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In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test." As we begin Lent, move into Holy Week and the Easter Season, let us all pray as Jesus did, and ask for the strength, wisdom, and courage to do the Father's will.

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Greetings my fellow Knights! In my past articles I have dedicated my writings to the updates of important issues transpiring within our organization. It may seem different than my past articles, but I want to address probably the most important issue facing us at this time; the 2018 Supreme Convention. You should be aware that the Supreme Commandery will be hosting this Convention and this places us at a great disadvantage. We lose the advantage of all the local community connection to such vital issues as hotels, churches, hospitality, meeting room availability, etc. and all must be handled from outside the community. We have been blessed to have officers and members who have been part of Convention Committees in the past, and are dedicated to serving our membership donating their time and knowledge, and to them I say "Thank You." Now is the time for each and every member to step forward and help to insure a successful and memorable Supreme Convention. You need to attend the convention and participate in one of the most masterful events of our organization, if at all possible. We all need to participate in the events posted by the Convention Committee, the Masses, meetings, dinners, etc. to insure our conventions of the future are to the high standards we have become used to. Most of all, we need to reserve our rooms at the Headquarters Hotel, not only to assist our organization financially and contractually, but so you may meet our Knights and Ladies and discuss each other's feelings of our order, and how to move toward our future. It is important that you book all your reservations as soon as possible by using the registration forms within this Journal, and the Ladies



#### SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

As you begin to read this article, first take a look at the two men pictured on either side of me. They both have a full plate to deal with, all the time. Msgr. Federico Britto is deeply involved in the Philadelphia area, working closely with the African-American Catholic Community, evangelizing and promoting for their interests, and still finds time to be the Spiritual guide of this great Order. The guy on my right (your left), our Supreme President, has the weight of the Knights of St. John sitting on his shoulders. "The buck stops there."

If you are actively involved in your Local, Regiment or Grand Commanderies, you know what I mean. You too will find yourself at wit's end with the troubles that are sometimes laid at your feet. It becomes exhausting and tiring.

Jesus has shown us how to handle those times of stress. St. Mark tells us that Jesus, after spending a day of healing people, was spiritually exhausted. Healing people drained Jesus of power. He would then, in the turmoil of his day take the time to pause and pray. He drew strength from prayer. In a similar way, working with people drains us of power. That's why we need to do what Jesus did. We need to recharge ourselves, spiritually. Consider the following prayer:

Slow me down, Lord, slow me down! Ease my pounding heart, quiet my racing mind, soothe my frayed nerves, relax my tired muscles. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations, of keeping in touch with myself. Of listening to the voice of God and drawing from it new light, new strength, and new courage. Slow me down, Lord, slow me down!

Deus lo vult



# SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

May Jesus Christ, who strengthens us daily, be with you!

It is often said: "Time flies when you get older," or "Time flies when you are having fun." Whichever of these statements apply to you, may our loving and merciful Savior continue to bless you.

Over the last couple of month, we had a quick turnaround, especially liturgically. The season of Advent was shortened and the season of Christmas was quick. Now the season of Lent is upon us. My, how time flies. For this reason, we must always stay alert and ready, especially spiritually. Jesus constantly reminds us to be alert, "for the Kingdom of God is at hand". Many of us are so busy about many things that we almost don't see how quickly liturgical, or social events, sneak up on us. May we always force ourselves to "be alert about the things of heaven and the things of earth". May we not let the things of earth catch us off guard and we miss out on the graces that Jesus showers us with.

Speaking of how time flies, we will be gathering in a few months for our Convention. As always, I look forward to seeing you and celebrating the Word and Eucharist with you. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. As you prepare for our Convention, pray that it will be successful as our past Conventions.

Have a blessed and holy season of Lent and Easter.

Peace and blessings, Rev. Msgr. Federico A, Britto Supreme Spiritual Director

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911	Legon, Ghana	Rev. William AbaikuApprey, Fred Agyemang Aboagye, Bright Agyapong, Elliot Akuna, Stephen Junior Amedza, Perry Edem Amemornu, Patrick Antwi, Sabastian AnabaApassinaba, Ebenezer AsamoahAsare Isaac TiewinAzumah, Lawrence AingmeBaalu, Nana Kwame Boatey, Narh Wisdom Chartey, Emmanuel AsiwomeDrovou, Foster Feidolin Kofi Dzimale, Amos Frempong, Yaw Twene Louis Gyimah, DelaKporvie, Nicholas Lawson, Kingsley Nyarko, Adisenu-Doe Makafui, John EulasiOfori, Evans KwesiOfosu, Emmanuel KwasiOsei, Joy Quarcoo, George Suolio, Garvin AkwolagaTankeh, Edward Joseph Yawson
914	Charia, Ghana	Michael T. Doma, Bertrand Abobo, John Ngmendingu, Camilos A. Tiborataa, Frederick Y. Abobo, Vitalis Kuugama, Francis Dery, Crispin Dong-Nuba Z., Paul Puoriyela D., Samuel Linaa Zobaaa, John Gambo, Rudolp Tingbani, Thadeis Nbonla, Rogation B. Abobo, Charles A. Naah
915	Daffiamah, Ghana	Solomon Abasaana, Emmanuel Ang-Nadi Emmanuel Angyagla, Peter Atuore, Michael Balang, Andrew Bayor, Barnabas Bright Bayor, Philip Dasaa, Alex Domasaa, Julius Kunfiri, Prosper Maalidoma, Peter BawaNaayenge, Elias Z. Nubabong, Martin Nuokyi, Solomon Teebo, Norbert Yelminikpe, Denis Yenchibe
916	Wa-Panni, Ghana	Prosper Suwera, Augustine Anlorenye, Joseph AmaduBawa, Clement Yenyi, Nicholas Adamu, Justin Bayere, Joseph Gbaara, Modestus Naalebkuur, Solomon AmissahGariba, Simon Duoyaara, James Kulah, Richard Naab, Lawrence Lieyiri, Petro Philemon Aakole, Edwin Saanwie, Jude Mwinibong, Leander Situo, Emmanuel K. Basagnia
917	AgonaNkwanta, Ghana	Mathew Kofi Ackah, Peter Kwame Acquah, Kenneth Arhin, Benjamin Assuah, Cenemt Ade Assuah, Vincenty Prosper Assuah, Martin Kwesi Cromwell, John Kerson Essien, Abraham Essilfie, Francis Kwaw, Payne Justice Johnson, Anthony Mensah, Mathew Hagan Mensah, Mathias Odrago, Stephen Sarkwa, Emmanuel Tekyi

# KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN INTERNATIONAL 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT April 27 to April 29, 2018 TRANSIT LANES 7850 TRANSIT ROAD WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 14221

Friday, APRIL 27- Supreme Officers Match- Time TBD Saturday, APRIL 28- Doubles/Singles- 10 AM and \*2 PM Sunday, APRIL 29- 4 Man Team Event- 10 AM and \*1 PM

#### Please note the second squad will only be used if the first squad is full.

Entries Close- Friday March 30, 2018

All Entries **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by Saturday March 31, 2018

#### Headquarters Hotel:

#### MILLENNIUM BUFFALO

2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, New York 14225 Phone Reservations- 716-681-2400

Room Reservations \$109.00 per night plus tax.

