of Under Secretary / Website, Col. Dominick Pepe. His contact information is on page 3.

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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

The Supreme Board has come off of a successful meeting in beautiful Buffalo, NY, the site of the 2016 biennial International convention. The local convention committee, the Buffalo Grand Commandery, has been hard at work to make the convention a success. They have had some challenges to overcome, but they have assured both the Men and Ladies boards that all will be ready for next July! There will be many more details to come in the next few months.

One of the main topics of the meeting dealt with the continuing process of the restructuring of the Supreme Board, as required under the laws of the state of New York. While that process will be ongoing for some time, the restructuring committee has asked for input by the membership. They need this input by no later than 1-Dec-2015. If you have any suggestions, please send them through your grand commandery, this will help reduce the amount of email to the committee. Once the committee has the necessary input, they will be working on those ideas in order to accomplish the restructuring.

The message I would like to focus on for this issue of the Journal is of humility.

All too often, in our world today, we see people and their actions that exhibit their pride; the T.V. celebrities and how they exhibit their bodies, a former world athlete and how he/she has "changed" genders, political figures who want to spend other peoples money for their pet projects just so they can say that they "care" for the "little guy". We see very little mention of the "Mother Theresa's" of the world or of the "St. John Paul II's"; people who humbled themselves in the Lord in order to minister to and take real care of the little guy (and gal and children).

Even within our own organization there are some visible examples of pride and its deleterious effects. We need to be good examples and exhibit humility, not just for it's sake alone, but so that Jesus can work through us to do great deeds in His name. If we become more humble in Christ, He will exalt us and we will be respected and

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

It seems that when the time comes to write this article, something appears on the scene that makes the decision on a topic a simple choice. As you will note, I vary from my predecessors in that I try to refrain from nagging about late monthly and year end reports, death notices, new members and all the lists and reports that should be filed timely. I have found other means of getting these gripes across, and it's been working pretty well.

I would like to dedicate this article to a man that helped make the responsibilities of my office a "piece of cake". I must communicate with every Grand Commandery in the world and if the message doesn't get out to these Grands properly and succinctly, we have problems. I work very closely with all Grand Presidents, but when it comes to our African Grand Commanderies, and specifically the larger countries like Nigeria and Ghana, I rely heavily on the Supreme Subordinate Secretaries to help me carry the burden. To spread the message and return to me with results. They are both a blessing for me.

Unfortunately, the recent Supreme Subordinate elections in Ghana removed "my man" from office. Either it was a tenure issue or he just chose not to run for re-election, but I no longer have Brig. Gen. Marcel Videkar as my spokesperson. It has been a great many years and a great run.

Marcel saw what was needed to be done and went out and did it. When the Year End Reports began to straggle in, some in ink, some illegible, he took hold of the reins and made sure that every commandery in Ghana not only made their reports promptly, they were all retyped, membership counts were double-checked and accurate, and e-mailed to me timely. It was such a joy to work with him.

He reported to me quarterly, and made sure that I was provided with new member and deceased member lists to coincide with Knights Journal deadlines, so we could make those reports timely. These reports kept me updated on the donation of money (cedis) and hours. He also inundated me with requests for Commissions, but that was also doing his job, which causes

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Who do you say that I am?"

This is the question Jesus Christ asked his disciples. They responded: "John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets."

Not comparing Pope Francis to Jesus Christ, but a similar question is being asked about Pope Francis. "Who do people say Pope Francis is?" Some call Pope Francis, the People's Pope, Down to Earth Pope, the Social Justice Pope, the Pope who is turning the Church, and world, upside down."

The United States, and my home city, is pleased to host the World Meeting of Family, but especially host to Pope Francis. His presence should spark the conscious and attention of many people, including religious leaders, politicians, lay people, the marginalized, and those looking for some kind of personal hope and change.

It is always said, we are placed in certain areas and positions at the right time for the right purpose. Many people will agree with this statement when it come to Pope Francis. Truly, it was the guidance of the Holy Spirit when Pope Francis was elected to the Papacy.

Pope Francis mission so far, and what the world "have seen and heard," is one of hope, fresh ideas and on-going challenge to all as we journey to the Kingdom. He continues to bring a new and fresh meaning to the term "New Evangelization."

As Knights and Ladies of St. John International, may we continue to re-commit our faith in the Catholic Church and her leaders, especially in Pope Francis.

Who do you say Pope Francis is?

As always, let us keep each other in prayer, and thank you for all you do for the good of the order and the Knights of St. John International.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Monsignor Federico A. Britto
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Makurdi Grand Commandery has grown with the addition of a new Commandery in Naka in the month of May with Lt. Mathias Nyikyaa as the Worthy President and David Yongu as the Recording and Correspondence Secretary respectively. Other officials of the Commandery were: Sir Francis Chia - 1st Vice President, Sir Joseph Abe - 2nd Vice President, Sir David Yongu - Recording and Correspondence Secretary, Bro. Sylvester Daakye - Financial Secretary, Bro. Ignatius Anunde - Treasure, Lt. Aloysius Akem - Commander, Bro. Benedict Gbagir - Sergeant-at-arms, Bro. Sylvester Ugbede - Messenger, Bro. Alexander Gakem Inner - Guard, Bro. Charles Gbuku - Trustee, Bro. Justin Ungwa - Trustee, Bro. Aloysius Ageragba - Trustee.

