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## Supreme President's Message



**M**y dear brothers in Knighthood, once again I have the pleasure to address you and hopefully explain what we have done and where I believe we should be heading, to sustain our future. I'm in hope that we fulfil our obligations to our Lord, His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection with our families and our friends in Christ, as we reached out to those who are in need and feel lost because they don't understand God's teachings. May God bless and watch over them.

We are now moving through our Grand and Supreme Subordinate Conventions. These conventions are very important. Each of us vote on which member we choose to represent us as delegates. These delegates vote on issues and in elections to determine your leaders. This year is a milestone for our three newly formed Supreme Subordinate Commanderies: Liberia, United States and Sierra Leone. Those commanderies will elect officers for the first time. As we utilize our Supreme Constitution to lead us in conducting these elections, we must remember that we need to conduct ourselves as Brother Knights. We cannot afford to allow ourselves to be drawn into the moment and allow ourselves to forget that we should conduct our behavior as good Catholic gentlemen, and as soldiers of God.

An issue that I must bring to the membership's attention is our use of social media. For certain, this technology can work to our

advantage for communications, advertising what our organization is about, promotion, etc., but there is also a dark side of how some members are using the social media.

Our Church and our Order have built in remedies for problems that may arise from time to time. Each member carries the responsibility to adhere to the laws of our Church and as a Knight of St. John, the Supreme Constitution and By-Laws. There have been times, and one is too many, that some of our brothers have had grievance. Instead of following the Laws, they have resorted to social media. These actions will not resolve any of our problems and must stop. These acts reflect a terrible image on the Church and our organization and are one-sided in views. Once you put it out on social media, you can't reclaim it, so let us all stop using the social media to cast ill-advised material.

In closing, I would like to give us all something to think about: "Jesus said, my children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

God bless you all!

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





## *Supreme Secretary's Message*

I have had fears that the fire of the Knights of St. John in America was going to gradually be extinguished, but I have begun to see sparks.

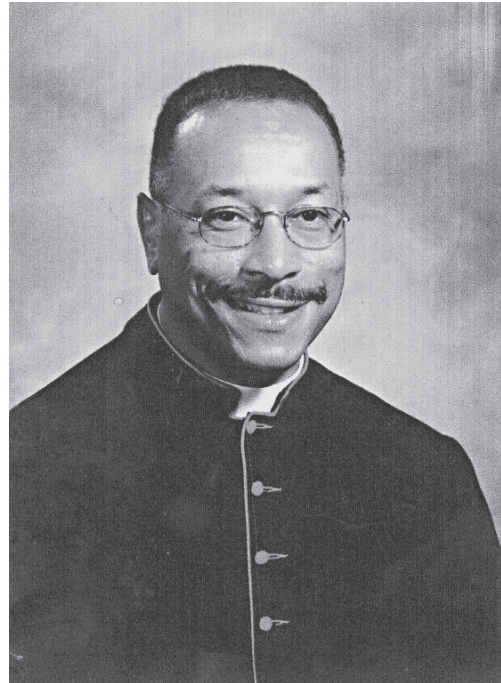
My commandery had a dinner meeting last week. We have been reduced by more than 50% due to deaths of our members and our average age is probably 79 years. During coffee and dessert, a spirited discussion ensued on the need for recruiting younger members. That is a spark.

The New York Grand just concluded their three day Convention and there was a contest for the office of Grand President. It was close. A two-vote margin decided the winner. Another spark.

Commanderies in Minneapolis and Detroit have come up with two of the finest videos on the Knights of St. John that I have seen in years. Truly, professionally done and some great membership tools. Some more sparks.

I have received phone calls regarding the possibility of a new Commandery in Raleigh, N.C. and hear there may be another Commandery forming in Newark, N.J. Talks with interested persons are still being had in Atlanta and California. These are sparks.

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## *Supreme Spiritual Director's Message*

To God be the glory!

Although the season of Easter is over, we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. We continue to proclaim Him in speech and action. Doing this can be challenging, but all of us have been anointed by God and we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit to be His Ambassadors and instruments.

