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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

As I sit here and write this message, I am a little saddened that this will be my last article to the organization. After having reviewed my previous messages, my overall themes have been trying to put our membership in the Knights of St. John International in a perspective of the life of a true Catholic individual. We have looked at the idea and practice of stewardship, of preparing for the birth of our Lord and his Passion, Death and Resurrection, of what it means by Service to our neighbors, family, community, nation, the Church and the Knights of St. John International. Additionally, we looked at the three tenets of the Knights of St. John, particularly, Fraternity, Unity and Charity and what they are to mean to all of the membership. It was always my hope that each and every member of our great organization would have read those words, internalized them and then begin to live their lives with a better understanding of what it means to be a member of the Knights of St. John International. I believe that I have and that some members are living with that understanding.

I will not be so naïve as to think that those words have affected everyone, since I know that we still have some difficulties and issues to work out. Let us keep in mind that this is the Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy and we should always act to be merciful towards each other!

The National Bowling Tournament was just held in Buffalo, NY on the weekend of April 22 – 24, 2016. The local sports committee did an outstanding job, the bowling alley was very forgiving and everyone who went and participated had a great time. Next year's tournament will be held in the Detroit area in Michigan. I hope to see a lot of teams participate. As the plans become finalized, they will be published in the Journal.

Next up on the agenda for the membership is the International Convention to be held in Buffalo, NY during the week of July 17 – 23, 2016. Please remember to register early for the convention, parties and Banquet. There will be a lot of work to be done as there

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

It was April 27th 2013. The second day of the New York Grand Convention of which I was the General Chairman. It was the largest ever. We broke for lunch, which was held on the Mezzanine of the Historic Hotel Utica, and I had sought out a quiet table under a staircase. Things weren't going so well. There had been tension in the meeting room (which was cramped since the hotel had double-booked and we were given a smaller room). The New York Grand and the Supreme Commandery were parties in litigation brought by a brother knight whose commandery was present. The air was electric.

I needed this break to get the old blood pressure down and I sat alone with a cup of coffee. Suddenly, like an angel out of the blue, a little girl appeared at my table with a plate of chocolate cookies and offered to share them with me. I invited her to join me and we started a conversation. Her name was Emmanuella and we talked about school, her family, that she was a junior in the Auxiliary. She also pointed out her twin brother, Emmanuel, who was involved in exploring the lobby (or was just too shy to join us). She was brilliant and I needed a break like this. When lunch was over, I returned to the meeting and never saw Emmanuella again.

In the middle of March, this year, I received an invitation and a note from Emmanuella Njoku inviting me to her 13th birthday party. She reminded me of our "cookie break" and how she had seen me the many times when I visited Blessed Sacrament Church in Newark.

On Saturday, April 2, 2016, Utica got hit with a big snowstorm, but when I awoke on Sunday morning, the 3rd of April, the good Lord gave us a beautiful sunny day, and I left for Newark to attend a birthday party. The four hour drive sped by. The traffic was light and scenery was beautiful. I arrived in Newark just as the Igbo Mass was going to

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary,

May Jesus Christ, our Merciful Savior, be with you!

In Pope Francis' book, "The Church of Mercy," there is a chapter titled, 'Coming Out of Ourselves.' This speech was given to a general audience on 27 March 2013. Pope Francis speaks about Jesus Christ coming to, and among people, healing, comforting, and offering hope.

This chapter reminds me of a true story about an incident that took place not too far from my rectory.

A young child was hit by an automobile. The child layed in the street injured, and crying in pain. People stopped in fright. However, a woman ran and layed down next to the child, protecting him from on-coming cars and offering comfort to the child until the ambulance came. I later found out the woman is a parishioner from my parish. She did not know the child, but her motherly instinct came out and she went to the aid of that injured and frightful child. The woman came out of herself to do what was right, and mostly, what was needed.

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis challenges everyone to "Come Out of Ourselves" and demonstrate acts of mercy and kindness to others. We live in a world where many people are concerned only about themselves, or concerned about titles, or ambition, or power. Others are concerned about being victimized by violence or abuse, or for practicing their faith or belief. Pope Francis challenges all of us to "Come Out of Ourselves" and do what is important in the name of Jesus Christ. By doing this, we glorify Jesus Christ and realize His mission on earth.

Pope Francis said, about Jesus: "He gives himself without reserve; he keeps nothing for himself, not even life." Pope Francis continues and said: "The Son of God offers himself to us; he puts his body and blood into our hands, so as to be with us always, to dwell among us." Pope Francis also said: "What is the meaning of all this for us?" It means that we become

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start and sat near the rear of the Church. As always, I was warmly received, and tried to take part in as much of the Mass as I could understand. I couldn't find Emmanuella or her brother, but her parents came to me with greetings.

When Mass was over, High Chief Titus Osuagwu was at my side and became my personal escort catering to my every whim. He brought me to the Church Hall which was overflowing with people. At least 250

persons (the "People Club") who were there to honor the Njoku twins. As soon as I walked in the door, Emmanuella and Emmanuel greeted and welcomed me. This was a surprise to them, that I would really attend their party.

It was a great afternoon. At least five members of the clergy, a "High Chief" direct from Nigeria, as well as my escort, Titus. As usual the food was plentiful, the music African and loud, and the beverages flowing. I could have done a lot in

that department, but still had a four hour drive home.

I managed to spend a good while with the twins and found them to be exceptional teenagers. Witty and so respectful. Dr. & Lady Ignatius Njoku, you have much to be proud of. (I already have an invitation for the graduation).

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

Proposed Resolutions ~ 2016 Supreme Convention

Proposed Constitutional Revisions

The following proposed Constitutional Revisions were submitted to the Supreme Secretary as required by the Supreme Constitution. These as submitted, will appear in the March, 2016, and June, 2016, issues of the Knights Journal and be discussed and voted on at the Supreme Board Meeting and Supreme Convention, at Buffalo, NY, in July, 2016.

While the following is not a Resolution, the Supreme Restructuring Committee submitted the following new structure of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors, Advisors, and Supreme Advisory Board. These were tentatively approved by the Supreme Board at their last Board Meeting (July, 2015) pending the approval of the body at the Supreme Convention of July, 2016. This will be the first item of business when we begin consideration of the Proposed Resolutions at the 2016 Supreme Convention. This is their submission.

Brother Knights,

Below you will find the proposed restructuring of the Knights of St. John International as presented by the Supreme Restructuring Committee. We have reviewed the submitted proposals that we had received and we thank all that presented them. However, in working with our outside Counsel, and guided by the Laws of the State of New York, we feel that the structure presented below best fulfills our needs not only for the present, but for our growth in the future. Please take time to review our proposal, for it will be an issue at the Convention that we ask you to support.

Proposed Restructuring of the KSJI

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Supreme Advisory Board:

- Immediate Past President or a designated representative of the Supreme President;
- A member of the Supreme Secretariat;
- All Grand Commandery Presidents;
- All Presidents of the unattached Commanderies;
- Supreme Counsel, when available or upon request.

This structure if accepted, will be applied to all sections of the Knights of St. John International Constitution and the revisions will be submitted for review

in the March and June Journals and be voted on at the Supreme International Convention in July 2016.

In Knighthood,
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr., Past Supreme President
Gen. Timothy Hoerst, Past Supreme President
Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, First Vice President

RESOLUTION #1

This Resolution #1 was prepared by the Supreme Restructuring Committee and approved by our outside legal counsel, Hodgson Ross, LLP, Attorneys that they are in accordance with the New York State Non-Profit Revitalization Act.

BE IT RESOLVED – That the Supreme Commandery Constitutional Revision Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International, **TO WIT:**

PROPOSAL #1

CONTENTS, Topic, Line 8, which now reads:

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commanderies – of Ghana and Nigeria

Be amended to read:

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

PROPOSAL #2

Special Laws of New York – Chapter 62, Section 4 & 5, Page d & e be amended by a Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation to read:

SECTION 4 The Supreme President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer and two members who shall be selected for that purpose by a Convention held in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Knights of St. John, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of said corporation and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and installed. The Knights of St. John shall be composed of said officers, with a First and Second Supreme Vice President, and such representatives from Grand Commanderies as may be selected by said Grand Commanderies to represent them in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said corporation.

SECTION 5 The Supreme President, Supreme First Vice President, Supreme Second Vice President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Trustees, Supreme Subordinate Presidents, and Past Supreme Presidents shall constitute the Supreme Executive Board of Directors of said corporation. Said officers, excluding the Past Supreme Presidents, shall be

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selected for that purpose by a Convention held in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Knights of St. John and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and installed. The Supreme Spiritual Director and the Supreme Counsel shall participate in the Executive Board of Directors meetings as advisors, but shall not vote within the proceedings. The Knights of St. John shall also consist of a Supreme Advisory Board, composed of all Grand Commandery Presidents and Presidents of unattached Commanderies who shall meet independently and make recommendations to the Executive Board of Directors. The immediate Past Supreme President, or a designated representative of the Supreme President shall be Chairman of the Supreme Advisory Board, but shall only vote in the event of a tie. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall furnish a member of the Supreme Secretariat to act as Secretary, and the Supreme Counsel, when available, to the Supreme Advisory Board, The Secretariat and the Counsel shall not be permitted to vote on the said Board. The Supreme Advisory Board officers shall be selected by their Grand Commanderies and unattached Commanderies to represent them in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Knights of St. John and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and installed.

PROPOSAL #3

Introduction, CONSTITUTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN, Paragraph 3, Line 1, which now reads:

1. Supreme Subordinate Com-manderies, Overseas

Be amended to read:

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

PROPOSAL #4

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 1, Line 3, which now reads:

Place to be designated by the Supreme Board of Trustees, of

Be amended to read:

Place to be designated by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors, of

PROPOSAL #5

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 4, Lines (j) and (k), which now reads:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria

Be amended to read:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries

PROPOSAL # 6

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 13, Line 1, which reads:

SECTION 13. The Supreme Board of Trustees shall

Be amended to read:

SECTION 13. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall

PROPOSAL #7

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 14, Line 1, which reads:

SECTION 14. The Supreme Board of Trustees

Be amended to read:

SECTION 14. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #8

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 15, Line 3, which now reads:

Supreme Board of Trustees, are alone clothed with the

Be amended to read:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors, are alone clothed with the

PROPOSAL #9

CHAPTER II, Supreme Commandery, OFFICERS, Section 1a, Paragraph 4, which now reads:

All officers except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The two Supreme Trustees shall be elected for four (4) years, except when filling an unexpired term. Four or more elected Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Board for the transaction of business.

Be amended to read:

All officers except the Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The Supreme Trustees shall be elected for four (4) years, except when filling an unexpired term. One third of the Supreme Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

PROPOSAL #10

CHAPTER II, Supreme Commandery, OFFICERS, Section 2, which now reads:

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SECTION 2. *The following officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be appointed by the elected Supreme Officers and the Grand Presidents to serve for a period of two (2) years or until such time as his successor has been appointed, qualified and installed:*

A. Supreme Spiritual Director

B. One Supreme Counsel, who by virtue of his office shall be Judge-Advocate General and rank as a Major-General.

C. One Inspector-General, who by virtue of his office shall rank as a Major General.

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Board of Trustees.

Be amended to read:

SECTION 2. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall appoint the following positions

To serve for a period of two (2) years or until such time as his successor has been appointed, qualified and installed.

A. Supreme Spiritual Director

B. One Supreme Counsel, who by virtue of his office shall be Judge-Advocate General and rank as a Major General

C. One Inspector General, who by virtue of his office shall rank as a Major General.

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

PROPOSAL #11

Within the various Sections of the Constitution, remove the wording:

"Supreme Board of Trustees"

and amend to read:

"Supreme Executive Board of Directors."

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee on December 28, 2015.

Attested to by:
Supreme Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #2

The following Resolution was proposed by the Supreme Secretary and approved by the Supreme Constitution Revision Committee.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 2, 2nd paragraph, Page 17

Replace:

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Board of Trustees.