They were inaugurated at a colourful ceremony at Naka on a Saturday evening and they had their first outing Mass on Sunday at St. Theresa's Parish Naka. Presenting them to the congregation the Grand President Brigadier General Simon Aondo who is also an indigene whose home Parish is Naka expressed appreciation for the Supreme Commandery for granting Charter for Commandery 830 Naka. He said, coincidentally, the Grand Ladies Auxiliary President Noble Sister Priscilla Gbillah is also from the same area and the two of them would do everything needed to support the new Commandery.

National Workshop of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Nigeria

The workshop was organised to sensitize members on the correct norms and ethics of the Order. The workshop was attended by some members of Makurdi Grand Com-

mandery, details available to me indicate that the following persons attended the workshop:

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Installation of Bishop Wilfred Anagbe in Makurdi Diocese

The Grand Commandery was turned out on July 25, 2015, to participate in the formal inauguration of the Co-adjutor Bishop to take over the seat of Bishop of Makurdi Diocese following the retirement of Bishop Athanasius Usuh who resigned as Bishop of the Diocese due to ill health. The event was well attended with the Grand President leading the brothers while Noble Sister Priscilla Gbillah led the Grand ladies Auxiliary. The Grand Presidents Knights and Ladies have earlier sent a goodwill message to felicitate with the new Bishop.

Col. Godwin A. Nen-na
Makurdi Grand Secretary

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Kentucky Grand Commandery

On this feast day of St. John the Baptist, June 28, 2015, Commandery 103 Louisville Kentucky celebrated our Patron Saint at Incarnation Church in Louisville KY. We also dedicated a plaque remembering our deceased brother Knights. Father Christian Moore officiated at the 11:00 Mass.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tony Cloe, Commandery 103
Louisville, Kentucky*



Enlargement of plaque in foreground.

Enugu Grand Commandery

2nd and 3rd Degree

Exemplification and Investiture:

On 8th July to 9th July 2015, forty six (46) brothers from 15 local commanderies were exemplified and invested into the 2nd and 3rd degrees of the order. The ceremony started with a talk by the grand 1st Vice President Col. Peter Adimorah on the essence of 2nd and 3rd degrees of our order and was followed by an address by the grand president Brig. Gen. Patrick Nwajagu. He emphasized on unity amongst brothers and the implications of being uniformed brothers. This was later followed by exemplification examination by the grand secretary Col. Charles Nwakanma and his team. Questions ranged from administrative and military structure of the different echelons of the order to knowledge of the local church structure and hierarchy. The first day was rounded off with Confession by the



Members with grand president (centre) at 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies.

grand spiritual director, Rev. Fr. Clement Obasi.

On the second day 9th July, inspections of uniforms for investiture was undertaken by the grand sgt-at-arms captain E.N. Ezeilo. Exemplification and investiture followed after a Holy Mass by the grand Spiritual Adviser.

Initiation into The 1st Degree:

The aspirants were presented by 17 local commanderies and activities started from the 9th of July 2015. The activities started with an address by the grand president, talks, confessions, Holy Masses, drills and Stations of the Cross. On 10th July, all the aspirants went through a grand screening. On 11th July a grand board meeting was held and the aspirants became brothers after their initiation. A Holy Mass held on Sunday 12th July, was attended by some of new brothers' friends and well wishers. Enugu Grand Board of Trustees (GBOT) very warmly welcomes the new brothers into the order.



Some new brothers initiated into the Enugu Grand Commandery.

*Enugu Grand Secretary
Col. Charles Nwakanma*

Accra West Grand Commandery

This year's annual feast day celebration of our Patron Saint, St John the Baptist has been held at the St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Odorkor, Accra. The event held under the theme "The vocation and mission of the family in the Church:- the role of a Knight and Lady of KSJI" was organized under the auspices of the Accra West Grand Commandery and Ladies' Auxiliary on Saturday June 27, 2015.

Organized by the 3rd, 6th and 11th District Commanderies together with Accra West District 1, 2, and 3 Ladies' Auxiliaries, the event was attended by over 200 members from all local Commanderies, Ladies Auxiliaries, Cadet Commanderies and Junior Auxiliaries within the Accra West Grand.

The event was honoured with the presence of some officers of the Accra West Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary as well as past officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery and erstwhile Accra Grand Commandery. Present were Major General Larry Tandjie, immediate past president of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Brigadier Generals Robert Foli and Daniel Charles Gyimah, past presidents of the erstwhile Accra Grand, Brigadier General William Adjei, Worthy President of the Accra West Grand, DelaSelormey, 1st Vice President of the



Accra West Grand and Trustee of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Col Peter Asubonteng, 2nd Vice President of the Accra West Grand, Noble Sister Francesca Bright-Adu, the Respected President of the Accra West Grand Ladies Auxiliary, officers of the Grand, district commanders and local/subordinate presidents.

The event started with an impressive parade with Captain Jude Anani in command and was inspected by Rev Fr Samuel Kokodi, Assistant Parochial Vicar of St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Ordorkor. In attendance were other priests; Rev Fr Major

Ben Ohene, Grand Spiritual Director, Rev Fr. Emmanuel Doku, Assistant Parish Priest at the Holy Spirit Cathedral and a member of Sacred Heart Commandery No 351 and FrHessah, Assistant Parish Priest at St Paul Parish, Kpehe, where the first Feast Day celebration of the Accra West Grand was held in 2014.

After the inspection, the officers and members were marched into the Chapel for Mass which was celebrated by Rev Fr. Kokodi with assistance from all three priests present.