Please Mention Group Name – **Knights of St. John Bowling** while making room reservations.

Reservations Close on Friday, April 6, 2018

Mass at the Hotel Saturday in the McKinley Room.

-Note Captains from the last three tournaments have received applications, if interested; please contact the chairman at 315-723-7585 or email commandery41sports@yahoo.com for an application.

# Make your plans NOW!

# Proposed Resolutions ~ 2016 Supreme Convention

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, 2018, and June, 2018, issues of the Knights Journal and be discussed and voted on at the Supreme Board Meeting and Supreme Convention, in Philadelphia, PA, in July, 2018.

The first proposal for consideration is prepared and submitted by the Supreme Constitution Committee after being approved by unanimous vote of the Supreme Executive Board at their meeting held in Philadelphia, PA in October, 2017.

It is captions with Resolutions running from #1 thru #8

#### PROPOSAL #1

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Supreme Commandery Restructure Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Constitution of the Knights of St. John, International. The purpose of these resolutions is to document the specific changes required for the creation of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors and Supreme Advisory Board of Directors, replacing the Supreme Board of Trustees as adopted at the Supreme International Convention held in Buffalo, NY in 2016. The resolutions will define the new boards and replace all references to the Board of Trustees with the Executive Board of Directors. They will also address the expansion of the Supreme Subordinate Commanderies from two (Ghana and Nigeria) to five (Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the United States.

#### TO WIT:

#### **RESOLUTION 1:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Introduction

Constitution of the Knights of St. John

The paragraph saying:

"The Supreme Counsel, all Past Supreme Presidents and Supreme Spiritual Director and the Grand Presidents of each Grand Commandery shall constitute the Supreme Board of Trustees of said corporation and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and/or appointed and installed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said corporation."

Shall be replaced by:

"The Supreme Executive Board of Directors of said corporation shall be composed of these elected officers, the Supreme Subordinate Presidents and all Supreme Past Presidents. The Supreme Counsel and Supreme Spiritual Director shall be considered Advisors to the Supreme Executive Board. They shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and/or appointed and installed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said corporation.

The Supreme Advisory Board of Directors of the corporation shall be composed of all Grand Commandery Presidents and Presidents of Unattached Commanderies. It will be chaired by the Immediate Past Supreme President or, if not available, a designation of the commanderies of the composition of th

nated representative assigned by the Supreme President. (non-voting except in the case of a tie vote). The Supreme Undersecretary for the Advisory Board will act as Secretary or, if not available, another member of the Supreme Secretariat as designated by the Supreme Secretary. (non-voting) and the Supreme Counsel, when available or upon request. (non-voting)

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors will meet four (4) times a year when there is sufficient business to warrant a meeting. Quorum for the Supreme Executive Board meetings will be one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the voting members of the Executive Board

The Supreme Advisory Board meeting will be held bi-annually to coincide with a meeting of the Supreme Executive Board. Quorum for the Advisory Board meetings will be one-quarter (1/4) of the voting members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will make recommendations only to the Executive Board. The recommendations will be presented by the Chair, Secretary or a designated member of the Advisory Board. Standing Committee Chairmen, such as Supreme Undersecretaries, Inspector General, Membership Committee Chairman, etc., may bring items to the Advisory Board for discussion and inclusion with those items brought to the Executive Board. The Chair of the Advisory Board meetings will be the Immediate Past Supreme President or, if not available, a designated representative assigned by the Supreme President. The Secretary for the Advisory Board meetings will be a member of the Supreme Secretariat assigned by the Supreme Secretary. These members will not have a vote except for the Chair, who will have a vote in case of a tie. The Supreme Counsel will attend the Advisory Board meeting if it does not conflict with the Executive Board meeting but will be available if needed. The Counsel will not have a vote within the proceedings."

The paragraph saying:

There are hereby instituted by virtue of the powers granted in Section 1 of the aforesaid Special Acts, the following Subordinate Commanderies:

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies, Overseas Shall be replaced by:

There are hereby instituted by virtue of the powers granted in Section 1 of the aforesaid Special Acts, the following Subordinate Commanderies:

# 1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies RESOLUTION 2:

**BE IT RESOLVED** - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter I, Supreme Conventions

Section 1, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 4, lines J & K

Replace:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria

With:

#### (j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents

#### (k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries

Section 13, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 14, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

# The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ... RESOLUTION 3:

 $\mbox{\bf BE\ IT\ RESOLVED}$  - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

**OFFICERS** 

Section 1 – last paragraph

Replace:

Four or more Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Board for the transaction of business.

With:

Four or more elected Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

Section 2, line 1

Replace:

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

With:

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

Section 3, line 3

#### Replace:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Commandery and of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

#### It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Commandery and of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 5, last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 6

Paragraph 1, line 8:

Replace:

unless in the opinion of the Supreme Board

With:

#### unless in the opinion of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Paragraph 4, line3:

Replace:

as the Supreme Board may approve

With

# as the Supreme Executive Board of Directors may approve

Paragraph 5:

Replace:

He shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees, and when requested by the Supreme Board of Trustees,

Until the Board of Trustees can fill such an office for the unexpired term.

With

He shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors, and when requested by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors,

Until the Supreme Executive Board of Directors can fill such an office for the unexpired term.

Section 7

Paragraph 1:

Replace:

He shall render to the Supreme Board of Trustees a report of his receipts and disbursements semi-annually.

It shall be his duty to report to the Supreme President and likewise to the Supreme Board of Trustees any failure on the part of the Supreme Secretary to discharge his duties.

With

He shall render to the Supreme Executive Board of Directors a report of his receipts and disbursements semi-annually.

It shall be his duty to report to the Supreme Presi-



#### dent and likewise to the Supreme Executive Board of Directors any failure on the part of the Supreme Secretary to discharge his duties.

Paragraph 2, line 3:

Replace:

Supreme Board of Trustees

With:

#### **Supreme Executive Board of Directors**

Section 8, line 1 & 2 and last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

 $\dots tribunal$  or body other than said Supreme Board of Trustees

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

# ...tribunal or body other than said Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 9, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 10, line 1

Replace:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Trustees...$ 

With

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 11, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 12, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

# With: The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 13, line 1 and last line

Replace:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Trustees...$ 

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 14, line 1

Replace:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With

# It shall be the duty of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 2

#### Replace:

No debt shall be incurred or contracted except on written order of the Board of Trustees  $\dots$ 

With:

#### No debt shall be incurred or contracted except on written order of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 17, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 19, line 10 & last sentence

Replace

... at meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

# $\dots$ at meetings of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 20, line 3 & last sentence

Replace:

... or the Supreme Board of Trustees.