1. One Quartermaster General who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

2. Such number of additional appointees as the Supreme President may deem necessary and advisable.

With:

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

1. One Undersecretary/Quartermaster General who shall rank as a Brigadier General

2. One Undersecretary/Journal who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

3. One Undersecretary/Ritual who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

4. One Undersecretary/Webmaster who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

5. One Undersecretary/Advisory Board Affairs who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

6. Such number of additional appointees as the Supreme President may deem necessary and advisable.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Insert the following at the end of Section 6:

SUPREME SECRETARIAT

The Supreme Secretariat will consist of the Supreme Secretary and five (5) Undersecretaries. The five Undersecretaries will be the Undersecretary/Quartermaster, the Undersecretary/Journal, the Undersecretary/Ritual, the Undersecretary/Webmaster, and the Undersecretary/Advisory Board Affairs. The Undersecretaries (Quartermaster, Journal, Ritual, Webmaster and Advisory Board Affairs) will be appointed by the Supreme President after the Supreme International Convention for a term of two years or until a successor is appointed. By nature of his duties and responsibilities, the Undersecretaries will have a rank of Brigadier General.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Quartermaster (Quartermaster General) will be responsible for all materials held by the Supreme Commandery for sale to Grand, District and Local Commanderies. He will keep an inventory of all materials on hand. He will keep a record of all materials sold and forward monies to the Supreme Treasurer. He will re-order inventory as required to ensure needed items are on hand.

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He will work in conjunction with the Undersecretary/Rituals to provide Grand Commanderies with ritual inventory as required.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Journal (Asst. Editor-KSJI Journal) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the creation, editing, printing and distribution of the Knights of St. John International Journal. He will be responsible for the collection of information, from all Grand Commanderies. He will edit the material and assemble it for the printer. He will maintain the address list of Journal recipients and arrange for the mail or e-mail of the Journal to all members.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Ritual (Asst. Supreme Ritual Director) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the exemplification of Rituals by all Grand Commanderies. He will coordinate all ritual efforts and will be responsible for maintaining the rituals and associated documents. He will work with the Quartermaster General to maintain inventory for the rituals and will keep a record of all rituals held and all members receiving degrees.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Webmaster (Webmaster General) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the creation and evolution of the Supreme Commandery Website. His responsibilities are to keep the site current to the changes of staff members due to elections and appointments. He is to maintain a Calendar of Events and provide any research and services for the enhancement of said site.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Advisory Board (Undersecretary for Advisory Board Affairs) will serve as a non-voting member of the Supreme Advisory Board. He will be in attendance at all their meetings and make a record of the minutes of that meeting.

The Supreme Undersecretaries will attend Supreme Executive Board Meetings/Advisory Board Meetings when requested by the Supreme President and the Supreme Secretary. When attending such meetings, they will be reimbursed their reasonable lodging and travel expenses.

Approved by the Constitutional Revision Committee on December 26, 2015

Attested to by:

Thomas J. DeLuca

Thomas J. DeLuca, Chairman

RESOLUTION #3

The following resolution includes four (4) amendments proposed by the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-Ghana for inclusion in the Resolutions to be discussed/voted on at the 2016 Supreme Convention at Buffalo, NY.

AMENDMENT No. 1

The Supreme Constitution on Page 16 to 17 which now reads:

CHAPTER II

Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 1

At each Supreme Convention, the following officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected:

A. Supreme President, who by virtue of his office is Commander-in-Chief and ranks as General. He shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

B. One Supreme First Vice President; with the rank of Lieutenant General.

C. One Supreme Second Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant General. (See a. below)

D. One Supreme Secretary, who by virtue of his office shall be the Adjutant-General and rank as Lieutenant General. He shall be elected for the first term and shall thereafter continue in office subject to removal for cause.

E. One Supreme Treasurer, who by virtue of his office shall be Paymaster General and rank as Lieutenant General.

F. Two Supreme Trustees, who by virtue of their office will rank as Major General

a. Only Knights of St. John who are residents of the United States of America shall be eligible for positions to offices of Supreme President, Supreme First Vice President, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer.

Each elective office of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected by ballot and all officers shall be elected separately by a majority of the votes cast.

All officers-elect shall be installed and assume office at the session at which they are elected.

All officers-elect except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The two Supreme Trustees shall be elected for four (4) years, except when filling an unexpired term. Four or more elected Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Board for the transaction of business.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER II

Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 1

At each Supreme Convention, the following

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officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected:

A. Supreme President, who by virtue of his office is Commander-in-Chief and ranks as General. He shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

B. One Supreme First Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant General

C. One Supreme Second Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant General

D. One Supreme Secretary, who by virtue of his office shall be the Adjutant-General and rank as Lieutenant General. He shall be elected for the first term and shall thereafter continue in office subject to removal for cause.

E. One Supreme Treasurer, who by virtue of his office shall be Paymaster General and rank as Lieutenant General.

F. Two Supreme Trustees, who by virtue of their office will rank as Major General.

SECTION 1A: Eligibility to hold Supreme Elective Office.

Any member of the Knights of St. John International who at the time of his election is of good standing, and has been a member of the Order for at least six (6) months and attested to by his Grand President shall be eligible to hold any elective office of the Supreme Commandery.

SECTION 1B: Election, Installation and Term of Office.

Each elective office of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected by ballot and all officers shall be elected separately by a majority of the votes cast.

All officers-elect shall be installed and assume office at the session at which they are elected.

All officers-elect except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The two Supreme Trustees shall be elected for four (4) years, except when filling an unexpired term. Four or more elected Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Board for the transaction of business.

All officers-elect shall be installed and assume office at the session at which they are elected.

All officers-elect except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The two Supreme Trustees shall be (elected) for four (4) years except when filling an unexpired term. Four or more elected Supreme Officers

shall constitute a quorum, at any properly constituted meeting at the supreme Board for the transaction of business.

AMENDMENT No. 2

The Supreme Constitution on Page 26-27 which now reads:

SECTION 19. The Supreme President shall receive for his services annually the sum of \$750.00 and the Supreme Treasurer shall receive for his services the sum of \$1,000.00, said salaries shall be payable in monthly installments, and both offices shall further be reimbursed for actual expenses, only while engaged in the performance of their duties. The Supreme Secretary for his services shall receive the sum annually not exceeding \$10,000. He shall be reimbursed for actual expense while engaged in the performance of his duties. Supreme Board of Trustees shall provide suitable office space, equipment and supplies required by the Supreme Secretary. The two elected Supreme Trustees, Past Presidents, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President, shall receive their actual expenses while engaged in the performance of their duties at meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 19. Compensation of Officers

The following elected Supreme Officers shall be compensated as follows:

1. Supreme President: He shall receive US\$1,000.00 per annum

2. Supreme Treasurer: He shall receive US\$1,500.00 per annum

3. Supreme Secretary: He shall receive US\$12,000.00 per annum.

All the above listed officers shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

In addition, they shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, only while engaged in the performance of their duties.

The Supreme Board of Trustees shall provide suitable office space, equipment and supplies required by the Supreme Secretary for the performance of his duties.

The two elected Supreme Trustees, Past Supreme Presidents, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall receive their actual expenses whilst engaged in the performance of their duties at meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees. These expenses shall include traveling expenses within the United States of America. Officers in this category from Overseas shall be further reimbursed full cost of their travels to and from the United States of America using economy air travel fare.

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AMENDMENT No. 3

The Supreme Constitution on Page 28 which now reads as follows:

SECTION 23

Any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, in case a vacancy occurs in any elective Supreme office, other than by the expiration of a term, the same shall be filled in the following manner: The Supreme Vice President shall succeed the Supreme President, the Second Vice President shall succeed the First Vice President, unless the Second Vice President is not a resident of the United States of America at the time such vacancy occurs, in which event the office of Supreme First Vice President shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by the Supreme Board. All other vacancies, including the office of Supreme Second Vice President, shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by the Supreme Board. IF at the time of the next Convention an office so filled by appointment has an unexpired term, the same shall be filled by election for the unexpired term.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 23. Vacancies – Supreme Officers

Any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, in case a vacancy occurs in any elective Supreme office, other than by expiration of a term, the same shall be filled in the following manner:

The Supreme First Vice President shall succeed the Supreme President, The Supreme Second Vice President shall succeed the Supreme First Vice President. All other vacancies, including the office of the Supreme Second Vice President, shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by the Supreme Board. If at the time of the next Convention an office so filled by appointment has an unexpired term, the same shall be filled by election for the unexpired term.

AMENDMENT No. 4

Insert (SECTION 30 – VOTING BY PROXY) in the Supreme Constitution as follows:

A proxy vote shall be allowed in a situation where prior notification on the issue to be voted upon has been published in the Knights of St. John Journal for assimilation by all members of the Knights of St. John International before the Supreme Convention where voting shall take place. Amendments to the Supreme Constitution are typical of this situation.

Procedures to Proxy Voting shall be as follows:

1. Only Officers and Delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have the right to cast proxy votes on behalf of other delegates not present at the Convention where voting is taking place.

2. All delegates requiring proxy votes must notify the Supreme Secretary at least thirty (30) clear days before commencement of the Convention on a duly filled prescribed Proxy Voter's Form to be issued by the Supreme Secretariat.

3. A Proxy voter must hold a copy of the duly filled Proxy Voter's Form together with the Credential form of the delegate requesting the proxy vote and a processing fee of five U.S. Dollars (US\$5.00), to be presented to the Supreme Secretary at the Convention for authentication.

4. Failure to fulfill the above conditions, the Proxy Voting shall not be allowed.

These Amendments were submitted to the Supreme Secretary, in a timely manner and in accordance with the Supreme Constitution.

Attested to by:

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz
 Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz
 Supreme Secretary

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Due to the ever-growing number of members who submit articles and photos to be printed in the Knight of St. John Journal and an endless number of computer programs available, new procedures are now being used.

All articles submitted via email should be saved in a **Microsoft Word format (without photos)** 12 point TimesRoman.

All photos should be of highest resolution possible and attached to an email **DO NOT embed photos in Word files**; captions may be included at the end of the submitted article or in the email message.

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Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 15) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Sunday, July 17:

3:00 pm Arrival Supreme Board Members
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality

Monday, July 18:

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality

Tuesday, July 19:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting
 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Registration
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality

Wednesday, July 20:

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Business meeting
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting
 6:00 pm Knights and Ladies Memorial Mass
 St. Joseph Cathedral
 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Welcome Party Adam's Mark Hotel

Thursday, July 21:

7:00 am Morning Mass Celebration
 8:00 am – 12:30 pm Registration
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Business meeting
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Business meeting
 9:00 am Cadets and Juniors Business Meeting
 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Souvenir Sales
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality
 Thursday events will be decided prior to the Convention
 Information will be made available

Friday, July 22:

7:00 am Morning Mass Celebration
 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration / Souvenirs
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Knights Business Meeting
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Supreme officers & Spouses cocktail party
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktail hour – Cash Bar
 7:00 pm – 11:30 pm Banquet & Ball – Cash Bar

Saturday, July 23:

2:00 pm Basket Raffle drawings
 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Transportation to Cathedral from
 Millennium Hotel
 5:30 pm First Call to Line Up
 5:45 pm Procession to St. Joseph Cathedral
 6:00 pm Pontifical Eucharistic Celebration
 St. Joseph Cathedral
 8:30 pm – 12:00 am Farewell Party & Awards Presentation
 Millennium Hotel

This is only a TENTATIVE Schedule and subject to change.

The Living Rosary will be scheduled at the Convention.

The bus schedule for transportation between the Millennium and Adam's Mark Hotels
 will be set and posted at the Convention.

Please pay proper respect during our Holy Mass in honor of our deceased Brothers and Sisters by conforming to a proper dress code of blue blazer, dress slacks or dark suit, shirt and tie and your sash and cap. Ladies please dress according to your Auxiliary guidelines.

Buffalo Grand Commandery

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

So far, spring has been having its ups and downs temperature wise. I am truly looking forward to a great summer with great weather. Certainly all residents of western New York must feel the same.

All Commanderies within the Buffalo Grand have been preparing for the many turn outs that accompany the early months of this year and beyond. It may range from First Holy Communion to chicken barbecues at their local Parishes. If a request is sent for additional help to other Commanderies to aid their functions, please do not hesitate to comply. Remember we are all Brothers of the Knights of St. John, having the same goals. Some Commanderies may require this additional help to secure a successful function or turn out.

The Knights of St. John Bowling Tournament held in Buffalo (April 22nd to 24th) was a tremendous success. Many friendships were renewed and new ones created. It was a pleasure to see and meet so many Knights of St. John and Ladies of the Auxiliary in attendance from many different states. The host Commandery #135 did an outstanding job. Their membership should be congratulated for being such a fine host.

Buffalo Grand & Regimental Membership Committee has had meetings to help many Commanderies with their membership drives. With the help of Col. William Pocobello, Capt. Joseph Miller and 2nd Lt. Timothy Redinger I am sure it will be successful. Many innovated ideas have come out of these meetings which ranged from Info Booklets to Pamphlets. An additional idea was to create a Facebook page. Brothers, please visit this new page created by our committee who worked tirelessly to create it www.facebook.com/ksjibuffaloregiment. This is a step in the right direction to increase membership. Keep up the good work and the rewards that follow will be many.

