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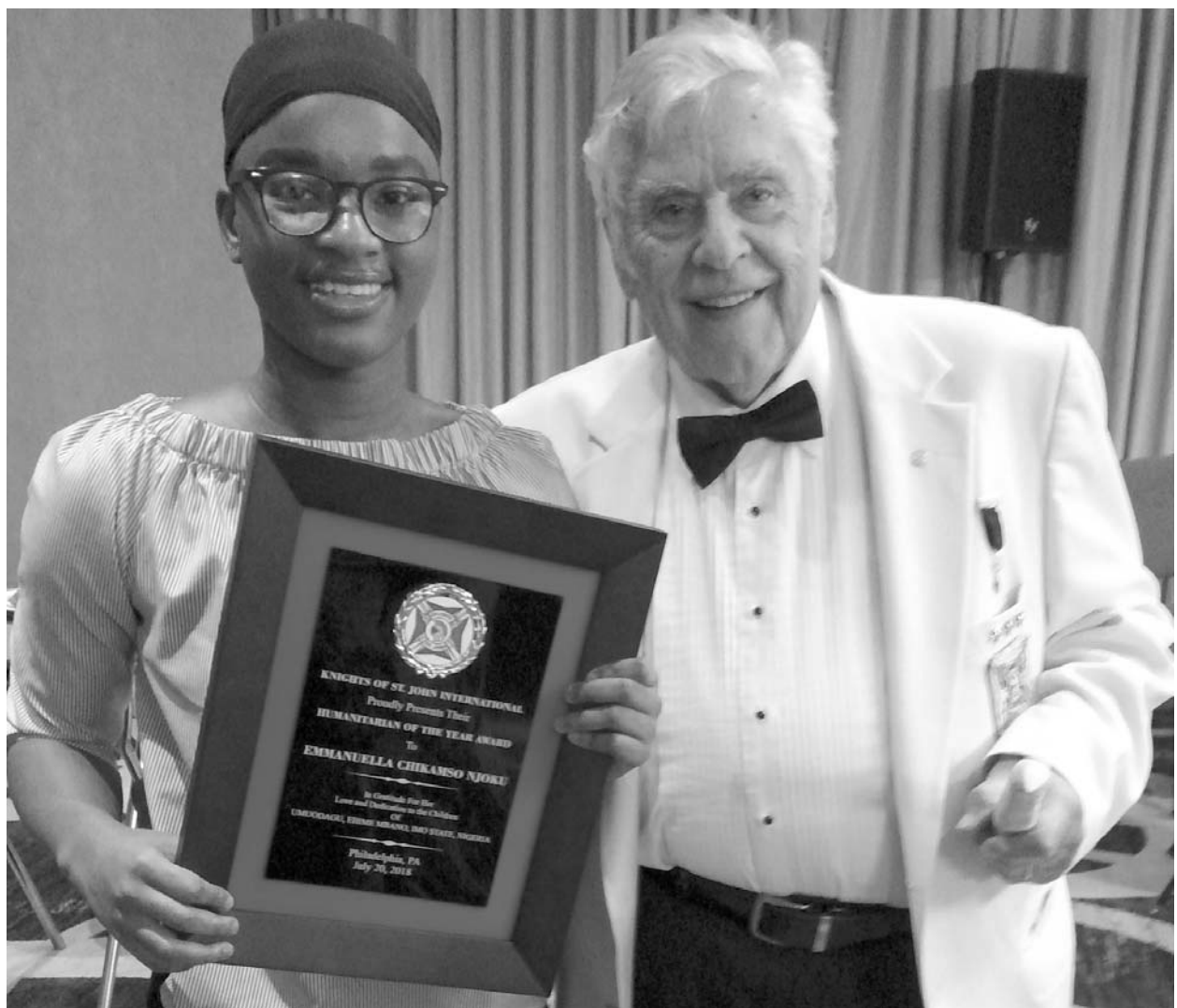
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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Well, we have moved through another Supreme Convention. First of all, I would like to thank all the officers, ladies, and members that assisted in the workings of the convention. Without your help, the convention would have never gotten off the ground! A special thanks to Gen. Timothy Hoerst for his dedicated service as a lead officer and liaison before, during, and after the convention. Without his efforts and patience the outcome of the convention would have been much different.

Before we move forward, we must first look at some issues that became evident at the Supreme Convention. First, and foremost, it was quite clear that more time needs to be spent on understanding and implementing our Supreme Constitution. Our Supreme Council had prepared an educational seminar for presentation at the Supreme Convention but, unfortunately, issues arose and we lost valuable time and the presentation was postponed. We need to establish some type of a training program that can be utilized at all levels of our order. Second, and the most noticeable, was the conduct of our Knights. I'm not just talking about the members in lines getting their Registration, Credentials, or even mere tickets for events; I'm also talking about some top officers and subordinate officers that chose to allow these actions instead of controlling their members. Our responsibility as officers is to resolve problems, not create or look the other way when problems occur. I am ashamed to say that many of these officers should lay their star, or stars, on the table and walk away. That is exactly what some officers did when showing leadership toward our membership. Because of this lack of leadership, and the reach of what some officer's call "POWER," we as the Knights of St. John International are losing the

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Whew, well that's over.