In his homily, Fr. Kokodi indicated that the Lord has called us for one purpose, the purpose of service; to serve him and to serve our neighbours. He called on us to note that we are servants of God and that in all our endeavours, we should remind ourselves of our roles as servants and thus use such endeavours to serve others, for it is only through this that we will be able to serve the purpose of our lives.

He stated that as members of KSJI, service to God and country is paramount and we can perform this through service to our nation, church, society and community. It is only by this that we shall be doing the will of our God. Just as God chose John the Baptist to be different by standing for the truth, so has He chosen us to shine in the world by remaining truthful in a world ruled by falsehood.

The Mass ended with a special competitive collection between brothers and sisters which was won by the brothers after which a donation of GHc 2,200 was made to the Church.

After Mass, there was a route march in the vicinity of the church which was followed with a bazaar to end the event.



Benjamin Dwummah-Adu

Accra East Grand Commandery

St. Joseph the Worker Commandery and Auxiliary Inaugurated

Accra East Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary have inaugurated St. Joseph the Worker Commandery No. 850 and Ladies' Auxiliary No. 722 in Tema.

The remarkable inauguration which took place on Saturday 23rd May, 2015 was well attended by Officers as well as Brothers and Sisters from other Commanderies and Auxiliaries.

The Lord is good; and his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever (Psalm 100:5) were the words on the lips of Brothers and Sisters of the new Commandery and Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fr. Silas Sapaty who celebrated the inaugural Mass in his homily reminded Brothers and Sisters that, Christ is the leader par excellence of the Noble Order and therefore urged members to do things that are Christ like.

He shared his exhortation on theme, *"if you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples"* (John 13:35)

He encouraged us to let love be our guide in everything we do and also urged Brothers and Sisters to avoid discrimination and disrespect for one another.



Presentation of Charter by the Grand President.

The Accra East Grand President Brig. General Anthony Chinebuah and his team of able Grand Officers after the inaugural rituals of the Order handed over the Charter to the Worthy President, Noble Bro. Francis Haligah during the Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Asare.

In the same way, the Accra East Grand Ladies Auxiliary President, N/S Emma Ethel Asomani handed the Charter to the Respected President Sis. Herta Aidoo.

Thirty four Brothers transferred from the St. Anthony Commandery Nos. 405 and thirteen new Brothers were initiated into the new Commandery.

On the part of Sisters, Forty five Sisters also transferred from Our Lady of Mercy Commandery No. 340 and twenty new Sisters initiated.

With the emergence of the new Grand Commanderies after the split of the erstwhile Accra Grand Commandery and the Third District Commandery, it became very apparent that new Commanderies and Ladies Auxiliaries had to be formed to maintain the new Grand. In spite of the challenges and enormous task ahead, members of the St. Joseph the Worker Zone saw this as a God sent opportunity and based on this awareness, doubled up their activities to enable their long awaited vision realized through hard work and resilience.



Parade inspection.

Story by: Accra East Grand

Buffalo Grand Commandery

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

The Buffalo Grand is planning a 4th Degree Exemplification and banquet in October, 2015. It will be held at Queen of Heaven Parish, West Seneca, New York. All 2nd & 3rd Degree Knights from all Commanderies within the Buffalo Grand as well as all Commanderies of the various Grands within the USA are eligible to take part. As of this writing, information is being sent to all Presidents of the various Grand Commanderies. They will be requested to disperse this material to their local Commanderies ASAP. The cut-off for the returning of application and fees is **September 19, 2015**. Additional information may be obtained from the Buffalo Grand Secretary Col. William Pocobello at 716-695-2579 or e-mail at wepoc@verizon.net

Buffalo Grand convention and elections were held on Saturday June 20, 2015. Most officers were re-elected with one notable exception. Lt. Col. William Patterson of Commandery 377 was elected as the new Buffalo Grand Treasurer for a two year term. We all welcome him aboard and with God's Blessings he will succeed in this endeavor. Installation of our Grand Officers were conducted by our special guests of honor, Supreme Secretary Lt. Gen. Thomas Zdanowicz and Supreme 1st Vice President, Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca.

A very special congratulation goes out to Sir Knight, Deacon John Hendricks of Commandery 204. Recently he received the honor of being the 2015 volunteer of the year from the McGuire Group's Harris Hill Nursing Facility in Lancaster, NY. Deacon John Hendricks is also a very active member within Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish located in Depew, NY. He truly is a Knight of St. John who practices the real meaning of "Faith, Hope and Charity".

In closing, always remember our dearly beloved Knights who have gone before us in your daily Prayers. They founded and made our Order what it is today. Each and every Memorial Day we honor them the best way we can.....with Mass and Prayers.

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 fellow Brother Knights, I hope I find you doing well during these warm and humid days of summer. These days are precious here in New York. It seems we wait for so many months to enjoy the precious few that have the warmth and sunshine that we cherish so much. This brings me a thought of how often we forget to cherish the items of the "everyday" happenings in a "normal" day of our lives because we are distracted or side-tracked waiting or looking for something more. We don't stop to appreciate the simple gifts we've been long accustomed to just happening automatically or just always being there for us whenever we want it. For example, the simply greeting of a loved one at the start of a day, the call from a friend, the gift of job or even the blessing of opening our eyes each morning and sleeping in a home where there is warmth, food and most important love.