The Supreme Convention is coming upon us very quickly and before you know it July will be here. We in the Buffalo area are looking forward to the arrival of our Brothers and Sisters.

BUFFALO REGIMENT: Commander's Comments Lt. Col. Allen Hammer

By the time you read this Memorial Day turnout will be over. At this time I am hoping that everyone made a concerted effort to attend the turnout. This is one of our most important turnouts in which we pay special honor to our departed brothers.

As time goes by I see that the position of commander is a very demanding position. The organization of meetings, turnouts, funeral rituals and special requests from the diocese takes an extensive amount of time and not having a staff, vice commander and adjutant, I feel I am missing something that could be important.

So I am asking that if there are any members who are interested and willing to act as vice commander or adjutant please let me know. I need help.

I have been a member of the Knights of St. John for over 46 years and during that time I have seen many changes. I have seen our membership drop and I have seen a drop in turnout attendance. Granted we are not the young members that we once were and many of us are finding it harder to get around. All said and done we need to step up and take a more active

role in the leadership of the organization. We need people to step up as leaders of commanderies, battalions and the regiment.

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

In Memorium

The following Brother Knight has passed away since our last JOURNAL article: 1/3/2016 Sgt. Joseph Ball Commanery #204; 2/5/2016 Brig. Gen. Rev. Lawrence Burns Commanery #391 Our Mother of Good Counsel.; 02-12-2016SK. Ottavio Macaione Commanery #377.

May their souls and the souls of all departed Brother Knights, through God's mercy and compassion rest in peace.

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

*Col. William Pocobello
Buffalo Grand Secretary*

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Owerri Grand Commandery

First JGBOT:

Saturday 13th February 2016, Grand hall Owerri, the first JGBOT meeting was held. It was a full house as delegates endeavoured to turn up to be updated of 2016 activities.

Grand President Brig. Gen. E. A. Ihionu ushered his Grand into 2016 with great faith in the Lord. He reminded attendees it was the opening JGBOT for 2016-2017 tenure having been re-elected in 2015 convention.

Brig. Gen. Ihionu welcomed the newly elected officers and installed them, but reminded them of the onerous task before them.

Local commanderies were reminded once more that attendance to JGBOT is compulsory for Worthy Presidents, Commanders and two delegates for the 1st 25 members. The 2nd and 3rd or more has one delegate each for every 25 members. The delegates are elected in every January meeting.

Grand president presented his New Year address. The address bothered much on his first tenure achievement, pledging to do more in this 2nd tenure.

N/Sister Tessy Emenalo moved the motion for adoption of the Grand's address and was seconded by Col. Joe Echemazu.

Grand respected N/Sister Lizzy Shiweobi in her New Year address enjoined brothers and sister to be of good conduct noting that KSJI is Christ centered.

Upon adopting the previous JGBOT minutes by Bro. Cyriacus Eze seconded by Bro. Mike Okezie, the board zoomed into the business of the day much of which centered on how well to move the Grand forward in 2016.

Second JGBOT:

Saturday 23rd April 2016, Grand hall, the 2nd JGBOT was held. Despite the fuel palaver in the country, delegates arrived well on time to say the Rosary, attend Confession prior to Mass said by the Grand Spiritual Adviser Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Njoku.

He reminded delegates that heaven is a communion while hell is isolation. He enjoined knights and ladies of KSJI to gather as a

group in happiness and joy as heaven is a group of people who gather in happiness and joy, hell the opposite of heaven, is isolation.

He commanded knights and ladies to go out there, make friends of all nations as Christ ordered his disciples.

Grand president at the joint session welcomed everybody. He called on those who made pledges in the 1st JGBOT to redeem them.

Grand banned the activities of undertakers during the burial of brother/sister knights. He enjoined brothers and directed that burials of our members be made graceful.

Grand president specifically welcomed Grand 2nd vice to the meeting. He informed delegates that N/Bro. Anthony Erukeme had donated electric plant to the Grand for efficient electric supply.

Two committees were set to work out the modalities for the management of Grand hostel and Grand death benefit scheme respectively.

Grand president called on local commanderies in the districts to pull their resources together during the yearly cathedraticum and present them as one body.

The board meeting centered on payment of debts owed by local commanderies for the Grand to be on good standing.

In Memoriam:

Friday 11th March 2016, N/Lady Pauline, beloved wife of Col. Joe Onwukamuche, Regiment 3 commander, was laid to rest in her home town Okwuta Ibeku, Umuahia. She and Col. Joe had been married for 43 years. Sister Pauline was a member of St. John's Ladies Auxiliary 396.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Ahiake Ibeku with Bishop Emeritus Gregory Ochiagha officiating. As the matriarch of Onwukamuche family, Pauline left lasting legacy and will be remembered by generations she inspired.

Col. Joe thanked Grand Executive led by Grand Secretary Col. T. K. Nwachukwu and all for their support and fraternity.

Wednesday 27th April 2016, Hon.



Grand president N/Bro. (Prof) E. A. Ihionu led Grand Executive, to join Orlu Grand Brig. Gen. Val Oboh and SSC inspector N/Bro. E. Emenalo at the burial.

Justice N/Brother A. I. Ezenagu was laid to rest in his home town Ubulu, Oru West, Imo State.

His funeral Mass was held at CKC Catholic Parish Ubulu with Bishop Emeritus Gregory Ochiagha officiating. The homilist told Justices, members of the bar, knights and ladies as well as other attendees to imbibe the right attitude to life and religion if we should have a healthy nation.

As the patriarch of Ezenagu's dynasty, N/Bro. A. I. Ezenagu was an outstanding and exemplary jury. An effervescent knight of KSJI, Holy Cross Commandery 422. The fallen brother was the first lawyer from Ubulu community, whose candour and carriage, increased the burning desire of Grand Judge Advocate, Just P. C. Onumajulu to read law.

May their souls rest in peace.

In the Spirit of Charity:

Owerri Grand visited Bro. Unegbu who has been sick and homebound with a purse of ₦100,000.00.

Remember our sick brothers and sisters; give them a call, a prayer and a support.

*Lieut. Vincent Azubuike
Owerri Grand*

Awka Grand Commandery

The Supreme Convention is fast approaching and Awka Grand Commandery is seriously preparing to feature prominently in it. This was made known to the members of Awka Grand Board of Trustees by the Grand Secretary during his report on the preparation for the upcoming Convention. For him, all delegates are ready and processing their documents. The Grand President, who lauded the Grand Secretary's working efforts, compared his untiring and creative abilities with that of his counterpart in the Supreme. The Awka Grand Muster and Inspection for the year 2016 has been concluded and reports forwarded to the Supreme Inspector General. This year's Muster and Inspection witnessed a great improvement and turnout.

The Grand President has graciously installed the Officers of Regiment 1 on the 12th of March, 2016. In his advice, he urged the officers to see themselves as part of the bricks securing the Grand Commandery. The officers promised to increase their activities following the approved working matrix of the Grand. In solidarity with members from other Grand Commanderies, the Joint Board of



Trustees of the Knights and Laux visited their counterpart in Owerri Grand Commandery. This visit witnessed discussions on issues on bilateral corporation between the two Commanderies. In the same way, the Grand Commandery participated in the Centenary celebration of the Parishes in Awka. In solidarity with the chairman of the Centenary celebration committee Lt. AU Nnoyelu who is the Worthy President of Commandery #434, Awka, the Grand President turned out all the Commanderies and echelon within the Grand. The Awka indigenuous Knights came out in their numbers to welcome the Grand Commandery officers.

Meanwhile, the annual All Knights Day where the Awka Diocesan Bishop will be meeting with all Knights within the Diocese will be coming up this month of May. Also, the Grand will be conducting a workshop for all the Recording Corresponding Secretaries and Adjutants within the Command.

Within the last months, the Grand lost six members including Major Abonne from Commandery #434 Awka. Major Abonne who composed the Commandery's Anthem "Bravo Worthy Soldier of the Knight of St. John" has since been laid to rest in his country home. In what looks like replacements for our members who have gone to rest, the Grand has embarked on aggressive sensitization of lay faithful about the Order and recruitment of new and dedicated members. In line with this, the Grand is dotting all i's and crossings all t necessary for the creation of new Commanderies including Cadet Commanderies and District Commanderies. The Grand has encouraged Commanderies and members to book for Masses and pray for the success of the 2016 Supreme Convention.

We sincerely wish the Supreme Commandery and Officers a successful Convention as we also wish all delegates from and within the Convention State safe trip. Be assured of our supports and continuous prayers for you all.

*Col. Peter C. Egwui
Awka Grand Secretary*



2016 Cadet Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____
Last/Sur Name _____
Title, Officer, Delegate _____
Cadet Number _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$2.00
Price of Registration at Convention - \$3.00
Make checks payable to: **Knights of St. John**
Mail to: Col. William Pocobello
39 Jesella Drive
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

2016 Junior Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____
Last/Sur Name _____
Title, Officer, Delegate _____
Junior Auxiliary Number _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$2.00
Price of Registration at Convention - \$3.00
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2016 Welcome Party Adam's Mark Hotel

Tuesday, July 19, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Admission (Advance) \$20.00
Admission (At Door) \$25.00

Light Refreshments
Cash Bar

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Country _____

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2016 Farewell Party Millennium Hotel

Saturday, July 23, 8:30 p.m. – midnight

Join us for a fun-filled evening
Awards Presentation

Admission (Advance) \$20.00
Admission (At Door) \$25.00

Light Refreshments
Cash Bar

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Country _____

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2016 CONVENTION RESERVATION SUMMARY

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Paid</u>
Registration	____ @ \$25.00	\$ ____
Cadet Registration	____ @ \$ 2.00	\$ ____
Junior Registration	____ @ \$ 2.00	\$ ____

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Paid</u>
Welcome Party	____ @ \$20.00	\$ ____
Farewell Party	____ @ \$20.00	\$ ____
Banquet & Ball	____ @ \$70.00	\$ ____
Total Amount Enclosed \$		_____

2016 Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____

Last/Sur Name _____

Title, Officer, Delegate _____

Grand _____

Commandery or Auxiliary Number _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$25.00

Price of registration at Convention - \$35.00

Make checks payable to: **Knights of St. John**

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2016 Convention Knights of St. John International Hotel Reservations Millennium Hotel 2040 Walden Avenue Buffalo, New York 14225

To reserve your accommodations, reservations
can be made on the internet or by phone.

On the internet go to: **www.millenniumhotels.com**
select **Buffalo, New York** from the dropdown, then
select dates for arrival and departure. Next enter the
the group code **1607suprem**

By phone call: (716) 681-2400
tell them you want to make reservations at the
Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, New York and you
want the **Knights of St. John special room rates**.

The special rate for the 2016 Knights of St. John
Convention is \$139.00 plus applicable taxes.

The absolute cut-off date to make reservations is:

June 11, 2016

2016 Supreme Convention Banquet & Ball

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention Banquet & Ball
Friday, July 22, 2016

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Ball: 9:00 p.m.

Dancing – Cash Bar

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Price of advanced registration - \$70.00

Price of registration at Convention - \$75.00

Please confirm__reservations at \$70.00 per person

Reservations made after

June 11, 2016 will be \$75.00

Make checks payable to: **Knights of St. John**

Mail to: Col. William Pocobello
39 Jesella Drive
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

2016 Convention Ladies Auxiliary Knight of St. John Hotel Reservations Adam's Mark Hotel 120 Church Street, Buffalo New York 14202

To reserve your accommodations, reservations
can be made on the internet or by phone.

On the internet: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Adams-Mark-Buffalo/bookings.jsp?hotelId=15259&groupID=149751>

Enter this and it will take you directly to the web
site for the Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York.

By phone call: (716)-845-5100
Tell them you want to make reservations at the
Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York and you
want the special rate for the **2016 Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of St. John**, which is \$139.00 plus
applicable taxes.

The absolute cut-off date to make reservations is:

June 11, 2016

Abuja Grand Commandery

JGBOT Meeting:

The new Grand President of Abuja Grand Commandery, Brig. Gen. Jerome Nwokeji presided over the first Joint Grand Board of Trustees (JGBOT) meeting held on February 6, 2016. The meeting was a huge success with over 90% attendance. The new Grand President solicited for support of both past and present members of the board.