Another Supreme Convention has gone into the history books. They are always exciting. They are always different. Every one is memorable. And, we always look forward to the next.

One of the highlights of this convention was to present the very first Knights of St. John International Humanitarian Award. For those of you who didn't attend the convention or the Banquet/Ball, this honor was given to a young, Nigerian teenager, who epitomizes the love and concern that we all seek to find in our young people.

Emmanuella Chikamso Njokuis a fifteen year old girl who attends Science Park High School in Newark, NJ. She is a twin daughter (she has a brother, Emmanuel) of Dr. Ignatius and Rita Njoku. Emmanuella was born in Umuoduagu, Umuakagu Nsu, Ehime Mbano L.G.A., Imo State Nigeria. She moved to the United States with her parents when she was five years old. Her parents instilled in her the desire to appreciate her native Country and its culture, and they return to visit Nigeria as often as they can.

Emmanuella has seen the poverty her people are living in and has watched their day to day struggle. Her heart breaks for those children, her age, who must drop out of school just to help their family survive.

Her determination to help the people of Nigeria drove her to seek assistance from the Youth Ministry at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish. They raised the money to feed 380 elementary school students and distribute much needed clothing and school supplies for them.

She pleaded with the teachers of the Central School Umuakagu to instill in these children right values of honesty, obedience, respect,

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries of St. John International,

May the grace, mercy, and compassion of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

It is my pleasure to share with you my reflection on three points:

1) It was a joy having our convention in Philadelphia this past July. Meeting new fellow Knights, and Ladies, and reacquainting with friends was enjoyable. While our business sessions were electrifying and enthusiastic, much was accomplished. Acknowledging our re-elected Officers and new ones, we ask God's blessing upon them as they continue to lead and guide our wonderful Order. Thank you for choosing Philadelphia for our convention, my home city.

2) Since our convention, many events and situations has transpired in our countries, dioceses, and universal Catholic Church. People are being attacked because of their faith, and the Catholic Church has been pushed to the forefront in the social media. This "witch hunt" that I often refer to, must not tarnish who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. We must continue to run toward Jesus Christ in prayer and fasting, asking Him to watch over, guide, and protect our Catholic Church and humanity. Please keep in prayer our Catholic Church, our Holy Father Pope Francis, our bishops, priests, and faithful followers in the faith. Also pray for victims of violence, abuse, and unjust causes. The devil cannot and must not prevail.

3) Finally, I continue to encourage you to be true disciples for Jesus Christ. Remind yourselves that you are Armor Bearers for Jesus Christ, defending the Church, country, and our organization. Stand up for our faith, speak out for justice, and protect the Church against the evilness of our world.

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MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 15, 2018

(OFFICIAL)

September 1, 2018

General Order No. 1

To: Major General Sean Dey, KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General.

You are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies. Said Muster & Inspection to be held not later than January 15, 2019.

You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than May 15, 2019.

By Command of General Frank Waseleski, Sr., KSJI, Supreme Commandery, President.

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

Knights of St. John International

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September 1, 2018

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

In compliance with General Order No. 1, issued by General Frank Waseleski, Sr., dated September 1, 2018; you are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies within your jurisdiction to be held no later than January 15, 2019. Said Muster & Inspection to be conducted as prescribed in the official Knights of St. John International Drill Regulations (Reprinted, June 2008), Sections 486-496. KSJI Muster & Inspection Report Forms 1 & 2 (KSJI MIR Forms 1 & 2) will be sent to you and you will send two copies of KSJI MIR Form 1 to each Local Commandery Commander, within your jurisdiction, to prepare the muster roll for their Local Commandery. The Local Commandery Commanders will present the two KSJI MIR Forms 1 to the Muster and Inspecting Officer(s). The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will complete the Muster Roll for each Local Commandery annotating on the two KSJI Forms 1 those members present or absent. The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will then complete the Inspection of each Local Commandery annotating on the two KSJI MIR Forms 1 the inspection of uniform items. One completed KSJI MIR Form 1 will be retained by the Local Commandery Commander for future reference and one sent to each District Commander, or in Brigades to the Colonel of each Regiment. As soon as these reports are received from all Local Commanderies, the Colonel or District Commander will transfer the information contained therein to the KSJI MIR Forms 2. When the KSJI MIR Forms 2 is complete, the Colonel or District Commander will have a number of copies made. The Colonel or District Commander will submit the KSJI MIR Forms 2 to their Supreme Subordinate Commandery or Grand Commandery who will compile all of their subordinate commands KSJI MIR Forms 2 for follow on submission to the KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General no later than January 15, 2019. The Colonel or District Commander will send one copy of the KSJI MIR Forms 2 to each Local Commandery Commander, within the reporting officer's jurisdiction, with the instruction that same is to be read to the members of the Local Commandery in order that they may know how their Local Commandery compares with the other Local Commanderies within their command. An additional copy will be sent to the Colonel or District Commander's Supreme Subordinate President, Grand President, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion and District Commanders. KSJI, Unattached Local Commanderies will submit the KSJI MIR Forms 1 & 2 to the KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General not later than January 15, 2019.