... time to time by the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

#### ... or the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

# ... time to time by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 20.5, C. line 4

Replace:

Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

#### Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 21, line 2

Replace:

... of the Supreme Board of Trustees,

With:

#### ... of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors,

Section 23, line 11 & 14

Replace all instances:

Supreme Board

With:

#### **Supreme Executive Board of Directors**

Section 25, line 1 & 5

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 26, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 28, last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 29, line 13 & last sentence

Replace:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Trustees \dots$ 

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

#### **RESOLUTION 4:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

CHAPTER III

Replace in heading:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies - Overseas

With:

#### **Supreme Subordinate Commanderies**

Section 1, line 1 & line 13:

Replace:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies - Overseas

With:

#### **Supreme Subordinate Commanderies**

#### **RESOLUTION 5:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter IV - Grand Commanderies

Section 7, line 4

Replace:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Trustees \dots$ 

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 8, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 23, line 5

Replace:

Supreme President ...

With:

# Supreme President or Supreme Subordinate President ...

Section 23, line 10

Replace:

Supreme Commandery ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter V - District Commanderies

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

#### **RESOLUTION 6:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter VI - Local Commanderies

Section I:

Replace line 12:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Replace line 17:

 $The\ Supreme\ Board\ of\ Trustees\ \dots$ 

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 2, line 11:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 5, line 6:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 9, line 9:

Replace:

 $Board\ of\ Trustees\ ...$ 

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 14, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 20:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

#### The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 17, line 4:

Replace in three places:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Trustees \dots$ 



With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 18, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 41, line 9:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 61, #4, line 3:

Replace:

 $The \ Supreme \ Board \ \dots$ 

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

**RESOLUTION 7:** 

**BE IT RESOLVED** - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter VII - Cadet Commanderies

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Chapter VIII - Ladies Auxiliaries

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Chapter IX - Widow and Orphan Department

Section 3, line 5:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter X - Death Benefit Fund Department

Section 2, line 2

Replace:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Trustees \dots$ 

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 3. line 1:

Replace:

 $The \, Supreme \, Board \, of \, Of ficers \dots$ 

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 5, line 11 & 20:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

**RESOLUTION 8:** 

Chapter XI - Military

UNIFORMS - MARCHNING UNIFORMS

Replace on line 1:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter XII - Funeral Ceremonies

Paragraph 1, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Paragraph 3, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors  $\dots$ 

Chapter XIII - Amendments

Section 1, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 2, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

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Chapter I, line 3

Replace:

Supreme Trustees

With:

**Supreme Executive Board of Directors** 

Chapter III, Title

Replace:

 $Supreme\ Subordinates\ Commanderies-Ghana\ and\ Nigeria$ 

With:

**Supreme Subordinate Commanderies** 

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee.

Attested to by:

Supreme Constitution Revision Committee

Lt. Gen. Thomas J. DeLuca, Chairman

Gen. Timothy Hoerst

Maj. Gen. Aagon Tingba

The second proposal for consideration is submitted for your consideration by the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-Ghana. It was received by the Supreme Secretariat a timely manner, in accordance with Constitutional Requirements. It is submitted in three Resolutions, divided into appropriate sections.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME CONSTITUTION BY SUPREME SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY -GHANA

#### **RESOLUTION ‡1**

The Supreme Constitution on page 16 to 17 which nowreads as follows:

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 officer 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 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 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.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

**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.
- 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 full term and shall thereafter continue in office for not more than four consecutive two year terms or upon attaining the age of eighty (80) years, whichever comes first. He may however be removed from office at any time for just 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 Knights of St. John International who at the time of his election is of good standing, and has been exemplified into the Second and Third, the Fourth, and the Fifth Degrees of the Order and is 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 officer 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 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. One third of the Supreme Executive Board, which shall include at least four (4) elected officers, shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

#### **RESOLUTION ‡2**

The Supreme Constitution Chapter II, Section 23, 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 First 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.

#### **RESOLUTION ‡3**

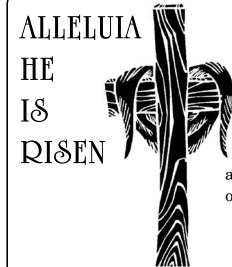
Insert the following in the Supreme Constitution to read:

#### **SECTION 35 - Voting by Proxy**

A proxy vote shall be allowed in a situation where prior notification on the issue to be voted upon has been published in the Knight 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.



# An Easter Blessing from your Supreme Officers

"As we share the happiness of another Easter and another Springtime ~ may Peace, the gift of our Risen Savior, fill your hearts and your homes."

> Reprinted from the Spiritual Advisor's Column by Father Paul Roos March, 2004, Knight of St. John Journal

# Knights of St. John International $81^{\rm st}$ International – $53^{\rm rd}$ Biennial Convention Ladies Auxiliary $60^{\rm th}$ International Convention July 15 – 22, 2018

# DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Center City Hotel "IN GOD WE TRUST"

Sunday, July 15:		Thursday, July 19	:
3:00 pm Tbd	Arrival Supreme Board Members Ladies Executive Board	7:30 am 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Morning Mass, <i>Aria AB Room</i> Registration, <i>Maestro Room</i>
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hospitality, Orchestra Room	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Souvenir Sales, Orchestra Room
	1	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Cadets, Concerto A Room
Monday, July 16:		8:30 am - 5:00 pm	${\tt Juniors}, {\it Concerto}\ B\ {\it Room}$
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Men Executive Board, Rhapsody	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Men Bus. Session, Symphony
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Men Advisory Board, Orchestra	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Ladies Bus. Session, Ormandy
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Ladies Supreme Board, Aria AB	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hospitality, Orchestra Room
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hospitality, Orchestra Room	Friday, July 20:	
Tuesday, July 17:		7:30 am	Morning Mass, Aria AB Room
Noon – 8:00 pm	Registration, Maestro AB	9:00 am – noon	${\bf Souvenir\ Sales}, Or chestra\ Room$
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Men Executive Board, Rhapsody	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Cadets, Concerto A Room
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Men Advisory Board, Concerto	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Juniors, Concerto B Room
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Ladies Supreme Board, <i>Aria AB</i>	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Men Bus. Session, Symphony
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	${\bf Hospitality,} \ Or chestra \ Room$	8:30 am – 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Ladies Bus. Session, <i>Ormandy</i> Cocktails, <i>Ormandy Ballroom</i>
W 1 1 1 10		7:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Banquet & Ball, Ormandy
Wednesday, July 18:		7.00 pm 11.00 pm	Banquet & Ban, Ormana)
8:30 am	Memorial Mass, St. John the	Saturday, July 21:	
	Evangelist, 21 S. 13th Street 6 blocks from hotel.	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Knights / Ladies Board Room
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration, Maestro Room	-	as needed, Aria AB Room
12:30 am – 5:00 pm	Souvenir Sales, Orchestra Room	To be announced	Basket Raffle Drawing
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Men Bus. Session, Symphony	3:30 pm	Loading of busses begins
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Ladies Bus. Session, Ormandy	4:15 pm	First call to lineup
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Cadets & Juniors, Concerto	4:45 pm	Procession to Church
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Meet & Greet Officers/Deleates	5:00 pm	Eucharistic Celebration,
	Cocktails (6 pm), Light Dinner,		St. Cyprian Chruch 525 Cobbs Creek Parkway
	Party, Cash Bar (7:00 - 11:00)		Philadelphia, PA 19143
	Balcony area	0.00	F IID + C #615

Note: Some Event times and Room assignments are subject to change.