CBCN Plenary session:

Abuja Grand Commandery led by the Grand President Brig Gen. Jerome Nwokeji joined the Supreme Subordinate President Maj. Gen. Anslem Okafor at the Supreme Subordinate report presentation during the first plenary of Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) held at DRACC Lugbe Abuja. Customized, portable bottled water for use by the Bishops throughout the plenary session from 14th to 18th of February 2016

was donated by Abuja Grand Commandery.

Installment of Elected officers:

The Grand President Installed elected officers of Commandery 695 Bwari on Saturday, February 20th 2016.

Charity visits:

The Lenten season was once again a time for reflection as well as charity works and acts of kindness. To that end, the Grand President visited brothers and sisters in different hospitals while some other Commanderies conducted charity visits to orphanages, prisons and homes during the season.

Abuja Grand Commandery also participated in this year's Cathedraicum.

Abuja Grand attended the Supreme Subordinate meeting held at DRACC EMENE ENUGU on the 8th of April 2016.

Abuja Grand President visited Commanderies #669 Life Camp and #671 Kuje on the 23rd of April, 2016.

The Grand President Brig. Gen. Jerome Nwokeji presided over his second Joint Board of Trustees meeting on the 30th of April, 2016 at Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Parish Garki Abuja.

Fallen Brothers

The Commandery has sadly lost some brothers in recent times. They include: Sir Nicolas Maranzu of Commandery #574 Maitama; Sir Godwin Uzoma of Commandery #472 Garki; Sir Mike Iyida of Commandery #678 Karu; Michael Morba of Commandery #669 Life Camp.

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

St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery

Officers of St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery visit Archbishop Lewis J. Zeigler The of the St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery (SPRBGC), Brig. Gen. Richard Hne Walker I, has disclosed that his leadership will do all within its powers to protect the image of the Church, defend the faith and win more souls to Christ.

Gen. Walker said, "We will work together as a team to make Catholicism better and stronger for all of us at all times." He made the statement on March 4, 2016 when the new leadership of St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery paid a courtesy call on the Metropolitan Archbishop of Monrovia, His Grace Lewis J. Zeigler at his office in Catholic Secretariat Office on Ashmun Street in Monrovia.

According to General Walker, his leadership will place more emphasis on the spiritual growth of members of St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery. He further lauded Archbishop Zeigler for his unwavering support to the St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery over the



years and during SPRBGC 2015 Grand Convention which was held in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County.

Also speaking at this occasion, the Immediate Past Grand President of SPRBGC, Brig. Gen. Andrew N. Nimley, thanked Archbishop Zeigler for the support given his administration during its four years tenure. He averred that even at the level of the local parishes, KSJI is highly recognized and respected as one of the key pillars of the Church.

This he claimed has motivated members of the Order to contribute significantly to the growth and development of the Church within the Archdiocese of Monrovia.

In response, Archbishop Zeigler lauded the leadership of St. Paul River Banks Grand Commandery for its continuous moral financial support aimed at enhancing the growth and development of the Church in Liberia. He admonished

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Enugu Grand Commandery

2016 Lenten Retreat:

Enugu Grand Commandery under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Peter Adimorah, the new Grand President, organized a lenten retreat from Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th March, 2016 at the Pastoral Centre, Abakaliki. The retreat whose theme is “*Be Merciful, Just as Your Heavenly Father is Merciful*” Lk. 6:36 was mandatory for Grand Officers, Regiment and District Commanders, Recording Secretaries, Adjutants and Local Commanders. The Supreme Subordinate (Nigeria) and Grand Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Dr. (Brig.Gen.) Clement Obasi and Spiritual Adviser Commandery 584, Udi, Rev. Fr. Modestus Onwumere were also in attendance.

Day 1: Thursday, 10TH March, 2016. The proposed courtesy call on the Bishop of Abakaliki Catholic Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Okoro was cancelled as he was away on pastoral visit to some parishes. At 6pm, Mass was celebrated by the Spiritual Director at the chapel for many brothers who arrived in time.

Day 2: Friday, 11TH March, 2016. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament by 6:00 am was followed by holy Mass celebrated by the Grand Spiritual Director and Spiritual Advisor, Commandery 584, Udi. The Grand Preridant's opening address at the Pastoral Hall was followed by the first paper of the day delivered by the Grand Spiritual Director. Topic was “Distractions Militat-



ing Against Spirituality”. He enumerated many distractions which could culminate into prodigality. In the second paper titled Divine Mercy – “The Lesson of the Prodigal Son” Lk 15:11 Rev. Fr. Joseph Azubuike clearly showed how the father of the prodigal son awaited his son's return and showed mercy on him. So it is with all sinners that God's mercy await us on our return to Him. He is “prodigal” with His Mercy. The third lecture of the day on “Unity of Christians – The Prayer of Our Lord in Jn 17: 21” was delivered by Rev. Clement Okonkwo. He challenged Christians to unite to repel attacks on them by Islamic fundamentalist. The day ended with Stations of the Cross and confessions.

Day 3: Saturday, 12TH March, 2016. Mass celebrated by the Grand

Spiritual Director followed his exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the morning. Two papers were presented on this day. Bro (Col.) Hamaka Nwoye, Past Grand Secretary spoke on “Catholic Knighthood and Holiness” while Bro Nicholas Obodo of Godfrey Okoye University, Enugu spoke on “Testamentary Disposition of Property – Wills”. Paper presentations were followed by Grand Board meeting and rosary procession late in the evening.

Day 4: Sunday, 13TH March, 2016. This very rewarding lenten retreat ended with a Mass on this day and brothers departed for their various destinations.

*Col. Charles Nwakanma
Enugu Grand Secretary*

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the leadership to continue working as a team to strengthen the fraternity

In continuation of the support to the work of the Church, the Grand President of SPRBGC personally donated a drum of fuel to Radio VERITAS, the only Catholic run radio station in the country, to enable it continue to provide credible information to the general and religious programs to strengthen the faith of Catholics across and also aid the process of evangelization..

In another development, a one day Easter retreat organized by St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery and Grand Ladies Auxiliary was held at the Holy Martyrs Parish in Bardnerville. The retreat master was Noble Knight Reverend Father Henry Somah, Parish Priest of St. Monica Catholic Church in Bopolu City, Gbarpolu County. He explained the significance of the Year of Mercy and called on Knights to play meaningful role in the fulfillment of the Holy Father's call.

On Sunday, April 24, 2016, Holy

Martyrs Commandery #524 and Auxiliary #433 of SPRBGC held an unveiling and official launch of its Economic Empowerment Project for long-term income generation to enhance the growth and development of this Commandery and Auxiliary. The Chief Launcher at this program, Brid./ Gen. Walker urged members of other commandery to follow the good example of the Holy Martyrs Commandery and Auxiliary.

*Sir/Knight Gregory H. Stemn
Deputy Grand Secretary*

Accra East Grand Commandery

Marian Rally of the Knights of St John International has become an annual ritual for 14th District Commandery and District 3 Ladies Auxiliary of the Accra East Grand. The event of 2015 was not left out but was hijacked by Catholic Churches of the Madina Deanery. The usual morning procession was by Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shifted to the afternoon, point of commencing which was formerly the Adenta Barrier shifted to Housing Down Lotto Kiosk, whilst congregations from the various outstations of the Deanery were identified by their society attires.

Sticking to the MoU, the procession started exactly at 2pm with the Mascot of Blessed Virgin Mary leading and placards of different inscriptions interspersed within the contingent as the scorching sun forced many of the placard bearers to use them as shield from the sun. A contingent of Junior Auxiliaries beautifully dressed in native Kente and headgears were the flower girls of the occasion. Revered Fathers from all formations of the church under the Deanery were there in their numbers and the decades of the Rosary were recited in unison as the troops marched to the grounds of the Grotto of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Adenta-Commando. Officers of the 14th District turned themselves into security outfit controlling traffic along the length and breadth of



the distance with the help of few police officers until finally the procession terminated at the Grotto.

Chairs were already arranged for the second part of the event; prayers and Holy Mass.

Finally, the crowning of the Virgin Mary was done by 14th District President and the Respected Vice

President of District 3 Ladies Auxiliary and hence ended the events of the day after the final blessing.

Brig. Gen. Lawrence Lartey
Supreme Subordinate Secretary
Ghana

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Second and Third Degrees:

The First Regiment of Washington exemplified the 2nd and 3rd Degree for the Baltimore/Washington Grand on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Church of the Incarnation, in Washington, D.C. Celebrant of the Mass was the pastor, Rev. John A. Carroll, S.S.J. and Brother

Knight, Deacon William Mike Greenfield. The Mass was attended by family, friends, and Brother Knights from the Baltimore/Washington Grand.

The Brother Knights exemplified in the 2nd and 3rd Degree were: John Hawkins, William Lewis, Robert Moody, of Commandery #286;

Ukkundo' Oohwada, of Commandery #296; Roland Brown, Vincent J. Davis Sr., Carlton Penny, of Commandery #309; and Robert Blackwell, of Commandery #386.

Captai. William C. Wilson Jr.
Adjutant
First Regiment of Washington

Cape Coast Grand Commandery

Members of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Commandery # 397, Takoradi have conducted their second edition of Armour of God Blessing and Investiture in a colorful ceremony at the Cathedral in Takoradi on Saturday, 5th March, 2016 for Twenty-Five members including newly elected and installed Officers of the Commandery's Uniform Rank. This follows a similar ceremony performed in October, 2015. The Commandery is second in the world to have conducted the ceremony after Local Commandery # 382 of the Queens of Heaven RCC, West Seneca, NY where the ceremony originated.

The Master of Ceremony, LtCol Joseph Kwamina Brainoo gave a brief background to the ceremony. He said; "In Medieval times, before a Knight received the accolades of Knighthood he would serve first as a page and then as a squire to prepare for the day when he knelt before his lord to receive his "Charge". (The "Charge" being the duties and responsibilities of a Knight).

To prepare himself, a Knight would profess the Act of Contrition and pray over his armour within the sanctuary of the church for the entire night before receiving his accolades. We have similar requirements for our own Knights. Knights are asked to profess the Act of Contrition, receive Holy Communion, receive Degrees, and recite the Indulgence Prayer with a contrite heart. Knights participating in the Armour of God Blessing and Investiture Ceremony should be reminded of these principles. The ceremony is conducted within the confines of a Prayer Service and contains within it several phases.

The Armour of God Blessing and Investiture Ceremony is intended to provide newly uniformed Knights with a greater understanding of the importance of the Knights of St. John International Military Order; whether the uniform worn by the Knight be the 1880 Full Dress or 1998 Marching Uniform. The focus of the ceremony is to express to a Knight the importance of wearing the "Armour of God" as stated in Ephesians 6:10-20 within their daily life. It must be remembered



that this ceremony was developed with the assistance of an ordained priest, and that the progression of events follows the prescribed Canon. The solemnity of the ceremony is enhanced with the inclusion of music. The progression of events should be adhered to, if at all possible, to insure the impact of the ceremony upon a Knight".

In the Homily, Very Rev. Father Peter Ekow Kaitoo, the Cathedral Administrator, who was the main celebrant, explained the Armour as a cloth that soldiers wore in the past to protect their bodies. He added that in the spiritual realm, armour is for protection against the powers of the devil referring to first reading taken from Ephesians 6:10-20 and the Gospel from Matthew 5:1-12. He said the Uniforms and Accessories are not for a "fashion show". It is not easy to put on the Armour because it entails struggle and fighting the world. He encouraged the Candidates to stand firm and arm themselves against the challenges of the world. Life is a war in this world he said. However, the war is not against flesh and blood but against powers of darkness, principalities and spirit of high places.

He said once you wear the uniform as Knights you should be new people that have nothing to do with the past. The Life of a Knight should attract people to the Kingdom of God and lead people to

heaven. He prayed for the grace of charity, hope and faith that is needed to overcome the evil by members.

Captain Joe Ben Dawaare, acting as Uniform Rank Commander invested the Candidates by taking them through the Five Pieces of Armour of God followed by some sword drills.

The Ceremony was concluded with the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Immediate Past Local Commandery President acting as President for the ceremony, 1st Lt. Francis Mensah, admonished the assembly by reciting the KSJI closing ceremony charge.

Knight Candidates were presented the following packet of material to assist with their spiritual growth wearing the "Armor of God".

- i. KSJI Indulgence Prayer Card.
- ii. Armor of God Scripture Passages.
- iii. Armor of God Prayers.

A light reception followed the ceremony for the candidates, families, friends and other invited Commanderies and Ladies Auxiliaries. This provided an opportunity for the assembled to revel in the solemnity and pageantry of the ceremony.