By Command of Major General Sean Dey,
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726	Idimu, Lagos, Nigeria	Gabriel Igwe, Godson Osita
727	Iju, Lagos, Nigeria	Obasi Malachy Chikezirim, John Nwankwo
740	Adoagyir, Ghana	Lawrence Agbui, Philip Leicher
744	Nadowli, Ghana	Mathew Yirinoba
746	Hamile, Ghana	PaulinusAdaar, Justine Dogfobaare, Bertrand M. Dong-Ber, Isaac P. Kelleh, Franklin Maa-Ire
757	Penkwase, Ghana	Joseph MenkaNsiah, Protus K. Tabong, Patrick A. Manu, Bernard TongoAbukari, Jacob Aderasob
761	St. Mulumba, Enugu, Nigeria	Dominic Nwiyi
771	Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria	Kenneth Amadi
813	Bibiani, Ghana	Dominic Kofi Asante
815	Kaneshie, Ghana	Nana OpongAnning, Eugene Kofi Donkor Kingsley Coleman
816	Bo City, Sierra Leone	Christopher M. Lissa, John Abu, Albert Dove, Corneliu M.D. Kamara, Patrick Christopher Kamara, Richard A. Mansell, Gabriel Ben Saspo, John Fogbawa, Samuel A.M. Kamara, James Koroma, Roston Steven Tucker
823	Oji River, Enugu, Nigeria	Celestine N. Ozoude, Kenneth Igwe
824	Atta, Imo, Nigeria	IkennaOhaegbulam, LivinusAlaribe, Augustine Nwachukwu, Cornelius Njoku NsiahKodjoSalford, OdunzeObinna, Emmanuel Sam, Gadese Don-nish Bless

Cincinnati Grand Commandery

On June 9, 2018 the Uniform Rank of Commandery #313 were honored to be present as escorts at the ordination Mass for one of our members, Father Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S., at his home parish of St. John the Baptist in Maria Stein, Ohio. He has been a member of Commandery # 313 for eight years and the Commandery has contributed towards the cost of his education during his preparation for the Priesthood. Father Keller has also been the Spiritual advisor for his commandery since he joined the Knights.

Fr. Keller, 29, served as deacon at Dayton's Seven parishes, Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, and St. Joseph. During his years of formation with the Missionaries he served at St. Michael Church in Kalida, Ohio, and the Church of the Resurrection in Cincinnati. He is a graduate of Marion Local High School in Maia Stein, St. Xavier University in Chicago, and the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago where he earned his Master of Divinity Degree.

Fr. Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Carol Keller, celebrated his



Father Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S. with Bishop Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S. are surrounded by the honor guard from Commandery #313 after his ordination.

first Mass at St. John the Baptist Church on June 10. In his homily, during his first Mass, Father Keller noted that "God called me to the priesthood. But God calls each and every one of us. He doesn't call each and everyone of us to do the same thing. He calls us to do a variety of

different things, on different paths and in the various stages of our lives. When each of us responds to our call, we create a beautiful picture of what our Church is."

Brig. Gen. Lee Stachler

(Welcome New Members from page 6)

856 Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria
872 Moriba Town, Sierra Leone

882 Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

888 Oshagbo, Osun, Nigeria
905 Tamale, Ghana
906 Bolgatanga, Ghana

909 Tamale, Ghana

911 Legon, Ghana

917 AgonaNkwanta, Ghana

926 Sowutuom, Ghana

Joseph Uwefohele, Charles NgoziAmadi

Edison M. Samah, Sr., George Lamin, Magnus Mbayo, Solomon Banns, Paul V. Brima, Charles O. Brima, Paul S. Tucker, Mohamed S. Sovula, Anthony Amara

Damian EmekaIzuka, Francis Akuma Ani, Augustine ChukwugozieIjeoma, Anaclethus NdubisioNyegbule, Jude Chidiebere Akabogu, Kennethy Okwujiuba

Dominic OluwafemiOjo, Kunle Titus Farinto, Opeyemi Charles Olabampe Francis Mweyang, Jacob Windam

Thomas AyamgaAkubira, Solomon S.A. BatamiaNdego, Gilbert AbobaAgepia

Bernard Gyeng, Emmanuel K. Mwine, Pius AgandekAwombadek, Paul Kofi Tenhan, Jude Zelekuu

Abada Henry Mawuli, John KuumuriGanle, KwakuKyeremeh, Fritz Bediako, Emmanuel Adomako