While these challenges may include being criticized for professing to be Catholics and members of the Catholic Church, we are still called to proclaim Him. Many of us have to endure challenges within our country, or from other faith communities, or from family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We are reminded of those beautiful and comforting words from Jesus Christ: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you always."

Our Church and even for others, our country, is under attack. Satan is busy using humans, the T.V., media, and social media to attack our faith and how we choose to worship and profess our faith.

Like the apostles, martyrs, saints, and all believers, we continue to walk by faith as Soldiers for the Lord, professing Jesus Christ and realizing His Kingdom on earth.

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## Welcome to New Members

(April 2019 to June 2019)

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## Supreme Subordinate Commandery – United States

### Brothers:

It's not too late to attend the inaugural Supreme Subordinate, USA Convention. It will be held Friday, June 21 through Saturday, June 22. Delegates are expected to arrive on Thursday, June 20th and check-out on Sunday, June 22 at the Wyndham Garden Sterling Heights, located at 34911 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312, tel. 586-979-1400.

There are no restrictions on who can attend this convention. Voting, however, is restricted to delegates and SSC-USA officers.

Our host brothers have informed us that the convention registration of \$ 45.00 (\$50 on-site) includes the dinner. If you have an additional guest, then you must pay an extra \$35.00. Maj. Gen. Brian Stehlin, Michigan Grand President is chairing the organizing committee. He can be reached at brianbala@comcast.net.

Yours in Knighthood,  
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The most outstanding event in the Grand Commandery in the First Quarter of the year is the inscription into the Catholic Institute of West Africa (CIWA) of 35 brothers and sisters for a certificate course in theology. CIWA is a degree-awarding institution for the Regional Episcopal Conferences of West Africa (RECOWA). It is also affiliated with the University of Calabar and awards Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees in Philosophy, the Canon Law and Theology.

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery had negotiated with CIWA to design a special part-time program for the Knights of St. John International for courses leading to Certificate in Theology. The 6-month adult program runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Two types of certificates would be awarded. Certificates of Attendance for those who will not take exams, and Certificates in Theology. Our team is led by the Grand President Brig. Gen. Stephen Ekwelibe and the Grand Respected President Noble Lady Gina Ebodaghe.

It is a truism that no one can give what he does not have. Knights of St. John, whose major purpose is "to advance the spiritual and material interests of the Church," cannot effectively do this without a thorough knowledge of what the Catholic Church is, "its rituals and ceremonials" – its *modus operandi*". The CIWA program is

designed to equip brothers and sisters with this knowledge.

The 22-week course (three weeks are reserved for examinations), offers twelve subject areas at the introductory level. Some of these are: Introduction to Liturgy, Introduction to Canon Law, Introduction to Sacred Scriptures, Biblical interpretation and Introduction to Moral Theology, Ecclesiology, Fundamental Theology, Pentecostalism, Ecumenism, and Introduction to African Traditional Religion.

These courses are an eye-opening experience even for the very learned among us. We have professors and engineers, medical doctors, bankers. The youngest among us is forty years, and the oldest, eighty-four. It is a challenging course but we slowly see ourselves more and more useful to ourselves and to the Church.

Some of us have vowed to continue these studies to obtain Diplomas in Theology (two years), Bachelor of Theology (4 years) and even Master's and Doctor's. Already, from this Grand Commandery, one Knight is graduating with a Doctor of Theology from CIWA. I commend the course to all our brothers and sisters.

*"Come and taste the waters of knowledge"*

### Syllabus for Aspirants, 2nd/3rd Degrees, 4th Degree

In pursuit of the major thrust of this Administration, to make us better Knights,

truly knowledgeable in the affairs of the Catholic Church, the Grand President commissioned a Committee to develop syllabi for aspirants into the Order, for candidates into 2nd/ 3rd Degrees, and for the 4th Degree aspirants. The Committee completed the assignment in February, in collaboration with the Judicial Vicar for the laity. All the syllabi will be bound together and produced for use by prospects and instructors.

On the March 30, 2019, the Committee organized a mini-workshop for all teachers of catechism and chairpersons of Liturgy in the Grand Commandery. Members of the committee went through the syllabus page by page so that the spirit and soul of the catechism may be uniform throughout the length and breadth of the Grand. The committee has also produced a teacher's manual for the three levels of instruction.

### Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon Chapter of Chevaliers Dedicates its Temple.

On Friday, April 26, 2019 the Board of Trustees of the Chapter held its Quarter meeting. It ended with Mass celebrated by the Grand Spiritual Director. He graciously dedicated our Temple. The Temple now maintains a daily routine of prayers at noon for the Angelus /Regina Caoli, Divine Mercy devotions at 3:00 p.m. and closing prayer at 5:00 p.m.

**Col Dan Onuoha**  
*Scribe (BEFCC)*



## Buffalo Grand Commandery/ Buffalo Regiment

### Greetings from Buffalo!

The Buffalo Grand has been active, holding a Grand Meeting in March and preparing for the Grand Convention on June 29. At the meeting, Acting President, Colonel Peter Ozemoyah appointed a nominating committee for the Grand elections chaired by Past Grand President, Brig. Gen. Jim Setlock.

We attended the Catholic Men's Conference in April where we had a table with information on our order. There was a lot of interest which we hope will generate some new members. Membership chairman Major Joe Miller could not attend because he was recovering from a broken hip. Thanks to Capt. Tim Redinger who stepped up to coordinate the event. The event was very informative and we enjoyed the day. At the Mass, we provided an escort for Bishop Richard Joseph Malone, which also gives us exposure to Catholic men from around the Diocese.

The 3rd Battalion held their annual Mass and Breakfast on April 7 at St. John Vianney Church. Commandery 387 was the host for the breakfast. Thanks to Major Jerry Grasso, 3rd Battalion Commander, who did a great job for his first Battalion turnout.

On May 5, Commandery 377, Our Lady of Pompeii, attended Mass at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY. After Mass, we attended brunch with the seminarians, which is always a pleasant experience.

The annual field Mass at our monument will be held on May 27. This is our most important turnout of the year as we pay tribute to our Brothers who have gone before us. Those members names are inscribed on our monument and read during Mass, where family members are asked to put a rose on the altar. Taps are played while our members present swords. This year, we especially mourn the loss of our Regimental Chaplain, Fr. Edward Czarnecki, who was a true Knight of St. John. Thanks to our Supreme President who approved a promotion for Fr. Ed to Brig. Gen. He will be truly missed.



The Grand set up a display table at the Catholic Men's Conference to showcase information about the order.

When cleaning out our storeroom, we discovered a booklet from the 1935 Noble Degree ceremony which listed the charter members of the Noble Degree. Listed among them was Venerable Nelson Baker. We always knew that Fr. Baker was a member of the Knights of St. John but did not know that he was a charter member of the Noble

Degree. We donated the book to the Fr. Baker museum at Our Lady of Victory Basilica.

This is a very busy time of year for our commanderies with turnouts for First Holy Communion and Confirmations. ■

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

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

They would appreciate your prayers, so that they all experience a speedy and full recovery. May the Heavenly Father bestow on them his healing power and give them, every grace and blessing in this life and everlasting joy in His presence.

**Note:** Let us know if a Knight is ill or recovering from surgery.

## Owerri Grand Commandery

### Apkmm Owerri 2019

**S**ATURDAY, 9 February, 2019, OWGC hall, 1st quarterly JGBOT was held with Grand President Brig. Gen. Anthony Erukeme presiding. It was a full floor as delegates from districts and commanderies were in attendance. Grand President read out the road map for 2019.

Worthy of note is the commencement of the second Grand hostel building and its fund-raising ceremony in June 2019.

SATURDAY, 16 March, 2019, was muster and inspection in all the districts of OWGC. It is a day of assessing how many brothers are left since the last exercise. There was inspection of kits as well as a mock meeting. The exercise allows the Grand to know how many brothers remain in good standing.

SATURDAY, 6 April, 2019, the annual workshop for table officers was held. Papers were presented among which were "The Administrative duties of Recording and Corresponding Secretaries", by Col.C.E.J Ibeh (Noble) Grand Secretary. Brig Gen Eugene Emenalo's paper focused on "cultivating and sustaining the culture of discipline at the commandery level".