*Report File by
Captain Theophilus Brako,
Comm, # 397, Takoradi, Ghana*

Indiana Grand Commandery

From Friday, April 1, to Sunday, April 3, 2016, forty-six delegates descended on the charming Village of Spires, Oldenburg, Indiana, to participate in the 113th Indiana Grand Commandery Convention hosted by St. Joseph Commandery No. 220. We were blessed with the presence of the Supreme President, Gen. Dale Gossiaux, and the Supreme Counsel, Gen. Frank Waseleski along with our Indiana Grand Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Rock Travnika, OFM.

Friday night's activities included registration, a freewill offering wurst dinner, and a bowling tournament. Saturday began with breakfast, followed by a welcome from local Commandery No. 220 President, Jay Pfeiffer, and the opening of the business meeting led by Grand President Larry Neuman. A Mass was celebrated at Holy Family Church naming those Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members deceased in 2015 and remembering all deceased members of the Indiana Grand Commandery. Committees met after Mass to work on the business of the Grand. A lasagna lunch was provided by the Holy Family Venture Crew (an outreach of the Boy Scouts) and proceeds will be donated to that group. The afternoon was filled with the business meeting with committee reports. Much of the discussion was focused on accurate and timely reporting of monthly forms to the Grand Secretary. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Supreme Officers met with Commandery Presidents and Secretaries and discussed the proposed changes to the Supreme Constitution.

Saturday night began with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner. Students from Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception helped bus tables and a donation will be made to OASIS (Oldenburg Academy Students in Sports). Assistance for children with special needs is the primary charity work of the Indiana Grand Commandery. In 2015 alone, \$26,167 was donated by local commanderies to this cause. Since 1966, the lo-



cal commanderies of the Indiana Grand have donated \$630,895. The bowling tournament awards were announced and the 5th District reclaimed the traveling team trophy. The Indiana Grand Knight of the year was awarded to John Karges and presented by past Grand President and past Quartermaster General Eddie Obermeyer. The evening concluded with a dance and an auction raising \$1,796 to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Sunday concluded the Grand Convention with a group photo, followed by the parish Mass at Holy Family where the Knights and Ladies participated and dressed out. Brunch and farewells ended the morning. All is quiet again in Oldenburg.

*Brig. Gen. Matthew Trossman
Indiana Grand 1st Vice President*



Cincinnati Grand Commandery

On Sunday, March 6, members of Commanderies: #59, Reading, Ohio, # 97 and #98, Columbus, Ohio, #194, Piqua, Ohio, #300, Fort Loramie, Ohio, and #313, Maria Stein, Ohio, all members of the Cincinnati Grand, along with several members from the Kentucky and Indiana Grands, came together to honor Past Supreme President General Dan Vaske. Just before the final blessing at the end of Mass, at Dan's home parish of Sts. Peter and Paul he was escorted to the front of church by Supreme President General Dale Gossiaux and Past Supreme President General Tim Hoerst who presented him with the Knights of St. John Jewel of Honor.

Following the Mass and presentation, a reception in General Vaske's honor was held at the home of Commandery #59. Congratulations General Dan Vaske.

Cincinnati Grand Convention:

The joint Cincinnati Grand ~ Kentucky Grand Convention was held on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the home of Commandery #194, 110 S. Wayne Street, Piqua, Ohio. The day starts with registration, coffee and donuts and a joint session so all attending delegates may learn the daily schedule of events. A recess is then called and each Grand has separate meetings. When all business is completed another joint session is opened and all heard remarks from our Supreme President. A special thank you to Gen. Dale Gossiaux for attending and installing a three year trustee for each grand. The Convention concluded with all attending a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Boniface Church.

From #59 Cincinnati, OH:

The 2016 Commandery #59 Golf Outing is Sunday, August 7th, at Avon Fields Golf Course in Cincinnati, Ohio. We are having a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. This year's tournament again is open to all Knights, relatives and friends. The tournament is a scramble format with senior players (over 70) playing from the forward tees. The course itself is a fairly short open course that is suitable for all players. Cost for the tournament is \$300 per foursome.



This includes your golf & cart, along with food and drinks at the hall after the outing.

Ken Vaske is the tournament chairperson and can be reached at (513) 702-2675 or email at: kelsdav@yahoo.com. All entries need to be turned in by July 20, 2016. We are also looking for hole sponsors to help out our scholarship program for high school students. Contact Greg Ernstes at (513) 563-0641 or email at: dme62@aol.com.

We hope to see you there.

*Fraternally yours,
Ken Vaske*

From #97 & 98 Columbus, OH:

This past February members of Commandery 97 & 98 once again attended the St. Mary's Gala. The evening of food, drink, music, and a silent auction is always very enjoyable. All proceeds go to help support St. Mary's Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio's oldest Catholic School and the home parish of Commandery #98.

Now that Commandery #97 is growing and now has several uniformed members, the tradition of having an honor guard for the Confirmation at the Community of Holy Rosary-St. John's Church was re-established. As the parish continues to grow, we hope to revive other forgotten traditions.

Several members from Commandery #98 are once again gearing up for the Appalachia Project. It will be the project's 23rd year of serving the less fortunate in Scioto County, Ohio. The program consists of approximately 50 high school and college age youth from Christ the King and St. Catharine parishes and from several other high schools in Columbus. During the last week of June, these youth along with an experienced adult staff, journey to southern Ohio to do home repairs for the needy in this Appalachian area of Ohio. Roofing, siding, flooring, painting, bath and kitchen repairs are only a few of the jobs taken on each year. All supplies are either donated or purchased using money from a stock sale where parishioners invest in the youth, knowing fully where and how their donations are being used.

*Fraternally,
Jim Schafhausen
Cincinnati Grand President*

**SIGN UP
A NEW
MEMBER
TODAY**

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 22 to 24, 2016 – Williamsville, New York

The Sixty-Sixth Annual National Bowling Tournament was held in Williamsville, New York on April 22, 23 and 24, 2016.

The Sports Committee would like to thank Captain John Ernst and the members of Commandery No. 135 for hosting the tournament this year.

The weekend started out with the men defeating the women in the Officer's Match, held on Friday evening. A good time was had by those who attended the event.

On Friday and Saturday, a hospitality room was provided by the local committee. Each evening this social event was well attended.

Twenty-three teams participated in the tournament which was an increase over the past several years. Sadly, not every Grand Commandery sent a team to the tournament.

Next year's tournament will be held in Michigan. The dates will be April 21, 22 and 23, 2017. Information will be printed as soon as it becomes available

Hopefully everyone who participated had a good weekend and returned home safely. We are looking forward to seeing you all again in 2017.

The winners of this year's tournament are:

Team Event

Marlow Heights Bandits, Maryland – with a score of 2253 scratch plus 525 handicap for a total of 2778.

Doubles Event

Edward Wielinski and Michael Kinsley of New York with a score of 1070 scratch plus 345 handicap for a total of 1415.

Singles Event

Mike Stachura of New York with a score of 678 scratch plus 123 handicap for a total of 801.

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

2016 Supreme Convention Theme Basket Raffle

The city of Buffalo, New York will be the site for the 2016 Supreme Convention for the Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International. The "Theme Basket Raffle" has been a very successful endeavor during our past conventions. It was recommended that the "Theme Basket Raffle" once again be held during the 2016 convention to defer expenses for the convention.

The Committee is encouraging and inviting all Commanderies and Auxiliaries to participate in this effort and to donate at least one "Theme Basket" for this project. The cost of each basket should not be more than \$40.00 to \$50.00. The goal is to make your basket attractive enough to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. We are also welcoming monetary donations in lieu of "Theme Baskets". All baskets should be delivered to the convention by Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

The following is a list of suggestions for your "Theme Basket":

Bath and Body Basket	Romance Basket	Candle Basket
Snack Basket	Wine and Cheese Basket	Imported Beers Basket
Sport Snack Basket	Assorted Chocolates Basket	Hair Product
State/Country Basket	Religious Basket	NFG/NBA Theme Basket
Game Basket (Assortment of Adult or Children games)		

The baskets will be displayed at the Convention and the raffle tickets will be sold during the week of the convention. Each sheet of raffle tickets will cost \$5.00 or 5 sheets for \$20.00. Drawings will be held Saturday afternoon and winning numbers posted to aid winners in picking up baskets. The winning ticket numbers will be displayed throughout the convention center.

Let's work together to make our "2016 Theme Basket Raffle" another tremendous success!

To obtain a "Theme Basket" commitment form, or have any question or need additional information, please Contact:

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Accra West Grand Commandery

Accra West KSJI Donates to the Centre of Hope

The Accra West Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St John International as part of their annual charity work has donated assorted items and cash to the Centre of Hope, at Abossey Okai in Accra.

The delegation was led by the Grand President Brigadier General William Adjei and Grand Respected President Noble Sister Francesca Bright Adu. The Centre of Hope was established in 1990 by the Catholic Diocese of Accra as a non-governmental organisation to render selfless services to the poor, needy and aged.

The centre is run by the Fransiscan Missionaries of Mary, FMM and only operate on benevolent donations from the public.

Brigadier General William Adjei and Noble Sister Francesca Bright Adu presenting the items to the Centre commended them for their selfless sacrifices in taking care of the destitute, poor, needy, neglected and physically challenged persons.

Sr. Cynthia Colette Mwaakpaar, FMM who is the administrator of the Centre receiving the items expressed profound appreciation to the Accra West Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St John International for making the Centre a beneficiary of their charitable donations.

"On behalf of management and the beneficiaries of the Centre of Hope I wish to thank you very much for this selfless gesture and I pray for God's



continuous blessing on you all. I assure the order that the Centre will share the items with all inmates as well as other care giving centres."

She further briefed the members present of the aims and objectives of the Centre. "Centre of Hope is available to all poor, physically challenged, needy persons who are usually sponsored in Education to assure them of a better future. The aged as well as persons living with HIV/AIDS and anyone who can walk into the Centre under the above mentioned categories and will be attended to".

Rev. Sisters Pauline Bodi, FMM and Janet Ablorh, FMM and other members of the board of the Centre witnessed the ceremony.

Items including clothes, toiletries, rice, soap worth about GHS5,000 and a cash donation of GHS5,000 was donated to the Centre.

story by Kate Endswell Forson

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 832, Kwashieman:

On Saturday, 9th April, 2016 the Commandery initiated 9 new Brothers into their fold. The initiation was led by the Worthy President, Col. Prof. Peter Tuffuo Asubonteng with the assistance of Noble Brother John Fiifi Sackey, Grand Deputy Organiser. The new initiates were encouraged to be diligent Catholics and also dedicated to the course of the Order at all times.

They are: Abaka-Yankson Ebbin, Adegbe Lawrence, Antwi Richard Brent, Antwi-Boasiako Augustine Anane, Dadjangou Emmanuel, Debrah Derek Dwamena, Sarpong Richard Dwamena, Seweri-Boateng Laud Kojo, and Owusu Joseph William.

*Compiled by:
S/K Anthony Akrafi Asubonteng
R/C Secretary*

"THEME BASKET RAFFLE" DONATION FORM

Commandery/Auxiliary Name and No.: _____

City and State: _____

POC: _____ Telephone #: _____

Our Commandery/Auxiliary would like to donate the following "Theme Basket" for the 2016 International Fundraiser:

☐ Religious Basket ☐ Bath and Body ☐ Romance Basket ☐ Candle Basket
☐ Snack Basket ☐ Sports Basket ☐ Imported Beers Basket ☐ Assorted Chocolates Basket
☐ Hair Products Basket ☐ State/Country Basket ☐ Other: _____ (Please specify)

Please contact the committee of your theme basket commitment or monetary donations.

Please make checks/money orders payable to **Knights of St. John.**

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New York Grand Commandery

News Report From District 4

Delegates Meeting:

The First Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery 676, Trenton NJ, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament – Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, 716 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The meeting was well attended by delegates and officers from the three commanderies of the district. At this meeting, the district reaffirmed its earlier resolution to jointly host the Feast of St. John annually on rotation basis. Commandery 680 who won the ballot to host the 2016 Feast informed the delegates that they were ready to host the Feast on June 26, 2016.

Commandery 626:

According to the Worthy President, Brother Augustine Emeh, Commandery 626's strength has been increased with the initiation of one new brother by name: Pius Onwuzo. Both the Knights of Commandery 626 and LAUX 557 pledged the sum of \$11,000 to the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens for Generations of Faith. We congratulate them on this charitable and noble effort.