Emmanuel Abonin, Francis Tsibuah, Kenneth Arhin, Emmanuel Kwaw Mensah

RocksonAdjei, Nartey Francis Tettey, Vincent NwinogmeViiru, AhafiaElikplim Peter, Azaglo Samuel Dziwornu, Augustine KweseOfue, Francis WelagaApom, Akoto Prosper, Albert Awayivu, George Kojo Ahorttor, DjilanDonatusDodzie, Koevi Yao Dotse Joseph, AnkomahKwabena William, David Kpedzheku, Kenneth Quashie, John Agordey, Sunday Ogar Mathias, Joshua Ankama, Dasaah Andrews, Emmanuel YeboahAcheampong, FranisFiifi Essuman

At The 2018 Supreme



Again, a huge number of Knights and Ladies of the Order attended the 2018 Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from July 16, through July 20, 2018. The convention attendees from nations including the United States, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Sierra Leone, and Liberia gathered to carry on the business of the Order, and to celebrate the accomplishments of the Knights of St. John International.

We must thank the Supreme Convention Committee for working to make this such a memorable occasion. The prayer, appropriate one, was: "In God We Trust".

These pages contain only a few of the many, many photos and memories that should be shared with everyone who attended. As the assistant editor for the Journal, it is always a thrill to meet you, some for the first time. I pray that all who attended had a rewarding experience.



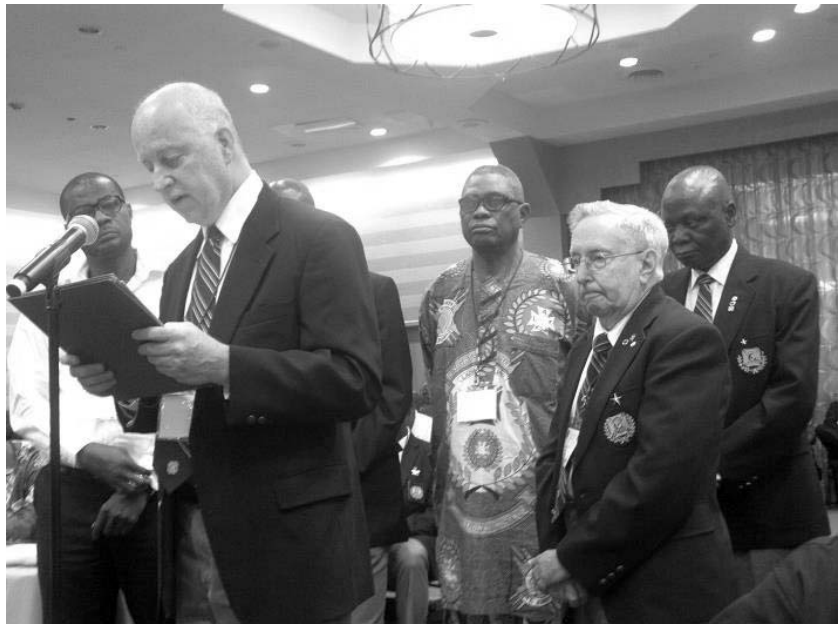
International Convention

...s, with Juniors and Cadets, came together in July 21, 2018. Over 1,000 registered from the United States, Canada, England, Germany, and all brothers and sisters with a common goal, to celebrate each other and the many achievements of the International.

...committee and all those who volunteered and helped. The theme for this convention, and a most successful one.

...many photos taken during the convention, and I have especially with those who were unable to attend. I have communicated with many members and their families for the first time, and to once again see old friends. I hope to have a safe journey home.

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



Owerri Grand Commandery

2018 Exemplification

Saturday 5/5/18, Grand hall, 58 brothers were exemplified into 2nd and 3rd degrees of our order after a written exam in the general knowledge of ksji, Catholic Church, and catechism of the church. Noble Brig. Gen. Eugene Emelano took the exemplifies on a drill to ascertain their fitness. Grand 1st vice, Col. Remy Uche, who stood for G/President harped on discipline as the pivot to archive spirituality, fraternity and charity. Lecturing on KSJI constitution, Noble Brig. Gen. Eugene Emelano enjoined the exemplifies to always read the ksji constitution.

2nd Quarter JGBOT

Saturday 9/6/18 Grand hall, Owerri Grand held its 2nd quarter JGBOT meeting. In a well attended mass, the homilist urged the knights to offer themselves to God in addition to offering their time, talent and treasure. At the joint session, G/President thanked all for finding time to attend. He reiterated that humility is the panacea to make heaven. At roll-call, two brothers, late bro Steve Ibe, #422 Grand delegate and G/Sgt-at-arms Col. Sylvnus Ukaegbu were announced dead and a minute silence observed for them.

After reading the minutes of previous meeting by the Grand Sec. Noble Col. C.E.J. Ibeh, JGBOT considered the Grand Hostel Board report. Water heaters, washing machines were to be installed as well as car parks constructed.