8:00 pm

Farewell Party. Comm. #615

# Michigan Grand Commandery

It's no secret that membership roles for the Knights throughout the U.S. continue their slow contraction. For too long, too many have viewed this as an inevitable result of a population increasingly interested in socializing electronically and secularly and moving away from traditional, parochial, and long-standing organizations. This is, however, a fallacy, and a terminal one to our order if left unchallenged. There is indeed a strong appetite among today's American youth for broader meaning and greater depth in the Catholic faith, and in this the Knights of St. John naturally fit.

Fewer than two years ago, the Michigan Grand Commandery's Commandery #239 transferred away from a suburban, modern, post-Vatican-II parish North of Detroit and back downtown, to the 130-plus-year-old St. Joseph's Church. The parish was on the cusp of its adoption by the Institute of

Christ the King Sovereign Priest, a society within the church known for bringing aged, historical structures back from the brink of permanent loss, but also known for its dedication to the Tridentine Mass, Latin and all. At first glance, the move to St. Joseph's, once host to the nowdefunct Commandery #111, seemed counter-productive if growing the Commandery were a goal. How could an aging parish and 2-hour High-Masses in a neighborhood no longer known for its commitment to Catholic service do anything but doom a commandery?

One year later, where pew after pew once sat empty, hosting small handfuls of the faithful, now Masses are strongly-attended, even standing-room-only on special occasions (and not limited to Christmas and Easter Masses!) What's more, the Catholic faithful filling the pews are not octogenarians, but young families. Men and women come from miles away, some travelling

hours in each direction, to bring their children to St. Joseph's. They bring them because the Mass, the mission, and the parish have the meaning and context they're looking for. Context that matches exactly that which the Knights of St. John bring the parish, too.

In late September, at a High Mass preceding St. Joseph's annual Oktoberfest celebration, Commandery #239 turned out in uniform. Marching with the procession and recession, integrating into the fabric of the Latin, the chanting, the music and the meaning, the match between what this church now offered and what the Knights mean couldn't be clearer.

Afterward, one parishioner after another, mostly young men, many of whom from far away, came to our Knights and asked questions. Who are you? What do you do? How are you different from other organizations? My parish would love having you. Many of these men were just curious. Some genuinely interested in what the order means. A few may even join, perhaps after seeing the Knights another time or two, and after a handshake and invitation.

Our brothers here in Michigan have been capitalizing on these opportunities as frequently as we can. More turnouts—about a half-dozen each year, up from only two not long ago. More volunteering events—stocking shelves at St. Vincent de Paul. More engagements with our parish—our Knights have attended and spoken at post-Mass classes in liturgy, speaking of our order and its virtues and value.

The evolution of our society has not driven orders like ours away. On the contrary, the appetite for service to the Church, service to the community, and service to the brotherhood continues to grow. The bridge from this appetite to men filling our ranks is as short as a handshake, a phone call, a turnout, or an invitation. Men want to join us, and in increasing numbers; they can't do it without our help.



Doug Halleaux Michigan Grand Commandery

# Owerri Grand Commandery

# BRO. ENUKEME BECOMES GRAND PRESIDENT

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, Grand Hall, Owerri, the baton of Leadership changed hands as Brig. Gen. E.A. Ihionu handed over the gavel of Grand President to another Brig. Gen. Anthony Enukeme KSG for the next two years.

The elections brought in Col. Remy Uche as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Col. Celestine Nwachukwu 2nd vice Col. Christopher E.J. Ibe-Grand Secretary.

Others are: Bro. Michael Nwaeze – Fin. Secretary, Maj. Edwin Irechukwu – Treasurer, Bro. Chibueze Okorie – Judge Advocate, Bro. Silvanus Ukaegbu, Sgt-atarms, and Capt. Mike Okereke – Messenger, Bro. Moses Ajeka – guard. Trustees are: Bro. Anthony Ogii, Bro. Andrew Ubiaru, Col. Peter Opara, Maj. Theo Okwoli and Capt. Martin Agala.

The elections climaxed the three days 12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Owerri Grand Biennial Convention which kicked off Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

The colourful outing mass, Saturday 9th December; 2017 Grand Spiritual Director, Monsignor Anthony Njoku thanked God and all present for a peaceful election. He expressed joy about the choices made and enjoined the officers to throw in their 3ts noting that it is a service to humanity.

#### GRAND HAND OVER:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, at Grand hall, former Grand President E.A Ihionu formally handed over all grand activities, facilities, liabilities, assets and personnels to Brig. Gen. Anthony Enukeme.

Out gone Grand Secretary, Col. T.K. Nwachukwu read his wellworded handover address to the newly elected officers, before past Grand President, Brig. Gen. Pascal Okorie and immediate past Judge Advocate N/Bro. Onumajulu.

# BRIG. GEN. IHIONU EMERGES 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, DRACC, Enugu, Past Owerri Grand President emerged 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, Sup. Sub Commandery, Nigeria as N/bro Dan Okekenta KSG, clinched the Sup. Sub. President. N/bro. Mike Ikom - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Bro. Patrick Igwilo - Secretary and Chiduma Philip - treasurer.

#### IN THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY

"The way of the church is not to condemn anyone forever, it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy" - Pope Francis.

Love isn't patronizing, charity isn't about pity, it is about love, charity and love are the same with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand. The best way to find ourselves is to lose ourselves in the service of others.

Lets remember our sick brothers and sisters give them a call, visit, prayer, support, above all forgive one another.

We haven't lived today, until we've done something for someone who can't repay us.

> Lieut. Vincent Azubuike Owerri Grand



Brig. Gen. Ihionu decorates Brig. Gen. Enukeme.

# 2018 Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the 2018 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 - \$30.00
Price of registration at Convention - \$40.00
Make checks payable to:  KSJI 2018 Convention Committee

# 2018 Officers & Delegates Meet and Greet Night

Warren, MI 48092-5527

Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Admission (Advance) \$30.00 Admission (At Door) \$35.00

Mail to: Convention Committee 28173 Eaton Dr.

Light Dinner, Party, Cash Bar
First/Given Name
Last/Sur Name
Title, Officer, Delegate
Address
City, State, Zip
Country

Make checks payable to:

#### **KSJI 2018 Convention Committee**

Mail to: Convention Committee 28173 Eaton Dr.