Commandery 676:

According to 1st Lt. Rudolph A. Weedor, the Knights of St. John International Commandery 676 of The Church of the Blessed Sacraments/ Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, added three (3) new members to its roster. The initiation of the three new members came after the Commandery declared the months of April and May as recruitment and membership drive



District 4 Delegates after the meeting.

months. Those initiated were: Brothers Lawrence Weah, Pius Tolbor and Francis Weah. The initiation commenced on April 2nd, 2016, with a planned community service at the Villa Victoria Convent in Ewing, New Jersey, which was halted because of the heavy down pour of rain. The initiation process continued on Saturday, April 16, with a Religious Retreat conducted by Rev. Fr. Pierre Lunimbu. The initiation concluded on Sunday, April 17, 2016 with a Eucharistic Mass conducted by Fr. Pierre Lunimbu and the introduction of the new brothers to the Congregation. We welcome the new members to the Noble Order of KSJI and wish them joyful experience.

Commandery 680:

Brothers of Commandery 680 participated in the Archdiocese of Newark Men's Conference which was held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. This is a day of reflection for men. The conference featured workshops with inspiring and challenging discussions under the theme: "Come Follow Me".

Over five thousand men participated in the Conference. They were drawn from the Catholic Communities and Parishes under the Archdiocese of Newark. The conference concluded with confessions and Eucharistic Celebration with the Archbishop of Newark Archdiocese, Most Rev. John Meyers, as the Chief Celebrant.

Most Rev. Bernard Hebda of the ArchDiocese of Newark visited the Igbo Catholic Community Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark NJ on Sunday February 21, 2016. Bishop Hebda presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and was assisted by Monsignor Col. Anselm Nwaorgu and other Priests. Knights of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 mounted a guard of honor for the visiting Bishop.

The Supreme Secretary, Lt. Gen Tom Zdanowicz, visited and worshipped at Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark, NJ where he celebrated with the family of Njoku who had a Birthday Thanksgiving Service for their twin children Emmanuel & Emmanuela Njoku (Tom's little angel) on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Upcoming Events:

*District 4 Joint Feast of St. John the Baptist – June 26th, 2015, to be hosted by Commandery 680, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 610 Clinton Avenue, Newark NJ 07108.

*New York Grand Delegates & Officers Meeting: Saturday, May 7, 2016, at Com. #41's Club House, Utica

*Supreme Convention: July, 2016 - Millennium Hotel, 240 Walden Ave, Buffalo NY 14225.



Lt. Gen. Tom (right) with the Njoku's (Emmanuel & Emmanuela) and Capt. Titus Osuagwu, Commandery 680 Commander.

*Fraternally submitted:
Capt. Titus Osuagwu
Media and Information Officer*

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

Young Brothers Workshop:

Young Brothers Workshop is an innovation of Port Harcourt Grand Commandery. The idea was born out of an observation that aspirants to the Order do receive less than six month's catechesis on the major doctrines of the Church and on the major objects of the Order. So, the Grand Commandery created a forum, devoid of the anxiety that accompanies the ceremony of initiation, in which a basic foundation is laid for understanding the Order and growing in it.

The Young Brothers Workshop, which is held annually, and which lasts for three days, features drill practices, lectures, Holy Mass and Confessions.

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery held its Young Brothers Workshop from 11th March to 13th March, 2016 at Youth Technical/ Secondary School in Oyigbo, Rivers State. 54 brothers were drawn from the last set of new initiates and those of past sets who had not taken the programme before.

The Grand President, Brig. General George Ikioumoton, gave the Keynote address and opened the Workshop at 5:00pm on Friday 11th March, 2016.

Col Daniel Onuoha gave a brief history of Catholic Knighthood and then emphasized the history of the Order in the USA, in Nigeria and in Port Harcourt Diocese and Bomadi Vicariate. He explained the structure of the Order, and how to advance in it.

Major Benjamin Iwuoha delivered a talk on the theme of the workshop – “*The Rough Road*”.

Captain Sylvanus Ukaegbu, of Commandery #445, Aba, conducted drill practices which took place in two sessions.

The Grand President then took on Discipline in the Order and taught the brothers that discipline was the soul of this army of Christ. He showed them that discipline was a way of life in speech, and dressing, and in all relationships in the family, the Church and the Order.

Steve Ekwelibe, Prof Adebayo Ejele, and Major Peter Okoh presented papers.

Rev Fr. Felix Nnabuchi said the final Mass on Sunday at 11:00 am. Each participant received a certificate of participation.

College of Knights, Port Harcourt Diocese:

On 23rd December, 2015, the Catholic Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese, Most Rev. Camillus A. Etokudoh, invited the Knights of St Mulumba and Knights of St John International to an end-of the year meeting with him. The meeting featured an opening Mass and presentations by both Orders.

Then followed a question and answers session, and lavish entertainment. The Bishop was so pleased with the frank discussions that he announced that he would want such get together at the leadership levels of both Orders from time to time to assist him handling some problems in the Diocese. He fondly named the group, “*College of Knights*”.

On the Feb. 15, delegates from the two Orders met to inaugurate the College. The Bishop immediately assigned two knotty issues to the college and two Committees were formed to tackle these problems. Again, on March 23rd, the college met, and the Bishop spelt out the terms of reference for the “college”: s among different groups;

(ii) You are to be active participants in the infrastructural, social and economic development of the Diocese. and

(iii) You are to participate in the training of priests and in catechesis.

Papal Knights in the Diocese are to be part of the college.

Easter Activities:

St Matthias Commandery #535, Yenagoa held its Easter retreat for two days in Bomadi. Very Rev. Fr. Opelema moderated the retreat. Our brothers participated actively in all parish Lenten and Easter programmes throughout Port Harcourt Diocese and Bomadi Vicariate.

Called Home:

Four brothers have fallen this year, the latest being Major George Akpan Ukpung. Brother Ukpung joined the St Mary's Commandery #460, in 1988 and served the Order in various capacities. A well-known philanthropist, he was very generous to the Catholic Church in Port Harcourt and in his home town, Ikot Ekpene. His burial drew two Bishops, numerous



Major George Akpan Ukpung

clergy and the religious, and over one thousand of the lay faithful. May his soul rest in peace.

*Col. Dan Onuoha
Grand Secretary*

(Supreme Spiritual Dir. from page 4)

Christ's hands, feet, mouth, patience, kindness, understanding, and mercy. Christ makes His dwelling place within us and compels us to “Come Out of Ourselves.”

My dear Knights and Ladies, continue to come out of yourselves and demonstrate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy wherever you are. When we do this, we glorify God. Always remind yourselves, what you do is not about you, or a title, or ambition - it is about Jesus Christ.

As always, I thank you for your Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Keep “Coming Out of Yourself” and do what is needed in the name of Jesus Christ, and for the good of our Order.

See you at the Convention in Bufalo.

Peace and blessings,

*Msgr. Federico Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Member- ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member- ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16		Member- ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member- ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16
Baltimore/Washington Grand Commandery					Unattached Commanderies				
4 Baltimore, MD	9	1	6	2	520 London, UK	20	18	21	10
74 Upper Marlboro, MD	6	3	6 *	3 *	608 Los Angeles, CA	30	15	33	20
115 Mitchellville, MD	23	5	23	5	739 Hamburg, Ger.	27	3	28	6
218 Washington, DC	8	4	7	4	Total	77	36	82	36
283 Bowie, MD	25	2	24	2	Accra-East Grand Commandery				
286 Washington, DC	30 *	3 *	20	5	405 Tema, Gh.	120	26	88	35
287 Atlantic City, NJ	17	16	15	13	413 Osu, Gh.	41	24	36	18
296 Washington, DC	20	7	17	9	431 Adabraka, Gh.	66	35	66	36
302 Washington, DC	6	3	6	3	596 Adenta, Gh.	57	32	71	32
309 La Plata, MD	30	9	30	10	604 Madina, Gh.	81	31	55	36
370 Bushwood, MD	7	2	6	2	609 Accra, Gh.	75	47	72	40
373 Aquasco, MD	12	2	11	2	630 Ashaimon, Gh.	38	25	41	24
378 Clinton, MD	7 *	4 *	7 *	0 *	736 Cantonments, Gh.	31	18	28	22
386 Mechanicville, MD	8	4	14	9	758 La, Gh.	34	13	31	16
388 Washington, DC	14	8	11	8	795 Teshie, Gh.	26	4	37	15
586 Charlotte, NC	22	3	8	8	798 Airport-West, Gh.	22	10	34	26
615 Philadelphia, PA	34	12	26	13	799 Nungua-Accra, Gh.	16	0	25	5
Total	277	88	237	98	814 37-Accra, Gh.	--	--	17	4
Buffalo Grand Commandery					833 Ashalay-Botue, Accra, Gh.	--	--	29	3
138 Buffalo, NY	44	39	43	38	834 Ashongman, Gr. Accra, Gh.	--	--	22	2
204 Depew, NY	32	30	31	29	846 Lashibi, Greater Accra, Gh.	--	--	20	11
347 Lancaster, NY	12	5	11	4	847 Osu, Greater Accra, Gh.	--	--	17	2
377 Lancaster, NY	14	13	9	7	850 Tema, Gh.	--	--	44	23
381 West Seneca, NY	13	9	11	9	869 Dome-Kwabanya, Accra, Gh.	--	--	16	4
382 West Seneca, NY	80	44	75	37	Total	607	316	749	354
387 Orchard Park, NY	26	11	20	10	Accra-West Grand Commandery				
391 Blasdell, NY	23	12	20	10	351 Derby Ave., Accra, Gh.	102	50	61	26
408 Springville, NY	15	12	13	10	482 Abeka, Gh.	84	49	72	48
710 Brampton, Ont. Can.	23	5	30	12	495 Mataheko, Gh.	64	48	73	46
Total	282	180	263	166	497 Achimota, Gh.	56	41	67	40
Cincinnati Grand Commandery					500 Dansoman, Gh.	64	40	67	36
59 Reading, OH	93	12	91	12	618 Kpehe, Gh.	43	23	54	26
97 Columbus, OH	11	1	10	3	619 New Achimota, Gh.	29	15	32	21
98 Columbus, OH	82	8	69	7	747 New Aplaku, Gh.	39	20	57	27
194 Piqua, OH	52 *	5 *	50	5	749 Nima, Gh.	25	12	30	16
300 Fort Laramie, OH	88	8	84	7	760 Pokuase, Gh.	46	15	46	23
313 Maria Stein, OH	307	22	297	22	797 Mamprobi, Gh.	--	--	45	29
Total	633	56	601	56	815 Kaneshie, Gh.	--	--	44	19
Indiana Grand Commandery					825 Dansoman, Accra, Gh.	--	--	30	17
31 Greensburg, IN	45	6	46	5	829 Kotobabi, Accra, Gh.	--	--	28	9
172 Richmond, IN	36	0	29 *	0 *	832 Kwashieman, Accra, Gh.	--	--	34	23
220 Oldenburg, IN	82	14	68	13	835 Taifa, Accra, Gh.	--	--	27	8
227 Millhousen, IN	74	3	70	3	841 Odorkor, Accra, Gh.	--	--	31	12
243 Batesville, IN	81	5	86	0	848 Abelenkpa, Accra, Gh.	--	--	20	4
276 Hamburg, IN	28	2	28	2	849 Accra, Gh.	--	--	18	1
282 St. Wendel, IN	294	16	302	13	851 New Achimota, Gr. Accra, Gh.	--	--	15	0
306 Evansville, IN	12	0	12 *	0 *	852 Mallam, Gr. Accra, Gh.	--	--	26	5
335 Evansville, IN	27	1	27	0	Total	552	313	877	436
345 Haubstadt, IN	191	0	183	0	Cape Coast Grand Commandery				
355 Evansville, IN	44	0	47	0	346 Saltpond, Gh.	27	10	24	10
Total	914	47	912	37	354 Sekondi, Gh.	34	23	35	27
Kentucky Grand Commandery					357 Cape Coast, Gh.	52	25	79	24
94 Covington, KY	60	5	64	6	397 Takoradi, Gh.	76	56	75	60
103 Louisville, KY	43	12	41	8	409 Agona-Swedru, Gh.	34	22	37	22
130 Louisville, KY	18	3	12	12	429 Elmina, Gh.	25	12	25	12
Total	121	20	117	26	436 Tarkwa, Gh.	53	34	41	29
Michigan Grand Commandery					437 Axim, Gh.	10	8	17	6
69 Eastpointe, MI	17	2	17	2	499 Effiakuma, Takoradi, Gh.	44	34	39	31
171 Sterling Hgts., MI	11 *	6 *	13	6	521 Prestea, Gh.	41	23	41	21
239 St. Clair Shores, MI	28	14	29	16	543 Dunkwa-On-Offin, Gh.	22	7	22	12
742 Brooklyn Ctr., MN	25	0	27	9	616 Abura-Dunkwa, Gh.	17	5	16	5
Total	81	22	86	33	750 Nsuta-Wassaw, Gh.	20	15	19	15
New York Grand Commandery					794 Winneba, Gh.	20	13	22	13
37 Syracuse, NY	20 *	0 *	20 *	0 *	813 Bibiani, Gh.	--	--	39	5
40 Rochester, NY	21	2	16	2	818 AssinFosu, Gh.	9	0	16	0
41 Utica, NY	65	15	55	15	819 AwutuBereku, Gh.	18	0	19	0
100 Schenectady, NY	82	8	71	6	820 Tamso, Gh.	18	0	18	7
308 Rochester, NY	36	13	XX	XX	826 Asankragua, Gh.	--	--	27	12
385 Utica, NY	92	19	87	12	842 BrehmanAsikuma, Gh.	--	--	19	0
626 Ozone Park, NY	28	22	28	27	853 Kwesimintim, Gh.	--	--	32	20
676 Trenton, NJ	29	14	35	16	Total	551	291	688	335
680 Newark, NJ	48	18	37	21	Koforidua-Ho Grand Commandery				
Total	421	111	349	99	352 Keta, Gh.	20	5	16	5
Ohio Grand Commandery					374 Hohoe, Gh.	36	17	33	16
281 Lorain, OH	24	10	17	5	399 Kpando, Gh.	28	6	23	12
330 Cleveland, OH	28	12	30	14	400 Nkawkaw, Gh.	17	12	18	12
Total	52	22	47	19	403 Koforidua, Gh.	107	55	100	60
					417 Denu, Gh.	9	5	9	6
					418 Akim-Oda, Gh.	24	12	34	8
					419 Agomanya, Gh.	32	9	40	14
					424 Teteman, Gh.	21	5	15	5
					425 Ho, Gh.	59	36	37	33
					428 Aflao, Gh.	17	7	16	8