Meanwhile, Grand Laux paid for 20 units of heaters, 1st Vice Col. Remy Uche donated 3 units amongst other donations. G/President expressed happiness as he echoed that the only way to move forward is by being humble, honest and generous. The motion to submit clean copy of OWGC by-law to the Supreme was moved by N/bro Eugene Emelano and seconded by Dist. 13 commander Col. Thaddeus Agbasi.

2018 AGM Committee

The board was formed and their report expected at the next JGBOT. Sunday 24/6/18. All commanderies



celebrated nativity anniversary of St John the Baptist. Commandery #705 and Laux #648 Umuacha weren't left out. It was a good turnout at St Michael Catholic Parish Umuacha. In a party after Mass, the Worthy president, bro. Isaac L. Onyebuchi, urged members of #705 and laux 648 Umuacha to take serious their spirituality, fraternity, discipline, and charity as the panacea for making heaven. Lieut. Vincent Azubuike talked on LOVE: the panacea to move KSJI forward.

Supreme Convention

July 15-22nd Grand delegates led by the Grand president Noble Brig. Gen. Anthony Enekeme and Grand Secretary, Noble Col Christopher E.J. Ibeh left Nigeria to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA venue of the convention. Grand Sec. Noble Col. C.E.J Ibeh wired from the convention venue that it was a huge success and turnout very impressive. Owerri grand delegates and in all delegates from Nigeria were visible as their votes counted during the convention. He expresses Joy and looks towards 2020 Kentucky convention.

In the Spirit of Chrity

"The way of the church isn't to condemn any one 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, and charity and love are the same. With charity you give love. So don't just give money, reach out your hand. The best way to find ourselves is to lose our service to others.

Sadly

Thursday 17/5/2018. Grand sgt-at-arms Col. Sylvanus ukegbu, was buried in his home town, umuoda, Eziamma Ngor Okpala, Imo state. The burial Mass was said at St. Finbars Catholic Church Okpala. The Grand president Noble Brig. Gen. Anthony Enekeme led Grand officers to the burial. Let us remember our sick brothers and sisters, give them a call, visit, prayer, support and above all, forgive one another. We haven't lived today until we have done something for someone who can't repay us.

Lieut. Vincent Azubuike
Owerri Grand Supreme Journal.

New York Grand Commandery

District 4 Delegates Meeting:

The Second Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery hosted by Commandery 626 New York on June 30, 2018 at St. Clement Pope Parish, 141—11 123rd Avenue, Jamaica, Queens New York. The meeting was chaired by Major Charles Igwebuike, the District Commander. This was his maiden meeting since his installation as the Commander of District 4 with his new Cabinet on April 21st, 2018. Field reports from the Commanderies were received and there was no loss of membership reported. Com-manderies under District 4 have continued to hold their regular monthly meetings where they conduct the business of their Commanderies and the good of the Order.

Reports indicated that the Annual Feast of the Patron St. John the Baptist was celebrated by the various Commanderies in the Parishes with Eucharistic Masses and private parties. At this meeting it was announced that exemplification to the Noble and Exalted Order of the Holy Cross will be held on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 and Commanderies were urged to utilize this opportunity and forward the names of candidates under their various commands who qualified in accordance with the Supreme and Grand Constitution and Bylaws.

New York Grand Officers and Delegates Meeting:

New York Grand Annual Grand Delegates & Officers Meeting was held at St. Clement Pope Parish, 141—11 123rd Avenue, Jamaica, Queens New York, on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Officers and Delegates from all the Commanderies in New York including District 4 participated in this Grand Delegates Meeting. Progress Reports were presented from all Cabinet Officers and the Grand Committees including the New York #626 Worthy President, Brother Kenneth Uchendu on their preparedness to host the 2019 Grand Convention, Legislative Committee Chairman (Maj. Fazio), and Cadet Organizing Division under the chairmanship of Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu. At this meeting salient issues and disputes in Commandery 676 Trenton NJ arising from exemplification of candidates to the Noble and Exalted Order of the Holy Cross in Baltimore/Washington DC 2017 was amicably resolved by the New York Grand



Most Rev. John Flessey with brother knights and ladies after the Confirmation.

President and the Supreme Secretary. Commanderies who were delinquent in submitting their monthly activity reports to the Grand were admonished to wake up and submit it in a timely manner to enable the Grand also forward its own report to the US Subordinate and Supreme Commanderies respectively.

Commandery #680:

This was a busy period for Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592. On June 10, 2018, they processed and mounted guard of honor for the Most Rev. John Walter Flessey, STD, from the Archdiocese of Newark who officiated the confirmation ceremony of about 41 children at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark NJ.

On June 22, 2018, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSSR, Archbishop of Newark Diocese, performed the dedication ceremony of the Mercy House of Archdiocese of Newark with the guard of members of Commandery 680. The mission of The Mercy House is to offer a welcoming space for individuals and families in need – and to provide emotional support and healing in a comfortable, faith-filled environment. Mercy House is the former Convent Building of the Blessed Sacrament Church of the Archdiocese of Newark NJ.