### From the commanderies

Sunday 28 April, 2019, St.Jude parish in Amapu Ntigha, Brother and Sister Sylvanus Chijioke of St . Michael commandery 705 Umuacha celebrated their Golden Jubilee.

**In Memoriam:** Commandery 705 laid to



rest their oldest brother Benedict Imeogu at 99 years.

### In the Spirit of Charity

District 13 Aba, presented cash of #500000 at this year's Cathedraicum.

Just as God loves us so we shall each other. We haven't lived today until we have done something to someone who can't

repay us.

Let's remember our sick brothers and sisters and give them a call, aged Bros/sis. Give them a call, visit, support and prayer and above all forgive one another.

**Lieut. Vincent Azubuike**  
Owerri Grand Journal Editor

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## Wa Grand Commandery



### *St. Cecilia's Commandery No. 517, Wa Gets New Officers*

**T**he St. Cecilia's Commandery, No. 517, Wa of the Knights of St. John International in the Wa Grand Commandery has elected and installed new officers for a two-year period.

The officers, numbering 12, were installed by the Supreme Subordinate President of Ghana, Major General James B. Dassah at the Commandery's Temple in Wa.

The team is under the leadership of the Commandery President, 1st Lieut. Lucas Yiryel. The other officers include: Sir Knight Paschal Nuzaala, 1st Vice President, Captain Sebastian Gan, 2nd Vice President, and Sir Knight Titus Kantubogi, Recording and Corresponding Secretary. The other Officers are Sir Knight David Kuurison, Treasurer; 1st Lieut. Bernard Kaatori, Financial Secretary; Sir Knight John Bosco Bedi, 1st Trustee; Sir Knight Simon Debzie, 2nd Trustee; Sir Knight Paschal Dongzuing, 3rd Trustee; Sir Knight Bernard Guninkuu, Messenger; 2nd Lieut. Albert Beni, 2nd Vice Uniform Rank Commander and Bro. Knight Patrick Dugle, Public Relations Officer.

After the installation exercises, Major Dassah, admonished

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### *St. Cecilia's Commandery No. 517, Wa Honors Spiritual Director*

**M**embers of the Knights of St. John International in the St. Cecilia Parish in the Wa Grand Commandery have presented a Citation in Honor of their Spiritual Director, Very Rev. Fr. Justine Bogne, in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the spiritual welfare and growth of members of the Order in the Parish. The Citation together with a Knights of St. John International's chest badge was presented at a church ceremony alongside a cash donation. In addition, an Honorary Membership to the St. Cecilia's Commandery, No. 517 of the Wa Grand Commandery was conferred on Very Rev. Fr. Justine Bogne who is the Parish Priest of the St. Cecilia's Parish, Wa. The Parish currently has three (3) Commanderies and two (2) Auxiliaries.

The Presentations were done by the Supreme Subordinate President of Ghana, Major General James B. Dassah with assistance from the Wa Grand President and Secretary, Brigadier General Sylvester Dery and Col. Dr. Joseph Wulifan, respectively. The short ceremony was ably facilitated by the immediate Past President of the St. Cecilia's Commandery, No. 517, Col. Magnus Innocent Der. ■



## New York Grand Commandery

The weather outside was not the best in Jamaica, New York with almost nonstop rain throughout the weekend that began Friday, May 3. But it did not stop the commandery from having a spirited gathering enjoyed by all.

Toward the end of the gathering at the Delegates Meeting, Supreme Secretary Lt. Gen. Thomas Zdanowicz announced the appointments of Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu to Cadet Organizer with the rank of Colonel. It was also announced that Sir Knight Michael Days would become the new assistant editor of the Knights Journal.

Brigadier General Francis Kollie also thanked brothers for the support given to the family of Brig. Gen. Jerome Countiss, who recently passed.

Outgoing Grand President Brig. Gen. John A. Russo thanked the membership for its support during his term of office.

The new officers were sworn in, and the duties of the offices were explained by Supreme Secretary Zdanowicz and Brig. Gen. Russo.