	Member-ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member-ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16		Member-ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member-ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16
444 Akwatia, Gh	22	11	16	8					
453 Asamankese, Gh	27	17	28	19					
480 Kwahu tafo, Gh	17	6	11	7					
488 Somanya, Gh	26	10	33	14					
510 Abor, Gh	16	4	18	5					
679 Akosombo, Gh	22	9	20	8					
740 Adoagyiiri, Gh	37	11	24	13					
741 Tease, Gh	18	1	18	0					
748 Nkwanta, Gh	21	0	21	1					
767 Kade, Gh	18	8	14	6					
810 Ho-Kpevele, Gh	26	0	24	11					
811 Effiduase, Gh	22	0	26	2					
812 Donkorkrom, Gh	25	0	16	0					
817 New Abirem, Gh	25	0	19	0					
827 Suhum, Gh	--	--	21	2					
855 Ho, Gh	--	--	12	6					
Total	692	246	672	281					
Kumasi Grand Commandery									
368 Kumasi, Gh	70	38	82	44					
393 Sunyani, Gh	72	36	85	37					
406 Obuasi, Gh	46	24	46	24					
416 Techiman, Gh	27	14	37	11					
454 Mim, Gh	20	2	18 *	15 *					
455 Berekum, Gh	35	25	28	22					
457 Konongo, Gh	31	15	35	19					
484 S. Suntreso-Ksi, Gh	42	34	40	30					
544 Wenchi, Gh	40	11	33	14					
617 Knust, Gh	39	23	39 *	25 *					
624 Asewase-Ksi, Gh	28	16	39 *	21 *					
664 Kintampo, Gh	19	6	18	6					
754 Tapa, Gh	17	2	17 *	2 *					
755 Goaso, Gh	17	3	19 *	3 *					
756 Drobo, Gh	22	10	24	10					
757 Penkwase Sunyani, Gh	27	8	29	12					
789 Bekwai-Ashanti, Gh	22	4	16	4					
836 Tanoso, Gh	--	--	25	3					
854 Mampong, Gh	--	--	18	1					
Total	574	271	648	303					
Tamale Grand Commandery									
392 Ola, Gh	71	41	88	43					
412 Naavrongo, Gh	87	24	86	23					
443 Bolgatanga, Gh	103	56	118	65					
491 Damongo, Gh	21	5	27	4					
492 Tamale, Gh	60	24	64	31					
515 Bawku, Gh	33	9	50	15					
677 Bolgatanga, Gh	41	24	39	25					
683 Tamale, Gh	21	12	35	14					
828 Wiaga-Bolgatanga, Gh	--	--	21	12					
Total	437	195	528	232					
Wa Grand Commandery									
411 Wa, Gh	144	48	142	54					
426 Nandom, Gh	82	34	89	37					
427 Jirapa, Gh	112	34	115	36					
439 Tumu, Gh	32	17	31	21					
517 Wa, Gh	119	47	129	66					
628 Bole, Gh	32	4	30	4					
629 Boo, Gh	34	20	37	27					
735 Lawra, Gh	39	16	40	18					
744 Nadowli, Gh	32	1	36	6					
745 Kaleo, Gh	38	12	47	13					
746 Hamile, Gh	24	8	22	5					
Total	688	241	718	287					
Sierra Leone Grand Commandery									
420 Freetown, S.L.	54	28	46	27					
458 Freetown, S.L.	76	51	77	61					
471 Freetown, S.L.	55	35	54	32					
527 Juba, S.L.	23	16	28	15					
610 Kenema, S.L.	56	25	51	20					
623 Kenema, S.L.	27	11	27	14					
663 Keidu, Kono, S.L.	20	7	16	4					
675 Bo City, S.L.	35	8	36	10					
681 Freetown, S.L.	30	7	31	9					
682 Freetown, S.L.	36	5	27	10					
734 Makeni, S.L.	21	0	21	10					
737 Kenema, S.L.	17	8	17	9					
743 Freetown, S.L.	27	10	22	14					
766 Freetown, S.L.	20	4	19	6					
790 Bo, S.L.	17	0	17	2					
791 Freetown, S.L.	18	9	25	12					
792 Blama, S.L.	15	0	15	1					
793 Kono, S.L.	27	0	29	2					
816 Bo, S.L.	--	--	15	1					
870 Bo, S.L.	--	--	19	0					
871 Waterloo, S.L.	--	--	18	0					
872 Moriba Town, S.L.	--	--	19	0					
Total	574	224	629	259					
Abuja Grand Commandery									
472 Garki, Abuja, Nig.	87	78	93	87					
541 Lakoja, Koji, Nig.	22	15	13	11					
574 Maitama-Abuja FCT, Nig.	57	55	59	52					
595 Kubwa, FCT, Abuja, Nig.	58	49	56	47					
648 Wuye-Abuja, Nig.	19	15	17	17					
649 Gwagwalada,FCT, Nig.	29	23	32	29					
652 Gwarimpa-Abuja, FCT, Nig. .	24	24	29	21					
653 Wuse FCT, Abuja, Nig.	40	35	37	35					
669 Life Camp FCT, Abuja, Nig. ..	21	20	23	21					
670 Abaji FCT, Abuja, Nig.	7	6	3 *	3 *					
671 Kuje FCT, Abuja, Nig.	22	19	25	21					
672 Akwango, Nasarawa, Nig.	8	8	9	7					
678 Kanu FCT, Abuja, Nig.	48	45	52	50					
695 Bwari, Abuja, Nig.	21	21	23	22					
696 Abuja FCT, Nig.	24	12	30	25					
697 Lugbe FCT, Abuja, Nig.	29	24	24	21					
738 Mpape FCT, Abuja, Nig.	20	5	12	11					
805 Mararaba, Nasarara, Nig.	26	21	30	28					
Total	562	475	567	508					
Awka Grand Commandery									
434 Awka, Nig.	159	142	150	146					
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra,Nig.	49	35	51	25					
545 Enugwu-Ukwu, Nig.	57	54	53	40					
546 Igbo-Ukwu, Nig.	30	32	31	27					
548 Umunze, Nig.	27	21	23	20					
588 Agulu, Nig.	37	36	39	38					
589 Uga, Nig.	23 *	18 *	23	15					
613 Abagana, Anambra, Nig.	14	11	15	14					
645 AdaziNnukwu, Nig.	24	19	27	21					
712 Gra, Awka, Nig.	34	32	44	41					
759 Ajalli, Nig.	11	8	15	11					
Total	465	398	471	398					
Benin Grand Commandery									
462 Issele-Uku, Nig.	55	53	52	52					
489 Warri, Nig.	54	54	59	50					
494 Benin City, Nig.	42	39	42 *	38 *					
549 Obiaruku, Nig.	27	27	29	26					
550 Asaba, Nig.	35	35	57	57					
551 Agbor, Nig.	22	21	18	18					
552 Benin City, Nig.	43	43	46	46					
553 Auch, Nig.	23	23	29	28					
554 Abraka, Nig.	39	34	38	35					
555 Benin City, Nig.	55	46	54	54					
556 Uromi, Nig.	28	26	26 *	25 *					
598 Ughelli, Nig.	31	31	46	36					
599 Sapele, Nig.	23	20	30	25					
717 Benin City, Nig.	30	18	38	35					
719 Fugar,Nig.	14	14	17	15					
720 Eme-Ora,Nig.	16	16	15	15					
722 Benin City, Nig.	19	19	27	27					
724 Benin City, Nig.	15	15	23	22					
725 Benin City, Nig.	11	11	16	0					
728 Warri, Nig.	21	21	24	24					
729 Warri, Nig.	23	23	24 *	23 *					
730 Warri, Nig.	24	24	29	6					
731 Ogwashi-Ukwu, Nig.	18	18	26	16					
732 Ekpoma, Nig.	25	24	21	21					
733 Benin City, Nig.	27	27	30	30					
859 Asaba, Delta, Nig.	--	--	16	0					
860 Asaba, Delta, Nig.	--	--	19	0					
861 Asaba, Delta, Nig.	--	--	18	0					
862 Ugbelu, Delta, Nig.	--	--	19	0					
863 Asaba, Delta, Nig.	--	--	18	0					
864 Asaba, Delta, Nig.	--	--	16	0					
865 Okpanem, Delta, Nig.	--	--	20	0					
Total	720	682	942	724					
Calabar Grand Commandery									
423 IkotEkpene, Nig.	41	23	44	37					
450 Uyo, Nig.	73	41	79	53					
461 Calabar, Cross River, Nig.	59	30	53	39					
483 Ogoja, Nig.	46	23	37	28					
530 Akamkpa, Cross River, Nig. ..	21	14	25	18					
536 Oron, Akwa-Ibom, Nig.	24	12	24	14					
537 Essene, Akwa-Ibom, Nig.	30	18	27	27					
538 Calabar, Cross River, Nig.									