Warren, MI 48092-5527

# 2018 Convention Knights of St. John International

#### **Hotel Reservations**

DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Center City Hotel 237 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107-5659

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

On the internet go to:

https://aws.passkey.com/e/49363860

By phone call: (215) 893-1600 -or- (800) 222-8733 tell them you want to make reservations and you want the **Knights of St. John special room rates**.

The special rate for the 2018 Knights of St. John Convention is \$139.00 plus applicable taxes.

The absolute cut-off date to make reservations is:

June 15, 2018

#### 2018 Supreme Convention Banquet & Ball

 $\label{eq:Please register me} Please \ register \ me \ for \ the \\ 2018 \ Supreme \ Convention \ Banquet \ \& \ Ball$ 

#### Friday, July 20, 2018

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 - \$75.00 per person
Price of registration at Convention - \$80.00
Please confirm reservations at \$75.00
Reservations made after
June 11, 2018 will be \$80.00
Make checks payable to:

**KSJI 2018 Convention Committee** 

Mail to: Convention Committee 28173 Eaton Dr.

Warren, MI 48092-5527

## 2018 Cadet Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the 2018 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:

#### **KSJI 2018 Convention Committee**

Mail to: Convention Committee 28173 Eaton Dr. Warren, MI 48092-5527

### 2018 Junior Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the 2018 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
Make checks payable to:

#### **KSJI 2018 Convention Committee**

Mail to: Convention Committee 28173 Eaton Dr. Warren, MI 48092-5527

# 2018 CONVENTION RESERVATION SUMMARY

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number</u>	\$ Paid	<u>Form</u>	Number	\$ Paid
Registration	@ \$30.00 \$		Meet & Greet	@ \$30.00 \$	
Cadet Registration	@ \$ 2.00 \$		Banquet & Ball	@ \$75.00 \$	
Junior Registration	@\$ 2.00 <b>\$</b>		Total Amount Encl	osed \$	

# Make Your Reservations NOW!

# Celebration of the Completion of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and its Trinity Dome

On December 8th, the Knights of St John, International, along with other Catholic Knight's Organizations, participated in the celebration of the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception and the dedication of the Trinity Dome in Washington, D.C. Clergy from all-over the US was in attendance. Pope Francis sent a special representative to express his appreciation for such a monumental occasion. There were sixteen (16) members of the US Knights of St. John in attendance. Representatives from the Supreme Subordinate-USA. New York. Cincinnati and the Baltimore-Washington Grands were in attendance. The Mass was to celebrate the completion of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and its Trinity Dome that begun in 1920.



# 2018 SUPREME CONVENTION THEME BASKET RAFFLE

The beautiful city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be the site for the 2018 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 2018 convention. The profits from this fundraiser will help to defer expenses for the convention.

The Committee is encouraging and inviting all Commandaries and Auxiliaries to participate in this effort and to donate at least one "Theme Basket" for this project. The cost of each basket should not be more than \$40.00 to \$50.00. The goal is to make your basket attractive enough to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. We are also welcoming monetary donations in lieu of "Theme Baskets". Please make checks payable to: 2018 Convention Committee and mail to 28173 Eaton Dr., Warren, MI 48092-5527. All baskets should be delivered to the convention by Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

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

- Bath and Body Basket
- Snack Basket
- Sport Snack Basket
- State/Country Basket
- Game Basket (Assortment of Adult or Children games)
- Romance Basket
- Wine and Cheese Basket
- Assorted Chocolates Basket
- Religious Basket
- Candle Basket
- Imported Beers Basket
- Hair Products
- NFL/NBA Theme Baskets
- Coffee/Tea Basket

The baskets will be displayed at the convention and the raffle tickets will be sold during the week of the convention. Each ticket will cost \$5.00 or 5 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 "2018 Theme Basket Raffle" another huge success!

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

Sister Sheila Marshall - email: sheilamarshall622@verizon.net

# Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

#### **Annual Muster and Inspection**

Col. John Windsor, Commander of First Regiment of Maryland scheduled the Annual Muster and Inspection. The Muster and Inspection was held on Saturday, January 13, 2018, and was hosted by Sacred Heart Commandery #309, at St. Catherine's Hall in McConchie, Maryland. The inspection was administered by Major Jerome Short, President of Sacred Heart Commandery #309. Rev. Kenneth J. Gill, Pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Port Tobacco, Maryland and Commandery #309 Spiritual Advisor blessed the assembled Knights.

#### **Events-Activities**

Election-Commandery installed new officers. The newly elected positions are as follows: President-Major Jerome Short, First Vice President-Major John Brown Sr., Second Vice President-Bernard Savoy, Treasurer-Lamont Neale, Financial Secretary-Donald Hawkins, Secretary-Paul Dorsey, and Board of Trustees-Gilbert Bivens, Rolland Brown, Sam Briscoe, Roy Neale, and Frank Cooper (Honorary Trustee). Former President, Major General Jerome Countiss (Supreme Subordinate President United States) was recognized for his exemplary leadership and dedication to the Commandery.

Safe Nights-Nine members of Commandery #309 assembled at 4:30 in the morning on Sunday,



Commandery #309 Knights at Safe Nights.

January 28, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata, Maryland to participate in the Safe Nights Program managed by Life Styles of Charles County. This is a significant annual county wide event hosted by churches and school and supported by members of churches and organizations to help those in need of shelter and food. Knights cooked breakfast and served over forty men, women and children who stayed overnight in the Sacred Heart Church Friendship Hall. It is a rewarding experience to interact with the least of our brothers and sisters in our community to demonstrate compassion and concern and to hear them express gratitude for the opportunity to receive shelter and food.

Gospel Program-On Sunday, March 18, 2018, members of Junior Auxiliary #51 and Commandery #309, held a Gospel Singing Program in LaPlata, Maryland. This is an annual event that is well supported by the community and a great fund raiser to support the activities of the Junior Auxiliary.

Fish Fry-On Friday, March 23, 2018, members of Ladies Auxiliary #301 and Commandery #309, held a Fish Fry as a joint fund raiser at St. Catherine's Hall in McConchie, Maryland. The fish fry is a significant fundraiser of former commandery president, Jerome Countiss and is coordinated extremely well by the ladies and the knights.

Meals of Hope-Rev. Kenneth J, Gill, Pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria Church implemented the Meals of Hope program to provide meals to those in need. Members of Ladies Auxiliary #301 and Commandery #309 responded to Fr. Gill's call for help by volunteering their time in the operation of the program.

#### Good of the Order

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

Respectfully submitted: William B. Young, Jr. 1st Maryland Regiment-Historian Sacred Heart Commandery #309



Maryland Regiment Knights participated in Annual Muster and Inspection.