### Please find the results of the elections below.

**President:** Brig. Gen Richard Morse

**1st Vice Pres.:** Col. Martin Ukeje

**2nd Vice Pres.:** Col. Alexander Jaeploe

**Secretary:** Col. Dave B. Wilson Sr.

**Financial Secretary:** Col. Jason Fazio

**Treasurer:** Brig. Gen. Dominick Pepe

**Judge Advocate:** Sgt. Ben Onwuegbu

### Trustees elected to two-year terms:

Maj. Patrick Mombo

Capt. Rudolph Weedor

### Trustees elected to four-year terms:

Sir Knight Harold Uche

Sir Knight Gbarciai A. Mowenn

**Messenger:** 1st Lieut. John Akwobi

**Guard:** Sir Knight Marcellus Njoku

**Sgt. At Arms:** Sir Knight Emmanuel Nwoha

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the new Officers to work hard at championing the course of the Noble Order both locally and nationally. He charged them to see themselves as officers of the Order and not just of the Commandery hence work hand in glove with other officers and Brother Knights in the Wa Grand Commandery to promote the ideals of the Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist. He expressed confidence in the St. Cecilia's Commandery in leading the unification efforts of the Order in the Wa Grand.

On his part, the new Worthy President, 1st Lieut. Lucas Yiryel thanked the Supreme Subordinate President of Ghana for making time out of his busy schedules to come and perform the installa-

tion exercise. He indicated that it was the first time in the Commandery's history that a high-ranking officer of the Noble Order, had installed its officers. He said it was going to go down in the annals of the Commandery as a historic event. Worthy Lucas Yiryel, on behalf of the other officers, pledged to work hard for the upliftment of the image of the Noble Order and importantly for the unification of the Order in the 9th District in particular. He stressed that the St. Cecilia's Commandery will be the pacesetter in coming out with innovative programmes and activities that will bring all Commanderies & Auxiliaries in the 9th District together to champion the course of the Order and mother Church.

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## Baltimore - Washington Grand Commandery

### Remembering Our Departed Brothers

**“I**t has pleased the Almighty in His Infinite Wisdom to call to his eternal reward our beloved Brother Knights”. The Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery regrets to announce the death of our following Brother Knights: Major General Francis Jerome Countiss, Jr. (Sacred Heart Commandery #309, (16 years), served as Commandery President and other offices, as President of the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery (2 years), as Supreme Subordinate of the United States (nearly 2 years), a member of the Noble Degree (2+ years), and recognized as Knight of the Year in 2008 by the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery), Lieutenant Colonel James Irvin Holley (Saint Peter Claver Commandery #4 (10 years), involved in many special assignments and an active supporter and volunteer in many activities in support of the Ladies Auxiliary #165), Lieutenant Colonel Eric Vaughn Gay (St. John Holy Name Commandery #388 and Financial Secretary of the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery), and SK Stanley Edmond Herd (Sacred Heart Commandery #309, involved with various Sacred Heart Commandery #309 (fish fry) and Maryland Regiment (picnic) activities.). Our deceased Brothers were instrumental in focusing on the Knights of St. John International core precepts of Family, Evangelism, Charity, Community and Service. Rest in Peace, Brothers.

### Knight Awarded Jewel of Honor

Captain Francis X. Cooper, Charter Member of Sacred Heart Commandery #309 was presented the Jewel of Honor Award on March 29, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata, Maryland. Colonel Jerome Short, Maryland Regiment President, welcomed family, friends, clergy, politicians, organizations, Knights and Ladies, followed with Opening Prayer by Brother, Deacon Robert Martin. Brother Cooper, a charter member of Sacred Heart Commandery #309, has been a member of the Knights of Saint John for 72+ years. He joined immediately after being honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1946. He became a “uniformed knight” in 1950 and has always served admirably in the Knight of Saint John and



**Baltimore Washington Bro. Cooper Award**

adhered to its principles. He served in leadership positions at the Baltimore-Washington-Grand Commandery and Maryland Regiment levels. With his many active years in the Knight of Saint John, his vast knowledge and understanding of the Knight of Saint John Constitution, Bylaws, and its principles has been an important asset to Sacred Heart Commandery #309. Congratulations Brother Cooper.