Corpus Christi Celebration:

June 3rd, 2018 witnessed the celebration of Corpus Christi by the Congregation of Blessed Sacrament Church in conjunction with the Igbo Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Newark. This solemn ceremony was preceded by a Eucharistic Mass officiated by Rev. Dr. Erasmus Okere, Commandery 680 Chaplain, and the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion which was administered on over 30 children of the Congregation.

Good of the Order:

Congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Emmanuela Njoku (daughter of Chief Dr. Sir Ignatius Njoku, Commandery 680 Treasurer), for being honored by the Supreme KSJI with the Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Supreme Convention 2018:

Knights of St. John International Supreme convention 2018 has come and gone and we had a joyful and most colorful experience. Participants were drawn from all parts of the world with concentration from Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo and the United States - host country.

Please go to <http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand> and click on Photos for Full Documentary of the 2016 Supreme Convention in Buffalo.

Upcoming Events:

1. 4th District 3rd Quarterly Meeting: Hosts: Commandery 676 Trenton NJ Date/Time: (TBD)

2. New York Grand Day of Recollection: Saturday, September 8, 2018 Venue: Our Lady of the Pocono's Retreat House, 245 Meadows Road, Mt. Pocono, PA 18344

3. October 16, 2016: 2016 St. John The Baptist Prayer Breakfast honoring John A. Russo with the Lifetime Achievement Award – Club Monarch, Yorkville, NY

4. Exemplification of the Noble & Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross: Saturday, October 20, 2018. Venue: St. Joseph Cathedral Buffalo, NY.

5. New York Grand Convention: May 3 – 5, 2019. Host: Comdry 626 New York. Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel 154-71 Brookville Blvd Jamaica Queens, NY.

*Fraternally submitted,
Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu
Media and Information Officer*

Kentucky Grand Commandery

After a long week of nothing but rain Saturday morning, March 31, 2018, turned out to be a beautiful day for the Knight of St. John's annual Easter Egg hunt. 20 Kids showed up to the hunt for the eggs in the field.

Commandery #103 just recently received a letter from Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville accepting the invitation of membership in the Knights of St. John. His address is 3940 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, Ky. 40213-1463. The Uniform Rank of Commandery #103 had our annual Card Party April 8, 2018 and was very successful. The St. John the Baptist feast day Mass was held June 24, 2018 at Incarnation Church at 11:00 a.m. We will also be working in our usual Bacon/Sausage Booth at the St. Joseph's Children's Home in August. This is something that our commandery has worked at for probably 70 years or so.

*Fraternally,
Tony Tabler
Kentucky Grand Secretary*



Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Annual Regiment Picnic

First Regiment of Maryland held its annual picnic at Gilbert Run Park in LaPlata, Maryland on August 26, 2018. The event has been an overwhelming success with the participation of the Commanderies and support of the Ladies Auxiliaries. There is a family-oriented atmosphere present with a variety of food, desserts and beverages prepared and provided by the knights and ladies. There are also many activities/games for children and adults. Also, the event is a great time to fellowship and to recognize some of the knights and ladies from the various Commanderies and Auxiliaries.

Father Robert Swann Pittman, S.S.S. 60th Year Celebration

On Friday, July 13, 2018, Fr. Pittman celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for his 60 years as a Catholic priest of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Since having a stroke in August 2017, Fr. Pittman has been at the Regina Health Center in Richfield, Ohio recuperating. Fr. Pittman had two carloads of people from his home in Southern Maryland

present for the celebration. The Mass took place at 11 am. In the chapel at the Regina Health Center. Fr. Pittman as the principal celebrant was joined on the altar with several other priest. With the Grace of God and his determination, Fr. Pittman read all of the Eucharistic prayers. At the conclusion of the Mass, Fr. Pittman thanked everyone for coming from Maryland and thanked those who helped him to prepare for the day. Fr. Pittman is anxious to return to his home Body of Christ Farm, but realize that he is not ready to leave the Regina Health Center. Fr. Pittman is a member of Commandery #309 and celebrated his 90th birthday on June 22, 2018. Congratulations Fr. Pittman!!!

Events-Activities

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

First Regiment of Maryland is planning to schedule a Military Ball in December 2018. Commandaries support is essential for the success of the Military Ball with it being an important fund raiser for the Regiment. More information is forthcoming.

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. First Regiment of Maryland congratulates all who attended and participated in the Knights of St. John International 81st International-55th Biennial Convention and Ladies Auxiliary 60th International Convention.

*Respectfully submitted
William B. Young, Jr., Historian
First Regiment of Maryland
Sacred Heart Commandery #309*



SAVE THE DATE!



Knights of St. John International
82nd International – 56th Biennial Convention
Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John International
61st International Convention

Dates:

July 19-26, 2020

Location:

Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Airport:

SDF – Louisville International Airport (flylouisville.com)

Hotel:

Galt House Hotel (galthouse.com)

Contact:

KSJIconvention2020@gmail.com

Send your comments or suggestions for souvenir items, food, activities, etc. that would interest you and that would improve your convention experience.