I think we all get in this rhythm really. We forget what is really important. We crave for more and different but what brings us real happiness is constant and steady. In our lives and in our Order, let us stop examine our goals and ambitions and pray we weigh them against the needs and purpose we profess to believe in. I think by all of us taking a pause to reflect and examine ourselves we may be better prepared to work out our differences, formulate plans working together knowing that we may not always get everything we wish for or desire but that we can find real fulfillment and comfort in so many things we so very take for granted and sometimes overlook. By doing this, in some periodic steps I believe we'll enjoy our lives more, feel more satisfied and more at peace with ourselves and one another. I think this might work out for the better for not only in our own lives but in the life of our Order as well. We'll cherish the purpose of our Order, our fellowship we share and the activities in it and become less consumed of the pursuit of goals and awards. Just a thought, I try to apply this myself to keep me grounded and appreciative. I don't always succeed, but the wonderful thing I know is that when I do stumble and I need support I have a wonderful family and so

many wonderful friends, Bother Knights to help me. It makes me more than bit ashamed I am not more grateful for this Blessing. A blessing from our Lord we often take for granted. Just a few thoughts to consider. May we all be more thankful for all of our blessings, no matter the number. The real blessing awaits us in heaven with our LORD, where we will want for nothing. Blessings to ALL!

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*

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we will have a profound influence on the world for Jesus and the Church!

One last item. There will be an exemplification of the 4th degree in Buffalo, NY on October 10, 2015. For those who are qualified and want to receive this degree, contact the Supreme Secretary, who is also the ritual director, Lt. Gen. Thomas Zdanowicz, for more information.

Until the next issue, may God Bless You and the Knights of St. John International. Please pray for the successful resolution of the violence in the world, and that peace will reign supreme in the hearts of all men and women!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dale Gossiaux, President,
Knights of St. John International*

Awka Grand Commandery

These past months will never be forgotten in a haste following the 2015 Presidential, National and State Assemblies and Governorship elections in Nigeria. In Anambra State where Awka Grand Commandery is domiciled, members played significant role in promoting peaceful and successful conduct of elections. The Grand President, BGen. G.N. Muotolu had a pre-election briefing with members of the Grand Commandery on how to help achieve peaceful elections. He personally supervised the Grand monitoring team who visited most of the Commanderies to encourage members to perform their civic rights by turning out to vote for the right candidates. The Grand in its bid to support all members vying for one position or the other, requested for prayers for them as it made efforts to reach out to most of them. Now that the elections have come and gone, we thank the good Lord for his great blessings. In the heat of the elections when serious prayers were sought for, St. Andrew's Commandery #645 Adazi had her Communion Sunday on the 15th of March at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Aguluezegbo. In the same way, St. Patrick's Commandery #434, Awka and Madonna Commandery #588, Agulu organized their Communion Sunday on the 31st of May 2015. The Grand President, Grand Respected President, Grand Secretaries accompanied by other Grand Officers and many Worthy and Respected Presidents attended the Communion Sundays. The second Saturday of May of every year has been set aside by Awka Diocese for all the Catholic Knights within the Diocese to have a formal meeting with the Diocesan Bishop. This year's meeting is the third in the series of the All Knights Day. Members participated fully as they received lectures on Marriage and Catholic Knights. The meet-



Blessing of Commandery #545 Hall.

ing commenced with a Pontifical Mass led by the Bishop, his Auxiliary, the Spiritual Director and all the Spiritual Advisers and Chaplains. Few days later, precisely on the 23rd of May, the Grand President's son Cadet Charles Muotolu got married to Junieur Maureen Okolie. It was an impressive occasion as both families are noble members of our Order. The Grand Commandery equally witnessed a wave of change as the Regiment organized a two-day workshop and training on Military Discipline and Drill Practices. The Grand President who opened the workshop and training commended the Regiment for taking up its Military Duties with all seriousness. The training was attended by all Local Commanders, District Commanders, District Inspectors and Regimental Officers. Noble Brother Francis Omumatu (Major) delivered the lectures on Drill and Matching, while Captain Peter Uttazi took them on Military Discipline. Commandery 545 Enugwu-Ukwu to the Glory of God and the

benefit of the Order commissioned their hall which houses two 150 siter rooms for both the Brothers and Sisters, administrative offices and stores. At hand to commission the edifice was the Diocesan Bishop who extolled the efforts of the Order in his Diocese especially in what he called the S and S that is, Spirituality and Structural developments. Despite all the sweet stories, the Grand Commandery was thrown into mourning when its Grand Messenger Captain Gilbert Orji joined the ranks of the dead on the night after the Grand BoT. He was laid to rest on the 17th of April in a concelebrated Mass led by the representative of the Bishop of Nnewi Diocese. Captain Gilbert Orji was very dedicated to the Order and had served his Commandery #548 Umunze in various capacities especially as their Commander. The Grand has commenced its Presidential visit for this year and has visited Commanderies #546 Igbo-Ukwu, #545 Enugwu-Ukwu, #613 Abagana, #645 Adazi, #759 Ajalli and #548 Umunze. Arrangement is being made to organize this year's Grand annual retreat. We can't but thank the good Lord who has inspired us since the beginning of this year and we ask him to bless and guide our Order as we struggle to fulfill our callings in the defense of our faith and in the support of our brethren for the next half of the year.

*Captain Peter C. Uttazi
For Awka Grand Secretary.*



Burial of Awka Grand Messenger Captain Gilbert Orji.