# Monrovia Grand Commandery

#### Monrovia Grand Commandery Elects New Corps of Officers

The Monrovia Grand Commandery (MGC), one of the three Grand Commanderies within the Supreme Subordinate Commandery of Liberia, elected a new corps of officers during its 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention held at St. Peter Claver Parish in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County held from 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The convention held under the theme "Knighthood in the New Period of Governance" drew upon the change in Liberia's national leadership as well as emergence of a new one in the MGC.

The new corps of officers include Brig. General Michael A. Clarke, Sr, Grand President, Colonel Patrick Brown, 1st Vice President, Colonel Kofi A. Ireland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Col. Ebenizar Z. Gibson, Grand Secretary, 1st Lieutenant Arnold E. Johnson, Grand Financial Secretary, Sir Knight James Vargbelee, Grand Treasurer, Major Joseph Dennis, Grand Judge Advocate, 1st Lieutenant Joseph M. Konneh, Grand Messenger, 2nd Lieutenant J. Kenneth Martu, Grand Sergeant-at-Arms, and Captain J. Wallace Bryant, Grand Guard. There was no election of Trustees as they were elected last year at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Annual Meeting. Brig. General Clarke replaces Brig. General Michael V. Suah, who opted to serve only one term. The installation of the officers, almost all of whom were elected unopposed, was done by Major General Charles G. Kpan, Sr., Supreme Subordinate President Liberia.

In his acceptance speech, Brig. General Clarke, thanked God for his blessing and graces, and the brothers for the confidence in him. He pledged to build upon the successes of the previous administrations and explore new avenues in overcoming the challenges faced in economically empowering the Grand Commandery, developing more meaningful activities for the cadets, and establishing a comprehensive welfare plan for the Grand especially for the senior/social brothers. He also recommitted the MGC's support to the Church, and pledged to broaden and strengthened the



Present and Past Grand Presidents and cadets at the end of the convention. Seated left to right: Major General Charles G. Kapn, Sr., Grand President Brig. General Michael A. Clarke, Sr., Immediate Past Grand President Brig. General Michael V. Suah, Brig. General Moenti E. Young.

relationship between the MGC and it the Monrovia Grand Ladies Auxiliary. He also thanked BG Suah for his astute leadership and immense contributions to the Order over the years.



Brig. General Michael A. Clarke, Grand President, MGC

Brig. General Clarke ascends to the leadership of the MGC with a wealth of experience in the Order. He served 11 consecutive years as an officer in Sacred Heart Commandery #366, rising from the position of assistant Secretary to Secretary, Trustee, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Worthy President. During this period he also served as Adjutant of the 1st District and served three terms as Grand Secretary of the erstwhile Liberia Grand Commandery. He was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Vice President of the MGC in 2016, and upon the demise of the 1st Vice President, Col. Stephen Snoh, in late 2017 became 1st Vice President. He is also the Secretary of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery of Liberia.

> Fraternally submitted: Col. Ebenizar Z. Gibson Grand Secretary

# Buffalo Grand Commandery

"The Buffalo Grand Commandery extends its sincerest condolences to  $2^{nd}$  Battalion, Commander, Major Joseph Miller for the passing of his wife Shirley. Shirley was the mother of 5 children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Shirley was a member of the St. Barnabas and St. Martha Choir. Donations were bequest to Hospice of Buffalo, NY and St. Martha's Food Pantry.

Congratulations goes out to Buffalo Grand Commandery, 2nd Vice President, Col. Peter Ozemoyah for being awarded the 2017 "Person of the Year" by Transformation Institute for Leadership and Innovation, in association with Silvertrust Media. Dr. Ozemoyah is the President of the Canadian Nuclear Society. He was selected because of his time that he lent to various community initiatives. He encourages healthy competition for constructive change. Rooted in the "Boy Scout" mentality he learned as a youngster, he has worked with the Red Cross; sat as the leader of the Support Committee of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet; serves as the Secretary of the International Nuclear Societies Council (INSC), and was a Member of the Toronto Chapter of the Nigerian in Diaspora Organization (NIDO) in the Americas. He is an educator and a selfless community supporter.

I congratulate all the Civil and Military Order Officers that were elected to their posts this past December. What a great privilege it was to act as the installing officer for two Local Commanderies. I truly believe an installation should be conducted in front of the Assembly that elected the Civil or Military Order Officer. This provides an opportunity for the newly elected officer to attest before the Assembly that they will perform their duties and responsibilities, "Honestly, Impartially without Fear or Favor". We must expect much of ourselves in governing our Order. Challenge yourselves to read the articles of our Order, the KSJI Constitution, Robert's Rule of Order and the KSJI Drill Regulation. Educate yourselves to perform your duties to the best of your abilities.

All the Buffalo Grand, Local Commanderies have submitted their 2017 KSJI "Year End Reports". In the future, I ask all Local Commandery Presidents to insure they are familiar with the form and lend all necessary assistance to their Recording Secretary in filling out the form. Please remember the importance of meeting all deadlines and providing the necessary Local Commandery Muster Roster with the forms submission. The Muster Roster is forwarded to the KSJI Journal, Asst. Editor so he can update his distribution records. This insures there are no undo costs incurred in publication and distribu-

Concerning KSJI Monthly Reports. The Grand is being held responsible for insuring Local Commanderies are submitting their KSJI Monthly Report(s). I commend the majority of the Local Commanderies that without fail submit their Monthly Report(s) on time. Keep up the good work. Unfortunately, a few Local Commanderies have consistently failed in this endeavor and still receive the same benefits as the Local Commanderies fulfilling this responsibility. This is an unacceptable practice. I have sent all Buffalo Grand Commanery, Local Commadery Presidents a communication that any Local Commandery failing to submit their KSJI Monthly Report(s) will be suspended from the Buffalo Grand Commandery Assembly until such time as the report(s) are turned into the Grand Secretary. I cannot stress enough the importance of the KSJI

Monthly Report. The form insures a Knight is properly accounted. It also provides a great opportunity to extol the virtues of your Knights by providing their completed Volunteer Hours and Charitable Donations. This paragraph took longer to compose than the time it takes to fill out the form. Let us make sure we are acting in the best interests of our Knights.

If a Knight has reported an email address to his Local Commandery but is not receiving emails from the Buffalo Grand Commandery then your Local Commandery has not past your email address on to the Grand Secretary, Col. Bauer. This means you are not included in the Buffalo Grand Commandery "Courtesy Email Roster". The "Courtesy Email Roster" was established to insure all Knights are receiving email notifications of requested turnouts from our Spiritual Advisor, The Most Reverend, Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo, Our Lady of Victory Basilica and additional requests from fellow Knights. If you wish to be added to the "Courtesy Email Roster" send Col. Bauer your email address. His email address is: web31b@yahoo.com

I ask that all Knights take time during this coming Season of Lent to reflect upon how they can best serve their Faith and Order. Challenge yourselves to do what is right not easy."