We would like to hear from you.

Remember
Our
National
Charity
The St. Vincent
De Paul Society

~ 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 procedure now being used.

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

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

PLEASE LIMIT ENTRIES TO ONE (1) PAGE MAXIMUM.

Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 14) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Buffalo Grand Commandery

The Buffalo Grand Commandery organized a 2018 Independence Day Celebration on Sat., June 30th celebrating our Nation's birth. The 85 Guests in attendance were treated to a Pig Roast and buffet with plenty of desserts. Games were organized by Capt. Ed Orrange. Music was provided by SK Ben Clifford. Nighttime brought forward an incredible display of sky writing.

The Buffalo Temple of the Noble & Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross is in full swing organizing its Noble Degree Exemplification scheduled for Sat., Oct. 20th, 2018 at St. Joseph Cathedral. His Excellency, The Most Reverend, Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo will be the Prelate. President Gibbons and his staff were honored with a meeting with his Excellency to organize the exemplification schedule of events. Also discussed in the meeting was how the Buffalo Grand can facilitate a plan to grow the Order within the Diocese of Buffalo. President Gibbons will be working closely with his Excellency in formulating a plan.

Thank you to the 15 Knights who turned out for the 82nd Annual Father Baker Memorial Day Mass at Our Lady of Victory Basilica on Sun., July 29th. Strength is in our numbers and we had a great turnout of men, representing multiple commanderies throughout the Buffalo Grand. Thank you to Monsignor Paul Burkhardt for inspecting the Knights Continue to pray for the canonization of our Brother Knight Venerable Nelson Baker. After the recession the Knights of the Grand were honored with a Thank



"Major Ronald Slawinowski and Captain Vincent Binder presented their KSJI Jewel of Honors by MGen. James Gibbons during a Buffalo Grand Commandery Evening Parade."

You from State of New York State Senator Timothy Kennedy and his son Patrick.

I held a Buffalo Grand Commandery Evening Parade on Sat., Aug. 4th for the enjoyment of Knights, Family and Friends. During the Parade I had the great honor of presenting Major Ronald Slawinowski and Captain Vincent Binder with our Order's highest personal award; "The Jewel of Honor". Both men's accomplishments are a testament to their self

sacrifice to our Faith, Order, their parishes and communities. Maj. Slawinowski and Capt. Binder were presented the honor of receiving the Pass in Review as I paraded the Grand.

I ask all Knights of the Order keep Buffalo Grand Commandery Sgt. Maj., Sgt. Maj. James Weber in your Prayers. Brother James is presently recovering from open heart surgery. Almighty God, I pray for my Brother James. I ask you to bring healing to my Brother's body. I ask you to: Correct that which needs correcting. Heal that which needs healing. Touch that which needs your divine touch. God, I ask that you provide my Brother James a new season of vibrant health, energy and enthusiasm. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen

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

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principles of our order. The practices of Faith, Hope, and Charity are becoming just words and our concept of good Catholic gentlemen is only reality while attending Mass. If any member or officer within our organization feels the need of "POWER" or wishes to throw out the principles of our order, I strongly suggest you resign your membership. Only by working together can we move forward, grow, and prosper our religion and God's word. It is high time that all members push a reality check on themselves to get a clear understanding of where we wish our order to progress, and how I as a member can help, not what the order can do for me, or how to obtain "POWER" over other members.

My dear brothers, I am sorry if this message sounds disturbing or upsetting, but my feelings are both, along with the hurt I feel to see my great organization stoop to the level as I witnessed. Only we as members can regain our respect and uphold our order that has survived for hundreds of years.

*Sincerely,
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.
Supreme President*

(Supreme Secretary from page 4)

and the need to pray and relate with God in all honesty.

Truly, this young woman was worthy of our designation as, "Humanitarian of the Year".

Deus lo vult,

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

(Supreme Spiritual Director from page 4)

May Jesus Christ always be the center of what we say and do, and may our faith always hold us up even in times of turmoil and challenges.

Peace and blessings,

*Msgr. Federico A. Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*

In Memoriam

June 2018 to September 2018

Commandery:

204 Depew, NY
204 Depew, NY
220 Oldenburg, IN
282 Evansville, IN
287 Atlantic City, NJ
313 Maria Stein, OH
340 Haubstadt, IN
349 Haubstadt, IN
366 Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia
391 Blasdel, NY
392 Tamale, Ghana
405 Tema, Ghana
414 Enugu, Enugu, Nigeria
414 Enugu, Enugu, Nigeria
414 Enugu, Enugu, Nigeria
422 Mbaise, Imo, Nigeria
422 Oguta, Imo, Nigeria
422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria
422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria
427 Nandom, Ghana
431 Adabraka, Ghana
433 Orlu, Imo, Nigeria
434 Awka, Anambra, Nigeria
434 Awka, Anambra, Nigeria
434 Awka, Anambra, Nigeria
435 Garnersville, Montserrado, Liberia
436 Tarkwa, Ghana
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria
446 Abakaliki, Enugu, Nigeria
448 Duala, Monrovia, Liberia
448 Duala, Monrovia, Liberia
450 Uyo, Cross River, Nigeria
458 Freetown, Sierra Leon
458 Freetown, Sierra Leone
475 Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia
477 Maidiguri, Imo, Nigeria
486 TyoboGboko, Makurdi, Nigeria
486 TyoboGboko, Makurdi, Nigeria
491 Damongo, Ghana
492 Tamale, Ghana
526 New Matadi, Monrovia, Liberia
529 Afikpo, Enugu, Nigeria
530 Akamkpa, Cross River, Nigeria
531 Amaigbo, Imo, Nigeria
536 Oron, Akwa-Ibom, Nigeria
538 Calabar, Cross River, Nigeria
545 Enugwu-Ukwu, Anambra, Nigeria
573 Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria
574 Maitama, Abuja FCT, Nigeria
576 Awada, Anambra, Nigeria
577 Fegge, Anambra, Nigeria
580 Awgu, Enugu, Nigeria
591 Allade, Benue, Nigeria
595 Kubwa/Abuja, Nigeria
596 Adenta, Ghana
606 Cadewell, Montserrado, Liberia
614 Trans-Nkisi, Anambra, Nigeria
622 Tubmanburg, Bomi, Liberia
629 D/Boo, Ghana
633 Oyiogo, Rivers, Nigeria
635 Bodo, Rivers, Nigeria
649 Gwagwalada FCT, Nigeria
673 Adoka, Benue, Nigeria
710 Brampton, Ontario, Canada
712 GRA, Awka, Anambra, Nigeria
734 Makeni, Sierra Leone
779 Woji, Rivers, Nigeria
790 Bo City, Sierra Leone
790 Bo City, Sierra Leone
793 Kono, Sierra Leone
797 Mamprobi, Ghana
800 Rumuomasi, Rivers, Nigeria
809 Bopulu Dist., Gbargpolu, Liberia
821 Orsumoghu, Anambra, Nigeria
830 Naka, Benue, Nigeria
839 Ivo Gov. Area, Ebonyi, Nigeria
844 Ahoada, Rivers, Nigeria
886 TyoboGboko, Makurdi, Nigeria

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Alphonsus Onwuegbulam
Peter Gbarto
Anthony Nwagbara
Pius Amana
Simon T. AhenkorahAdarkwa
Pius Melidem
John F. Koroma
Andrew Ochei
Paul Wilson Koroma
Peter Vandy
Dominic E. Kabba
Cletus Appiah
Pius UzumaChukwu
Solomon Wisseh
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Herbert Ikoy
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John Enyindah
Clement Foga

The Knights of Saint John Int. Speak Out

At the recent KSJI Supreme Convention, a matter of great issue was brought to the floor and discussed. As a result, the Body condemned in the strongest terms the killing of thousands of Christian men, women and children in the Plateau State of Nigeria.

A communique was issued, forwarded to all KSJI Commanderies, the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States, the Permanent Nigerian Mission to the United Nations, the President of Nigeria, the Papal Nuncio of Nigeria and Cardinals Arinze, Okogie and Inaiyekan.

A copy of our message follows:

SUPREME SECRETARIAT

Knights of St. John International



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The Knights of St. John International at its 81st International and 53rd Biennial Supreme Convention held in Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A. from July 15th -21st, 2018 resolved and condemned in the strongest terms the killings of thousands of men, women and children in Nigeria in what is being considered as “ethnic cleansing” of predominantly Christian victims.

The Knights of St. John International notes that during the week of June 22, 2018, 238 Christians were killed in a number of attacks by militia in the Plateau state region – which lies in the heart of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. These killings were in addition to about 6,000 Christian worshipers, mostly children, women and the aged who had been killed since 2018.

The Knights of St John International further notes without any doubt that these killings amount to the sole purpose of ethnic cleansing, land grabbing and forceful ejection of the Christian natives from their ancestral land and heritage. In the overall view of the delegates, alternates and observers at said convention, this is purely genocide and must stop immediately.

In view of the forgoing, the Knights of St. John International finally notes that the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has the constitutional responsibility to protect its citizens irrespective of tribes, religion or ethnic persuasion. And as such those who bear an iota of responsibilities must be held accountable and brought to justice expeditiously – contrary to which many of those responsible for such heinous crimes are being allowed to go “scot free”. The Knights of St. John International do not believe that these are mere attacks and clashes amongst “family/herdsmen” as being echoed and insinuated in many quarters within the government circle.

The Knights of St. John International finally calls on the Federal Republic of Nigeria to protect those farmers against unwarranted killings and grabbing of their inherited farm lands within the Plateau State of Nigeria.

Done this 20th Day of July, AD 2018 – In Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A. and through

Signed: _____

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz, Supreme Secretary

Approved: _____

Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr., Supreme President