Cincinnati Grand Commandery

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2015. This organization has been serving parishes with catholic priests and catholic teachings through southwest Ohio. Part of this celebration includes a day of JUBILATION. This day of praise and service for youth and families will be held on August 9, 2015 starting at 1:00 pm at the Spiritual Center in Maria Stein and The Shrine of the Holy Relics located at 2365 St. Johns Road. The day's activities includes lifesize fooseball, Eucharistic Adoration, music, jumping houses, bloodmobile, food, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and much more. The day concludes with a Mass at 7:30 to be presided by Bishop Joe Binzer and fireworks at dusk. The only cost associated to participate is a canned food donation. The Knights of St. John, Int. Commandery #313 has close ties with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood as our spiritual leader, Matt Keller, is undergoing studies to be an ordained CPPS priest and Commandery #313 uniform rank has been



Com. #313 President, Dave Obringer, presenting the \$500 check to Spritual Advisor, Matt Keller.

requested to participate in the evening Mass.

To help defray some of the cost of the event, The Knights of St. John, Commandery #313 has donated \$500 to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Society.

An additional day of bicentennial celebration occurs on Saturday, Aug. 15th at St. Charles Center at 2860 US 127, Celina, OH. The event will

include a 1:00 pm presentation celebrating the CPPS Missionary spirit in the St. Charles auditorium, an outdoor Vigil Mass at 4:30 presided by Archbishop Dennis Shnurr on St. Charles' spacious front lawn, and a picnic dinner at 6:00 pm. The location of this celebration is of great significance as it is the motherhouse in which the Missionaries of the Precious Blood began.

Orlu Grand Commandery

Orlu Grand Commandery after inauguration on 24th January, 2015 swung into action.

The Grand President Brig. Gen. (Noble) Val. E. Oboh and the Grand Secretary Col. Jude F. Otum represented the Grand at first quarterly meeting of the JSSB KSJI Nigeria held at DRACC Enugu on 30th January, 2015.

The first Grand Board meeting was held on 7th February, 2015 at the Grand Head Quarter Commandery N433 Orlu.

Grand Workshop:

The first Grand Workshop for Commandery table officers and Military Department was held on Saturday 7th March, 2015. It featured lecturers on conduct of meeting and rendition of returns by Co. Jude F. Otum and Military Discipline and dress Code by Brig. Gen. Val. E. Oboh and Major Anthony Nnadi respectively.

Friday 20th March, 2015: The Grand officers paid a courtesy visit to the Local Ordinary. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Augustine T. Ukwuoma during which they gave him the inauguration brochure and souvenir and chatted heart to heart with the Bishop on the ways forward for the young Grand Commandery.

Thursday 15th April, 2015: The Grand officers met with the Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyginus Chigere and the Spiritual Advisers of the Commanderies and discussed the roles of the Spiritual Advisers which must include hearing confessions and celebrating Masses for the Commanderies among others.

Saturday 2nd May, 2015: Held the 2nd Grand Board of Trustees (GBOT) meeting during which appointees and committee chairmen were received.

Friday 15th May, 2015: The Grand President Brig. Gen. (Noble) Val. E. Oboh and the Grand Secretary Col. Jude F. Otum represented the Grand at the 2nd quarterly (JSSB) Joint Supreme Subordinate Board meeting held at Owerri Nigeria.

Thursday 11th – Sunday – 14th June, 2015: The Grand was fully represented at the first SSCN workshop held at DRACC Enugu Nigeria.

Saturday 20th June, 2015: Attended the Eucharistic Celebration for the 7th year of episcopacy of our Bishop during which the Grand handsomely donated cash for the Bishop's Pastoral well being.

Friday 24th July, 2015: Attended the third quarterly JSSB meeting at DRACC Enugu.

*Fraternally Submitted.
Col. Jude F. Otum
Grand Secretary*

Abuja Grand Commandery

JGBOT

Two Joint Grand Board of Trustee meetings were held in the period under review. One on the 22nd of May 2015 and the other on the 10th of July 2015 at the KSJI Hall, Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Garki, Abuja. The meetings were presided by Brig. Gen. NNN Nwanesi and were well attended.

Charity Works

Commandery 678 Karu undertook a number of charity events including active participation and contributions at Cathedraticum, purses to motherless babies home, Sisters of the needy, etc.

Mass for Brother Simon Ijaja

Members of the Commandery 678 Karu, turned out in large numbers with their sisters on Sunday 21st June 2015 to attend the 1st year anniversary outing Mass organized for late brother Simon Ijaja at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Karu and actively participated in the seed sowing campaign for the reconstruction of the old Church.

Feast of St. John the Baptist

The feast of St John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th June 2015 in all Commanderies with activities ranging from Masses, Lectures/talks and charity visits.

Muster

JGBOT musters of local Commanderies took place at Maitama, Mpape, Gwarimpa, Life Camp, Wuye and Cathedral of the 12 Apostles. Brothers and sisters turned out in their numbers.

KSJI Workshop

A Workshop for all Supreme Subordinate and Grand elected officers, Regimental commanders, District commanders, Worthy Presidents, Respected Presidents and Local Commanders, Recording/ Corresponding Secretaries held at Enugu from 11th-15th and 25th- 28th June 2015. A total of about 1240 brothers and sisters attended the workshop. Brig. Gen. NNN Nwanesi, Abuja grand president, led the Abuja team to the workshop. The theme of the workshop was "Towards achieving and sustaining effective performance in the leadership



of the various organs of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery Nigeria." And the keynote address was delivered by the Supreme Subordinate President, Maj. Gen. Anslem Okafor. The workshop was organized in two batches for effective management. A total of 7 papers were presented and at the end of it all, a communiqué was issued.

Summarily, the following salient points were identified and highlighted as essential ingredients for achieving and sustaining effective performance: 1. Planning and setting achievable goals; 2. Good knowledge and understanding of leadership demands; 3. Discipline as the soul of the army.