Fraternal Blessings, James M. Gibbons II MGen. James M. Gibbons Buffalo Grand President

Local Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, Districts, and Regiments, send your articles to be printed in the Knight of St. John Journal to:

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March Issue: by February 1st June Issue: by May 1st

September Issue: by August 1st December Issue: by November 1st

# Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

The last quarter of 2017 was replete with intense spiritual, catechetical and ritual activities as the pioneering leadership, led by the Grand President, Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton, was racing to the end of its tenure in a blaze of glory.

#### **National Marian Congress:**

The most significant spiritual activity in September was the participation of the Grand Commandery in the Provincial Marian Congress in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa-Ibom State from 12th - 14th September, 2017. Led by our Grand First Vice President, Col Steve Ekwelibe, our brothers and sisters played a most significant role in the Port Harcourt Diocesan contingent to the 3-day Congress. The national congress was held in Benin from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. It was an intense spiritual exercise for all participants: Nigeria was re-consecrated to our Lady by the entire body of Bishops, priests and laity of Nigeria. Our Lady showed her acceptance in another visible "miracle of the sun", like the one given a century ago in Fatima.

#### **Initiation 2017**

From October 19th to 22nd, 2017, all roads led to St. Pius X College, Bodo City, in Gokana LGA for our First Degree Initiation into the Order. 51 brothers had been under catechesis throughout the year, having been elected by their Local Commanderies and screened by their Districts. Bodo City, some 100 kilometers from the hustle and bustle of Port Harcourt, provided the serene environment for the initiation retreat with the theme: Evangelization, the Niger Delta and role of Knights of St John International.

Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kabari, our Grand Spiritual Director, and Rev. Monsignor Pius Kii, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chaplaincy, CIWA, gave lectures on the theme and encouraged our efforts at rural evangelization. The LAUX also initiated 48 sisters whose brothers were already members of the Order.

Some 45 Brothers were invested into the marching uniform and 2 into full dress during the period.

At the outing Mass, in St Patrick's Catholic Church, Bodo, the Grand Commandery reached out to the poor and needy of the Community: 8 sewing machines for women; 8 wrappers for indigent women; 5 dresses for



widows, 5 dresses for widowers; 14 School/lunch bags for children; N10,000 cash gifts to two sick brothers of the host Commandery and N500,000 cash gift to the Church. All in all, the Commandery had given out N1,685,000.One of the parishioners said that they had never had it so good. Thank you Jesus!

#### Supreme Subordinate Convention,2017 at DRACC

The Supreme Subordinate Convention came on the third week of November. Port Harcourt Grand Commandery had its full retinue of Local Commandery Presidents, Commanders and delegates. We participated actively and saw to it that the Supreme Subordinate elections were free, and above all, peaceful. Lt. General Dan Okekenta emerged the new Supreme Subordinate President while Brig. Gen. Patrick Igwilo was elected Supreme Subordinate Secretary. Officers for our Chevalier Chapter, the Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon Chapter of Chevaliers, were installed at the Convention.

#### **Erection of Bomadi Diocese**

Two overriding events dominate the last month of the year: the erection of Bomadi Diocese and the Grand Convention. Port Harcourt Grand Commandery falls within the jurisdiction of three Dioceses – Port Harcourt, Bomadi and Aba Dioceses. Up till the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, Bomadi was a vicariate. The Pope elevated her to a Diocese in November but the installation of the Bishop took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017. All the Commanderies in

Bomadi were mandated to attend. Bishop Egbebo Squad spearheaded the participation of Port Harcourt Grand Commandery in the celebrations.

**MARCH, 2018** 

# Port Harcourt Grand Convention, 2017

Port Harcourt Grand Convention which held from December 15 till December 17, in the prestigious International Pilgrimage Center in Elele, Rivers State, rounded off our activities for 2017. Under the watchful eyes of our Lady of Lourdes, the Grand Commandery successfully held its elections which were described by two Supreme Subordinate Observers, as free, fair and peaceful. There were no contentious issues before, during and after the elections. Noble Bro Stephen Ekwelibe was elected Grand President while Noble Brothers Godwin Hope Worlumanakwe and Adebayo Ejele become the First and Second Grand Vice Presidents respectively. A young lecturer at the College of Education, Sagbama, Bayelsa State and Worthy President of St joseph's Commandery #806, Kaiama, Bro Ebitimi Berezi Peter was elected Grand Secretary. Other officers were also elected.

On the  $17^{\rm th}$  of January, an official handover of charters, documents and other properties in the custody of outgoing officers was effected at Mater Misericordiae church in a joyful celebration.

Col. Dan Onuoha Scribe-Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon Chapter of Chevaliers

# New York Grand Commandery

#### News and Events from District 4

Happy New Year to all and sundry! The District did not experience or record any loss of our membership during this quarter. We have continued to move forward together despite the challenging times with one dream of actualizing the work of the Noble Order of KSJI in this Region and to support and defend the Catholic Church. We are currently dealing with the winter and its related wind chills, snow falls, frost bites, and above all dressing warm and heating our environments. Our condolences go to Brother Cyril and Sister Ngozi Amadiegwu of Commandery 680 who lost their mother and mother-inlaw while vacationing in Nigeria for Christmas. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to the departed souls.

#### **District 4 Delegates Meetings:**

The Fourth Quarterly District 4 Delegates Meeting was hosted by Commandery #676 on Saturday November 25, 2017, at the Blessed Sacrament - Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd, Trenton - New Jersey. The meeting was presided over by Major Patrick Mombo – the District Commander and was fully participated by delegates and uniformed members of Commanderies 626 NY, 676 Trenton NJ and 680 Newark NJ. Progress reports on the good of the Order were received from the three Commandaries of the District.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees Initiation Ceremony:

All three Commanderies of Dis-



2nd & 3rd Degree Group Photo of District 4 Members with the Supreme Secretary and NY Grand President after the exemplification.

trict 4 fully participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd Degrees Exemplification which was hosted at Blessed Sacrament Church, Commandery 680, Newark New Jersey on Sunday, November 12, 2018. This event was graced by the Supreme Secretary, Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz, the New York Grand Commandery President, Brig. Gen. John R. Russo, Sr., and Brig. Gen. Francis Kolie, US Supreme Subordinate Secretary. The exemplification was witnessed by the congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark NJ. Rev. Fr. Erasmus Okere, Spiritual Adviser of Commandery #680 officiated the Eucharistic Mass while Rev. Fr. Peter Iwuala, chaplain of District 4 delivered the homily. Congratulations to the following brothers who benefited from the exemplification into the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees Order: Pius Onwuzo, of Com. #626; Prince Gbeyi, Pius Torbor, and Francis Nyae of Com. #676;

Athanatius Amaobi, Linus Korieocha, Francis Emedom, and Isunevo Igetei of Com. #680.