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703	Abak, Akwalbom, nig.	24	16	22	16			573	Ihadan, Oyo, Nig.	37 *	37 *	35	34
704	Calabat, Cross Rive, Nig.	30	22	25	21			640	Badagry, Lagos, Nig.	25 *	25 *	26	25
782	Calabar, Cross River, Nig.	27	29	28	24			641	Ikorodu, Lagos, Nig.	16 *	16 *	17	16
783	Calabar, Cross River, nig.	14	9	16	12			642	Falomo, Lagos, Nig.	45 *	43 *	40	39
784	Calabar, Cross River, nig.	16	10	15	12			643	Festac, Lagos, Nig.	60 *	60 *	57	56
785	Apakbuyo, Cross River, Nig. .	8	6	6	5			715	Orile, Lagos, Nig.	26 *	26 *	24	23
786	Anua, Awka-Ibom, Nig.	17	12	16	11			716	Ipaja, Lagos, Nig.	25 *	12 *	20	19
787	NdonEbom, Awka Ibom, Nig	14	8	14	11			718	Ado, Ekiti, Nig.	19 *	15 *	22	21
788	Sankwala, Cross River, Nig. .	15	0	13	9			721	Isolo Lagos, Nig.	35 *	35 *	31	29
	Total	771	469	740	576			723	Okota, Lagos, Nig.	26 *	17 *	25	21
								726	Idimu, Lagos, Nig.	28 *	20 *	25	24
								727	Iju, Lagos Ni.	19 *	3 *	26	25
								771	Lekki, Lagos, Nig.	9	18	29	12
								772	Ondo, Ondo, Nig.	21 *	0 *	9	2
								773	LkareAwoko, Nig.	14	8	15	14
								774	Nairobi, Kenya	17 *	0 *	XX	XX
								775	Nairobi, Kenya	17 *	0 *	15	14
								838	Lagos, Lagos, Nig.	--	--	28	6
									Total	743	608	659	543

	Member- ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member- ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16
533 Aba, Abia, Nig.	80	79	79	67
534 Umungasi, Aba, Nig.	75	17	42	44
539 Ikeduru, Imo, Nig.	88	62	33	28
559 Uli, Orlu, Nig.	89	76	--	--
560 Izambe, Imo, Nig.	37	21	19	15
561 Nguru, Mbaise, Nig.	87 *	69 *	51	50
562 Ezinihitte, Mbaise, Nig.	60	59	58	41
563 IhitteEtiti, Nig.	51	50	51	50
564 Isiala, Mbano, Nig.	63	63	48	35
565 Ehine, Mbano, Nig.	49	46	56	44
566 Ihioma, Mbano, Nig.	44	29	--	--
631 Ohafia, Nig.	24	18	23	18
632 Oloko, Nig.	46	13	48	34
636 Umuaka, Imo, Nig.	29	29	--	--
654 Obowo, Nig.	49	43	57	48
655 Aladinma, Owerri, Nig.	73	46	80	51
656 Ehime, Mbano, Nig.	35 *	29 *	28	26
705 Umuacha, Abia, Nig.	27	23	27	18
777 Uratta, Imo, Nig.	21	20	24	16
778 Onyea, Imo, Nig.	63	62	19	14
780 Ezi, East -Maise, Imo, Nig. ...	26	17	30	21
781 Ekwereazu-Abiasu, Imo, Nig.	13	7	16	9
824 AttahIkeduru, Imo, Nig.	--	--	33	22
Total	2005	1567	1510	1199

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

460 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig.	139	121	125	75
535 Yenogoa, Rivers, Nig.	47 *	8 *	39	25
558 Elele, Nig.	40	34	29	25
633 Oyigbo, Nig.	52 *	43 *	47	45
634 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. ...	47 *	34 *	56	51
635 Bodo, Gokana, Nig.	41 *	31 *	26	24
713 Bonny, Rivers, Nig.	29 *	0 *	16	10
759 Ajeil, Anambra, Nig.	20 *	0 *	20 *	0 *
779 Woji, Rivers, Nig.	27	8	42	27
800 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. ...	18	12	35	20
801 Rumueme, Rivers, Nig.	27	6	56	31
802 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. ...	27	3	18	6
804 Bori, Rivers, Nig.	20	11	15	11
806 Kaima, Bayelsa, Nig.	21	0	14	4
807 Igboegene, Bayelsa, Nig.	19	0	15	8
837 Omoku, Rivers, Nig.	--	--	16	0
843 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. ...	--	--	10	1
844 Ahoada, Rivers, Nig.	--	--	12	3
845 UnuaturuEtche, Nig.	--	--	18	6
857 Rumuokoro, Rivers, Nig.	--	--	19 *	0 *
858 Diobu, Rivers, Nig.	--	--	18 *	0 *
Total	574	311	678	372

Togo Grand Commandery

364 Lome, Togo	56 *	28 *	45	26
376 Sokode, Togo	10	0	11	5
398 Kpalime, Togo	9 *	4 *	13	3
407 Tesvie, Togo	32	16	25	15
410 Lome, Togo	33	23	28	23
421 Aneho, Togo	13	7	13	7
464 Atakpame, Togo	22	7	18	8
465 Lome, Togo	31 *	16 *	32	20
501 Lome, Togo	25 *	10 *	32	15
502 Lome, Togo	27	16	28	15
503 Kpalime, Togo	9 *	4 *	11	4
504 Kioto, Togo	10	1	9	2
513 Lome, Togo	15 *	5 *	15 *	-- *
514 Lome, Togo	25 *	8 *	29	13
522 Kara, Togo	16 *	6 *	19	2
523 Kpeme Lacs, Togo	12 *	6 *	13	6
542 Lome, Togo	10 *	3 *	10	7
574 Atakpame, Togo	18	6	17 *	3 *
575 Vogan, Togo	9 *	2 *	9 *	-- *
625 Lome, Togo	24	5	22 *	6 *
627 Lome, Togo	16 *	9 *	17	8
768 Agoe, Togo	18	0	18 *	0 *
Total	440	182	434	188

Trinidad and Tobago Grand Commandery

202 Port of Spain, W.I.	5 *	0 *	5	0
261 Arima, W.I.	1 *	0 *	XX	XX
301 San Fernando, W.I.	0 *	0 *	XX	XX
312 San Juan, W.I.	0 *	0 *	XX	XX
323 Carapichaima, W.I.	0 *	0 *	XX	XX
327 Sangre Grande, W.I.	4 *	0 *	XX	XX
333 Carapichaima, W.I.	8 *	0 *	XX	XX
342 Port of Spain, W.I.	2 *	0 *	XX	XX
353 Thnapuna, W.I.	0 *	0 *	XX	XX
Total	20	0	5	0

Gbarnga-Cape Palmas Grand Commandery

371 Grand Cess, Grand Kru, Lib.	18 *	2 *	18 *	2 *
394 Harper, Maryland, Lib.	16	6	16 *	6 *
404 Yekepa, Lib.	34 *	2 *	17	--
432 Saniquelle, Nimba, Lib.	37	9	38	8

	Member- ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member- ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16
466 Pleebo, Maryland, Lib.	25	3	25	3
467 Zwedru, Grand Gedeh, Lib.	32	2	31	2
468 Gbarnga, Bong, Lib.	32	6	48	10
611 Ganta City, Nimba, Lib.	36	6	36 *	6 *
612 Voinjama, Lofa, Lib.	14 *	0 *	18	0
620 Tappita, Nimba, Lib.	20 *	0 *	26	2
662 Barrekan, Maryland, Lib.	21	0	21 *	0 *
796 Foya, Lafa, Lib.	18 *	0 *	18 *	0 *
808 Gbarnga, Bong, Lib.	22 *	0 *	22 *	0 *
831 Greenville, Sinde, Lib.	--	--	17 *	0 *
Total	325	36	351	39

Monrovia Grand Commandery

366 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	94	45	95	54
442 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	83	51	72	51
449 Kakata, Maragibi, Lib.	14	6	14 *	5 *
451 Unification Town, Mar., Lib. ...	17	4	15	5
473 Buchanan, Grand Bassa, Lib.	27	9	33 *	10 *
475 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	55	25	49	26
519 Harbel, Margibi, Lib.	42	4	39 *	4 *
525 West Point, Monrovia, Lib. ...	35	7	41	13
526 New Matadi, Monrovia, Lib.	35	7	27	7
578 Lac, Grand Bassa, Lib.	15	5	24	8
607 Paynesville, Montserrado, ...	28	18	27	18
661 Claratown, Monrovia, Lib. ...	19	3	18	5
Total	464	184	454	206

St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery

435 Gardnersville, Mont., Lib.	113	26	88	22
441 Paynesville, Mont., Lib.	146	26	154	26
448 Duala, Monrovia, Lib.	74	26	87	31
470 Loganntown, Monrovia, Lib.	21	6	30	0
524 Barnersville, Mont, Lib.	74	20	71	27
605 Paynesville City, Lib.	27	6	43	11
606 Caldwell, Monrovia, Lib.	35	7	35	0
621 Virginia, Mont. Lib.	32	3	34	0
622 Tubmanburg, Bomi, Lib.	53	1	39	0
809 Bopulu Dist., Gbarpolo, Lib.	32	0	23	0
Total	607	121	604	117

* No Report

XX Disbanded

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

January 1, 2014	17,805
New Members 2014 and 2015	2,736
Total	20,541

Deaths	606
Disbanded	87
Resignations	134
Expulsions	990
Suspensions	79
Loss Totals	1,896

Total Membership - January 1, 2016 18,645
(net increase of 840 members)

Uniform Members - January 1, 2014	9,614
Uniform Members - January 1, 2016	10,163
(increase of 549 uniform members)	

PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY

The following equipment is to be found in the office of the Supreme Secretary for the operation of the office: 2 KSJI Seals; 1 Steel Fireproof Safe Cabinet; 1 Office Swivel Chair; 3 Steel Filing Cabinet; 1 Panasonic Telephone with Answering Machine and fax (model- KX-FP121); 1 HP Pavilion (A-450) Computer w/programs; 1 Acer Monitor; 1 HP Keyboard w/mouse; 1 HP Deskjet Printer (1120C); 1 HP Officejet Pro 8600 (4 in 1 Printer/Scanner/Fax/Copier); 1 Olympus wireless tape recorder; 1 Sharp AR M162 Office Copier (takes paper up to 11" X 17" (purchased in 1994, can no longer purchase parts for full office operation); 1 Galaxy Computer Desk (model #SP1049-ID); 1 High-Speed Staples Paper Shredder (#703283); 1 Coleman Powermate #8750 Power Generator.

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are a lot of Resolutions that must be voted on, committee reports to be reviewed and the election of officers for the 2016 – 2018 term of office. If you are a committee chairperson, please remember to bring enough copies of your report for the Supreme Board meeting on Monday and Tuesday with more copies for the Convention beginning on Wednesday. Please refer to this journal for all of the details on the timing of the events and make your plans accordingly.

I would like to thank all of those who made my job as your Supreme President a little easier, including, Lt. Gens. Thomas DeLuca, Thomas Zdanowicz and Terry McCann. A special thanks goes out to Gens. Tim Hoerst, Frank Waseleski and John Windsor, Jr., who, as past presidents gave me a lot of good advice during the solutions of the thornier issues. Their experiences and insights helped me when I needed them the most. Overseas, I would like to thank Lt. Gen. Dan Okekenta for his insight and thoughts on the Supreme Commandery and Nigeria and to Maj. Gen. Anslem Okafor for his stewardship of the members in the Supreme Subordinate Commandery – Nigeria. Additionally, my sincerest thanks go out to Maj. Gen. Dennis Adjei for his shepherding of the membership in Ghana and to all of the Grand Commandery Presidents throughout the world for your leadership for the knights in your Grand Commanderies. As your servant, I could not do this job all alone, no one can. I hope that I was able to leave the organization a little bit better than when I was first elected. I have tried to get more members actively involved in some of the committees for a fresh perspective and a slightly new direction. Only time will tell if it was truly effective.

As I have been closing out my articles, I would like everyone to remember to pray for all victims of violence and terrorism wherever it occurs in the world, especially in those areas where the members of the Knights of St. John International or the Ladies Auxiliary reside. Through our prayer, we ask that God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, will help make those who carry out these heinous acts see that their way does not lead to heaven, it only aids the evil one and the evil he represents.

I hope to see many of you at the convention and wish upon you all the blessings and grace of God!

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

In Memoriam

Commandery:

41 Utica, NY
100 Schenectady, NY
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100 Schenectady, NY
100 Schenectady, NY
103 Louisville, KY
103 Louisville, KY
204 Depew, NY
287 Atlantic City, NJ
287 Atlantic City, NJ
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300 Fort Laramie, OH
300 Fort Laramie, OH
300 Fort Laramie, OH
313 Maria Stein, OH
364 Lome, Togo
381 West Seneca, NY
385 Utica, NY
385 Utica, NY
385 Utica, NY
377 Lancaster, NY
391 Blasdel, NY
403 Koforidua, Ghana
403 Koforidua, Ghana
419 Agormanya, Ghana
419 Agormanya, Ghana
419 Agormanya, Ghana
430 Nsukka, Enugu, Nigeri
439 Tumu, Ghana
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria
460 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
460 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria
533 Eziukwu, Aba, Nigeria
533 Urualla, Imo, Nigeria
545 Enugu-Ukuru, Enugu, Nigeria
545 Enugu-Ukuru, Enugu, Nigeria
564 Isiala, Mbana, Nigeria
576 Awade, Onitsha, Nigeria
576 Awade, Onitsha, Nigeria
576 Awade, Onitsha, Nigeria
582 Ankpa, Kogi, Nigeria
614 Nkisi, Onitsha, Nigeria
633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria
749 Nima, Ghana
753 Nru, Enugu, Nigeria
757 Penkwase, Ghana
780 Ezi-East, Imo, Nigeria
800 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria
815 Kaneshie, Ghana

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Joseph T. Manutey
Ben Ayer
Innocent Ikem Ejike
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Bartholomew Uzomah
Innocent Obisike
Simeon Onukwu
Raymond Ekeuenom
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Simon Anyijiofor Oledibe
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Christopher Ajaebue
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Matthew Onoia
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Mbah Emmanuel Ugwumba
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(March 2016 to June 2016)