To achieve the goals and aims of the order, it was noted that each member has a role to play and is needed for sustenance of the fraternal organisation.

Movement of Parish Priests

There was a general movement of parish priests in the Abuja Arch

Diocese which has caused the changing of Spiritual Advisers of some of the local Commanderies.

KSJI Academy

The committee appointed by the Grand President, Brig. Gen. NNN Nwanesi for the construction of the KSJI academy reported progress on the project and this was well received.

Outing at Ahiara Diocese

The Grand President, Brig. Gen. NNN Nwanesi turned out members of the Abuja Grand Commandery for a burial at Ahiara diocese. The Supreme Subordinate Ladies Auxiliary President of Nigeria, Noble sister Viola Onwuliri was present at the burial and used the occasion to pledge our loyalty to the hierarchy of the church.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Anselm O. Onyemekwu
Abuja 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 5) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Baltimore-Washington Grand held its 51st Convention on Saturday, May 16 through Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland. Convention theme was “*Harmony, Balance and Wisdom Are Our Goals*”. The Convention began on Saturday with Knights and Ladies attending the 5:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Bethesda, Maryland. The Mass was celebrated by Pastor Msgr. Edward J. Filardi. Msgr. Filardi greeted and presented the Knights and Ladies to those who were attending Mass.

The Convention was well attended and there was much business completed. During the business session, the following Grand officers were elected for a two-year term: Grand President - Maj. Francis Jerome Countiss, Jr. #309, Grand First Vice President - Col. Russell M. Hall, #296, Grand Second Vice President - Col. James Stevenson #115, Grand Secretary - Col. Chijioke Okafor #286, Grand Financial Secretary - Col. Ronald C. Taylor #296, Grand Treasurer - Maj. Ronald Scott #302, Judge Advocate - S/K. Santo Chase #370, Grand Messenger - Sgt. Willie D. Griffin #115, Grand Sergeant-at-Arms - S/K James Holley #4, Grand Guard - S/K. William Wilson Jr. #296, and Grand Trustees - S/K Benjamin Otoo #302, S/K Vincent Jordan. #286, Col. James A. Chittams #283, Lt. John Brown #309, and Col. Samuel Okyne #615.

Two individuals were honored as the Grand Knights of the Year for 2015. Honored were Colonel James E. Chittams of Ascension Commandery #283, Bowie, Maryland and the late First Sergeant Dwight T. Miles of Incarnation Commandery #296, Washington, D.C. Colonel Chittams and Sergeant Miles combined membership in our Noble Order spanned more 75 years. Both were members of Arch-

bishop Patrick A. O’Boyle Chapter 15, 4th Degree Chevaliers and the National Capitol Temple, Noble and Exulted Degree of the Holy Cross. By awarding them the Brig. General Eugene Award their colleagues paid tribute to their high standards and the important contributions of each.

News Report from Commanderies:

Feast of the Body of Christ: In preparation for the outdoor Mass celebration, Thomas Dotson of Commandery #386 and other volunteers prepared the area for Sunday. A large turnout of Knights and Ladies attended and participated in the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Mass at the Body of Christ Farm in Waldorf, Maryland. The outdoor Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert Pittman, Director (a Knight) was blessed with good weather. Following the Mass, everyone processed to the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes for spiritual remarks from Fr. Pittman.

Knights from Commandery #309 participated in the Charles County Maryland Project Graduation Program that allows graduating high school students to gather at a safe environment to celebrate their accomplishments. The Knights monitoring role was evident at the events with everyone wearing their caps and T-shirts.

The Knights of Ascension Commander #283 collected and donated to the needy a large quantity of food products from the Annual Food Drive. Also, thanks to Commandery #283 for hosting the First Maryland Regiment Meeting in June.

Veterans Memorial Celebration: The Knights of Commandery #309 participated as Honor Guard for Fr. Robert J. Kosty, Pastor of St. Catherine Catholic Church located in McConchie, Maryland, for the Patriots Day Festival held at the Maryland Veterans Museum located in Newburg, Maryland.



1st Sgt. Dwight T. Miles

On Sunday, June 28, 2015, members of Commandery #309, Ladies Auxiliary #301, and Junior Auxiliary #51 assembled at St. Peter’s Catholic located in Waldorf, Maryland and attended the twelve o’clock Mass. The large number of members dressed in their uniforms was impressive and well received by the Celebrant and parishioners.

St. Mary’s of Piscataway Church 375th Anniversary Mass/Festival – Knights of the First Regiment of Washington, D.C., First Maryland Regiment, and Ladies Auxiliaries participated in the event held on July 5, 2015. The anniversary celebration consisted of a Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, dedication of a ceremony for unborn children, and a Native American festival. St. Mary’s Parish located in Clinton, Maryland, originally called “The Piscataway Church,” was founded as a mission serving Native Americans. Father Timothy Baer, Pastor, in his introductory remarks recognized and thanked the Knights and Ladies and all who were present for their attendance and support.

First Maryland Regiment held its Annual Picnic on August 16, 2015 at Gilbert Run Regional Park in Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

Please Remember:

When we gather to meet or to socialize keep in mind those Brothers and Sisters who are ill or confined to their residence or to a private nursing home. They will appreciate your telephone calls, personal visits or cards. But most of all keep them in your prayers.

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



Commandery #283 Food Drive.

New York Grand Commandery

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 12th, 2015. This event is a spiritual and fun experience that brings Knights and Ladies together from all over the Grand.