#### **District 4 General Elections:**

On November 25, 2017, during the special meeting for District 4 General Elections, after obtaining reports of nominations and qualified candidates from two electoral committees of the Chairman and the Floor, elections were conducted into the various offices of the District and results were announced. Following developments after the elections, the results of the elections were voided by the New York Grand Commandery authority for the following underlined reasons:

- The District has been operating without any approved By-laws
- Gross negligence by the District of the Grand's Bye-laws and laid down rules
- Electing a non-uniformed and uninspected member to a military position as Adjutant
  - Electing absentee candidate

To this end, Col. Bruce Stowers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the New York Grand Commandery was appointed as Interim Commander of District 4 with authority to conduct new elections for the District during the March Quarterly Delegates Meeting which will be held at the Commandery 680 venue in Newark NJ.

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



Brig. Gen. Francis Kolie (from right to left), Capt. Titus, Brig. Gen. Russo, Sr., Lt. Gen Tom and his Little Angel - Emmanuela Njoku.

# Cincinnati Grand Commandery

All in the Cincinnati Grand are looking forward to the Grand Convention. Traditionally we meet jointly with the Kentucky Grand and we will be with them, on April 15, 2018, at the home of St. Paul Commandery #59. A one day Convention is held during the same year a Supreme Convention is scheduled. After registration and joint opening ritual both Grands will meet separately. The convention meetings will recess so all can join the rest of the Sts. Peter & Paul Church congregation in a Eucharistic celebration. Following Mass and lunch both Grands will reconvene with separate meetings. After all business has been concluded a joint meeting and installation of any newly elected officers ends our convention day.

#### Commanderies 97 & 98:

On February 17, members of Commandery 97 & 98 once again attended the St. Mary's Gala. The evening of food, drink, music, and a silent auction was most enjoyable. All proceeds from the evening go to help support St. Mary's Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio's oldest Catholic School and the home parish of Commandery #98.

Several members from Com-



The Appalachia Project, youth and adult volunteers, led by several members of Commandery #98, before traveling to Southern Ohio for their summer work program.

mandery #98 are also gearing up again for the annual Appalachia Project. They will also attended their fund raising event on March 4, with donations from the Knights. This program, celebrating 25 years of success, consists of approximately 50 high school and college age youth from Christ the King and St. Catharine parishes and from several high schools in the Columbus area. During the last week of June, these youth, along with an experienced adult staff, will travel to

Scioto County to do home repairs for the needy in Southern Ohio. Roofing, siding, flooring, painting, bath and kitchen repairs, and cutting firewood for heating are only some 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, fully knowing where and how their donations are being used.

Jim Schafhausen, Past President, Cincinnati Grand

# Cadet Organizers

From: Supreme President

Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.

To: ALL KSJI Cadet Organizers

As a result of the Supreme Executive Board meeting, the Supreme Cadet Committee has been ordered to update all cadet information.

#### Please provide the following information:

- 1. Grand Affiliation
- 2. Commandery Number
- 3. Contact Information
  - a. Name
  - b. Address
  - c. Telephone # (home & cell)
  - d. Email address
- 4. Number of Cadets

Please send all required information to: Maj. Gen. F. Jerome Countiss, Jr. fjcountiss2@yahoo.com

#### Cadet Organizers in the USA:

If you had training and were fingerprinted through your Diocese to work with children and received a certificate/card, please send a copy to the Supreme Secretary at supremesecretary@yahoo.com and the Supreme Cadet Committee at bruces1906@yahoo.com. If you have not had this training, you are being required to obtain the training at the earliest opportunity.

The deadline for submitting ALL the approved and documented training information was December 30, 2017.

As an Official Order of our Supreme President, Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr., this information MUST be turned in.

> Fraternally, Maj. Gen. F. Jerome Countiss, Jr. Supreme Cadet Organizer

# Tamale Grand Commandery

# St. Anne's Cadet Commandery Inaugurated

The 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017 shall remain a memorable day in the history of Knights of St John International in the Damongo Diocese of the Tamale Ecclesiastical Province. The diocese has a population of about 75% Muslims. On this day, a seed that was planted in 2011 by Sir Martin Mbemah (member and Papal Knight) finally bore fruit with the inauguration of the Cadets Charter of St. Anne's Cadet Commandery #491.

Starting with eight young boys, the number grew steadily to fourteen and on 21st May, 2016, they were initiated into the Mother Commandery [Our Lady of Annunciation (OLA) Commandery #392, Tamale] after a 2 day retreat and under the mentorship of their first Cadet Organizer Sir Martin Mbemah. The application for the Charter was facilitated by the 13th District Commandery in June, 2016 with the sponsorship of: 1st Lt. Rev. Fr. Francis Kulah - Spiritual Advisor, St. Anne's Commandery #491; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Sulemana - Past President, St. Anne's Commandery # 491; 2nd Lt. Peter Baapele - Uniform Rank Commander, St. Anne's Com-mandery # 491; S/K Dr. Jonathan Wadeyir Abesig - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, St. Anne's Commandery # 491

The Supreme Commandery issued the Charter for operations of the Cadet Corps in September, 2016. This was received with so much joy in the Damongo diocese and entire 13th District Commandery. On 6th May, 2017, a team comprising of Major Felix Dery- 13th District Commander, S/K Jonas Abobopuo - Member OLA Commandery #392 and the Installation Team of OLA Cadets Commandery #392 supervised the initiation of six additional candidates and subsequent inauguration of the St. Anne's Cadet Commandery at Damongo. The event was witnessed by Rev. Fr. Francis Kulah (Spiritual Advisor) and members of St. Anne's Commandery #491. On Sunday 7th May, 2017 the Cadets and their counterpart the Junior Auxiliary



turned out at the St. Anne's Cathedral for a thanksgiving Mass and to outdoor the chartered Cadet Commandery.

It is the expectation of the Order that, this Cadet Corps will drive youth apostolate in the Damongo diocese and groom them for initiation into the Senior House of St. Anne's Commandery #491 which was chartered on July 18, 1998 and located in Damongo. It is one of the Commanderies that constitute the 13th District.

It is our wish and prayer that we would support these young ones with prayers to defend the faith always like our Patron Saint John the Baptist, and evangelize in truth and charity.

The newly inaugurated Cadet Commandery acknowledges the contributions of the St. Anne's Commandery #491, the 13th District Commandery, its Sponsors, the Commandery Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fr. Francis Kulah, and the present Cadet Organizer for various contributions made towards the chartering of the St. Anne's Cadet Commandery #491-Damongo.

Justin Betengtamb Abesig 13th District Press 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, **THIS** is the proceedure now being used.

All articles submitted via email should be saved in a <u>MicroSoft</u> <u>Word format (WITHOUT PHOTOS</u>) 12 point TimesRoman.

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

Articles submitted <u>after the deadline</u> (see page 23) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

# In Memoriam

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organization is posting them in their "Star of the Sea."

In closing, I am in hopes that our members will heed my statements above and act. We have always worked together for the best of the Knights of St. John International, and as we enter "The City of Brotherly Love" we need to display our dedication to our Church, our religion, and our organization. Our actions need to make us proud of ourselves. May God bless us all and give us the strength to fulfill our responsibility to you, the membership.

> Fraternally. Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr. Supreme President



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