The Rochester Temple of the Noble Degree will hold its annual business meeting at Commandery #41's Club House in Utica, NY, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, 2015 at 1:00pm., notices will be going out to all Noble Degree members, hope to see everyone there.

From Rochester:

Congratulations to Father William Graf on 55 years in the priesthood.

On Sunday, June 28th the Knights and Ladies of the Rochester Regiment remembered their deceased Brothers and Sisters at their 98th Annual Field Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Thank you to Rev. William Graf for celebrating Mass and delivering a very inspiring homily. After Mass Fr. Graf was installed as new Spiritual Advisor of the 1st District Commandery of New York by District 1st Vice Commander Capt. Michael Perri and District Adjutant Brig. Gen. George Hoffman Jr. and presented with his Commission.

The Most Rev David D. Kagan, D.D., P.A., J.C.L. Bishop of Bismarck, ND was the Principal Celebrant at the High Mass celebrating the sil-



Fr. Graf receives his Commission from District Adjutant Brig. Gen. George Hoffman Jr.



Bishop Ukwuoma with Members of Knights and Ladies.

ver jubilee of Mother Mary Baptist of the Virgin of Carmel, OCD on the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John The Baptist on June 24 2015. Visitors from far and near joined Mother in the celebration. A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main St. for all that attended. Mother Mary Baptist of the Virgin of Carmel is the daughter of Colonel John and Jean Lloyd.

The following Knights and Ladies are ill or recovering from surgery, Most Rev. James Moynihan, Frank and Elizabeth Meleca, Tom Meleca, Charles Perri, Michael Perri, George Schum, Al Keidel, Kenneth Scholl, Tony Perrotta, Loretta 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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District 4:

The Second Quarterly District 4 Delegates Meeting was hosted by Com. 676 on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at the Blessed Sacrament - Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, Trenton New Jersey.

Feast of St. John the Baptist:

All the Commanderies of District 4 celebrated Feast of St. John the

Baptist with Eucharistic Masses in their various locations on Sunday, June 28, 2015. Parishioners and priests were invited to join in the reception ceremonies in all locations.

Commandery 676 Trenton NJ:

Our condolences go to the Knights and Ladies of Commander 676 who lost a brother knight during the quarter. He is Noble Brother Nathaniel Dior Davies, Sr. He was a chapter member and trustee up to his death. Col. Bruce Stowers, the Second New York Grand Vice President and Brother Michael Days presented the Memorial Plaque and read the funeral oration on behalf of the NY Grand President, Brig. Gen. John Russo, Sr.

Visit of Bishop of Orlu Diocese, Nigeria

On May 10, 2015 the Bishop of Orlu Diocese of Nigeria, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ukwuoma, visited the Newark Archdiocese and worshiped with the Igbo Catholic Community Church, Newark New Jersey. The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Commandery 680 processed and mounted a guard of honor during the Eucharistic Mass which was homilied by the Bishop. The Bishop was assisted by Monsignor Col. Anselm Nworgu, Spiritual Advisor.

*Fraternally submitted:
Sir Titus Osuagwu
Media and Information Officer*

Owerri Grand Commandery

70 exemplified into 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

Saturday 2 May, 2015 in a well attended solemn ceremony at Grand Hall Owerri 70 brothers were exemplified into the 2nd and 3rd degrees of KSJI.

Grand President Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu addressed the exemplified brothers on the need to protect their integrity and that of the order.

To answer Sir Knight is not chewing bread with butter. It bothers much on spirituality, discipline, fraternity and charity.

The brothers were taken through written examination about the church, the order and prayer of knights of St. John International as well as military drills to keep them abreast of KSJI military commands and activities.

Owerri Grand hosts Joint Supreme Subordinate Board Meeting.

Friday 15 May 2015, pastoral centre Owerri Grand and Grand Laux Owerri, hosted the JSSB meeting.

9.15 pm, supreme Subordinate President, Maj. Gen. Anselm Okafor walked into the venue of the meeting with the Supreme subordinate Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Dr. Ralph Madu.

Taking the reading of the Ascension, the Spiritual Director reminded brothers and sisters that Ascension date varies. In Nigeria we celebrate it May 14 while the Eastern World celebrate May 22 each year.

He directed the Knights and ladies to carry out the instructions Christ gave his disciples before ascending to take his rightful place with his father.

Owerri Grand President Brig. E.A. Ihionu, the Grand Secretary Col. T.K. Nwachukwu with the Grand Respected Noble Sis Lizzy Shiweobi presented a well received kola nuts to the delegates.

Addressing the joint Section, SSC President Maj. Gen. Anselm Okafor, enjoined brother and Sister Knights to bequeath lasting legacies such as attitude of love, prayer, fraternity and charity to all.



In her address, the SSC Respected President Noble Sir Viola Onwunliri called on brothers and sisters to relive the 4 point agenda of SSC Nigeria which are Spirituality, discipline fraternity and charity.

The meeting which ended in the wee hours of Saturday morning brainstormed on a lot of issues among which were adoptions of SSC presidential address of January 2015, and progress reports from Grand commanderies.

Magdalene Iheonu Laid to Rest.

Thursday, 21 May 2015, Obodoukwu Ideato North Imo State, Nigeria, Grand president brother's wife, late Madam Magdalene Ihionu was laid to rest.

Grand officers and laux attended the burial to commiserate with Grand president.

Apart from the exquisite country home of the Grand president, the road terrain of Obodoukwu, St Mary Catholic Parish Obodoukwu wears a classic design. The church was solemnly dedicated December 2, 1995 by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. G.O. Ochiagha of Orlu Diocese in the 7th year of the pontificate of Pope John Paul II

Grand president was all hearty and everybody was treated to sumptuous meals, traditional Obodoukwu palm wine (Nkwu-elu) amidst national and international drinks. He prayed journey mercies to his visitors.

From the Regiments:

Regiment I:

Sat. 6 June 2015, 1st regiment gathered at commandery #780 Ezi

East Mbaise for their 2nd quarterly meeting.

10.48 am regimental Commander, Col. P.C. Ohaegbulam inspected muster of the delegates. Bro. J. M. Alozie directed the muster while Col. P.C. Ohaegbulam talked and demonstrated on the correct way of saluting.

The meeting rectified the regimental account. Col. Ohaegbulam reminded brothers to take brisk walks every morning to ease muscles. Brothers donated towards charity at the meeting.

2 pm the meeting ended and #780 Ezi East entertained delegates with enough to eat and drink.

Bro. Nwohiri's vote of thanks finally closed the meeting to continue in the palace of 1st Vice regimental Commander Lt. Col. J.M. Alozie who incidentally is HRH Eze Sir, J.M. Alozie, Onuoha II of Onicha New Orie, Ezinihitte Mbaise.

Regiment 3

Wed. 24 June 2015, commandery 445 Aba Jubilee hall, hosted by #533 Aba, the 3rd regiment met for its 2nd quarterly meeting. It started with a Holy Mass at 10 am.

Regimental Commander Col. Joe Onwukamuche ordered commanderies who fail to submit list of regimental delegates to be sanctioned as well as lateness to meetings too.

Br. J.O. Anyiam was adopted as Dist. 13 Asst. Commander.

The next quarterly meeting comes up in September 2015.

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

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification

63 brothers, mostly of Monsignor Charles Agu Squad, showed up on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Bori, for exemplification into the 2nd /3rd Degrees of the Order. The brothers had been under Catechesis and drill for the last six months in their various Commanderies. After an hour-long written exams, 58 brother candidates scored outright passes while 5 others had conditional passes.

The Dean of Bori Deanery and the parish priest of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Bori, Rev. Fr. Magnus Anyalulo, celebrated the exemplification Mass, which the Grand President, Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton, conducted the exemplification ritual.

Muster and Inspection of District 50

District 50 turnout its 3 Commanderies and 3 local Auxiliaries for a District Muster and Grand Inspection at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Bori on July 11, 2015. In all, 80 Knights and 54 Ladies mustered and passed a thorough Grand Inspection of their uniforms and accoutrement, their books and other accessories. The Knights and their

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me so many man hours to complete. Those requests, too, were neatly done and made the job easier to complete.

Marcel will still be around, giving his all for the Knights of St. John in Ghana. God bless your ventures, Marcel, and know that I am grateful for our friendship and your dedication to our Order.

We now welcome a new man to the Supreme Secretariat. It is Brig. Gen. Lawrence Lartey who is replacing Marcel as our new Supreme Subordinate-Ghana Secretary. I look forward to this new experience and I am sure that he has a few tricks up his sleeve to bring us and Ghana to even greater heights of performance and accomplishments.

Welcome aboard, we have a great ride ahead of us.

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*



ladies were found to be fit as fiddles and their uniforms "spic and span". The Grand inspector, Captain Benjamin Iwhuoha, scored the District high and is now compiling the reports.

District 49 also turned out its members on July 25 for its own muster and inspection. The District Commander is filing his report on the event.

Priestly Ordination at Corpus Christi Cathedral

It was a colourful event at Our Lady of Lourde's Catholic Church, Creek Road, the ordination of 8 Catholic priests on July 24, 2015.

Most Rev. Dr. Camilus Etokudoh, was the ordaining prelate. District 48, turned out in full dress to add colour to the occasion.

In Memoriam

Commandery:

100 Schenectady, NY
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 281 Worthington, OH
 281 Lorain, OH
 300 Fort Laramie, OH
 355 Evansville, IN
 382 West Seneca, NY
 382 West Seneca, NY
 391 Blasdel, NY
 441 Paynesville, Montserrado, Liberia
 443 Bolgatanga, UER, Ghana
 469 Umuahia, Abia, Nigeria
 472 Garki, Abuja FCT, Nigeria
 508 Otukpo, Benue, Nigeria
 539 Akabo, Imo, Nigeria
 541 Lakoja, Kogi, Nigeria
 590 Katsina Ala, Benue, Nigeria
 608 Los Angeles, CA
 631 Ohafia, Abia, Nigeria
 633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria
 656 Nsu Ehime, Mbano, Nigeria
 676 Trenton, NJ
 804 Bori-Ogoni, Rivers, Nigeria

Robert "Buddy" Frederick
 Clarence Frederick
 Gary Carmichael
 Donald Butcher
 Joseph Schwarz
 Douglas Gehret
 Leroy Weiss
 Kenneth Rzesutek
 Donald Fuest
 Robert Cline
 Thomas Dominic MahBoker

John AkelpasaAdongo
 Raphael Nwachukwu
 Sylvester Onyeke
 Sylvanus Abu Adeh
 Simon EmefuOkeke
 Francis Omobije
 Augustine Ikpa
 Emeka Robert Anigobu
 Joseph OgedOkarafor
 Egbe Frederick Chigozie
 Christopher Nwugo
 Nathaniel Dior Davies, Sr.
 Michael Gere

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