### Good of the Order

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. Also reach out to those Brothers who have lost a spouse or relative. They will appreciate 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., Historian**  
*Maryland Regiment*

## Sixty-Ninth Annual National Bowling Tournament

■ The Sixty-Ninth Annual Knights of St. John International Bowling Tournament was held in Utica, New York on April 26, 27 and 28, 2019.

■ The National Sports Committee would like to thank the members from Commandery No. 41 and Auxiliary 156 for helping host the tournament this year. The committee would also like to thank all the members who participated in the tournament this year.

■ On Friday evening the Supreme Officer's match game was cancelled, hopefully this part of the tournament will return next year.

■ On Friday evening the local committee hosted a hospitality room at the hotel which was very well attended. All those that stopped in seemed to enjoy themselves.

■ On Saturday the Doubles and Singles event were held starting at 10:00 a.m. Before bowling, Supreme President General Frank Waseleski welcomed everyone to Utica and thanked the local committee for all the hard work they did preparing for the weekend. The number of participants was down from last year.

■ The local committee held a Mass at 4:00 p.m. at historic St. John's Church.

■ On Sunday the Team Event was held starting at 10:00 a.m. We had eighteen teams participate in the event. After bowling both the men and women were presented with their winning plaques and prize money.

■ We are still looking for someone to host the tournament in 2020, the dates of the tournament will be April 24, 25 and 26, 2020. If anyone is interested, contact the chairman for information at 1-315-723-7585. Please leave a message if there is no answer please leave a message, or you can email the chairman at [bgenjoe@gmail.com](mailto:bgenjoe@gmail.com).

■ Hopefully everyone enjoyed their stay in Utica, and the each and everyone returned home safely. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in 2020.



**The Supreme President Gen. Frank Waseleski Sr. bowls first to declare the 2019 tournament open.** Photo: Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu

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

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

■ Team Event – Matt Kandefer Plumbing – Mike Kandefer – CJ Moore – Tony Stang and Dave Mishlanie from New York with a score of 2044 scratch plus 645 handicap for a total of 2689.

■ Doubles Event- Chris Smith and Dave Darling from Michigan with a score of 1321 scratch plus 75 handicap for a total of 1396.

■ Singles Event – (High Three w/HDGP – Darren Bennett from Maryland with a score of 723 scratch plus 60 handicap for a total of 783.

■ High Single Game – (Actual Pins) – Darren Bennett from Maryland with a score of 279. He received a bowling ball.

■ High Three Games – Singles Event – (Actual Pins) – Darren Bennett from Maryland with a score of 723.



## Supreme Secretary's Message

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I had a difficult challenge facing me. Three positions of the Supreme Secretariat had to be filled. One was to be my replacement. Another was to be Asst. Editor of the Knights Journal, and the last was someone to take over the position of Secretary to the Supreme Advisory Board. Three young, very qualified members of our Order have stepped forward to take on these very difficult and important positions. Sparks! Sparks! Sparks!

My fears are unfounded. Sparks are everywhere. All around us.

Let all of us pray to our Patron, St. John the Baptist, thru his intercession with the Holy Spirit, that these sparks become a blazing fire, fanning the flames like the fervor of our founders over 150 years ago.

Deus lo Volt

*Supreme Secretary*  
**Lt. Gen Tom Zdanowicz**

## Supreme Spiritual Director's Message

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Keep doing what you are doing in the name of Jesus Christ. Profess Him, preach Him, and proclaim Him. And may we remain in unison for our brothers and sisters who are literally under attack.

As always, be assured of my prayers at Mass.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Msgr. Federico A. Britto**  
*Supreme Spiritual Director*

## In Memoriam

<b>Comm. #4</b>	Baltimore, MD	James Holley
<b>Comm. #94</b>	Covington, KY	Robert J. Eifert
<b>Comm. #100</b>	Schenectady, NY	John T. Brennan
<b>Comm. #103</b>	Louisville, KY	James Macpherson
<b>Comm. #286</b>	Washington, DC	James Dunnington
<b>Comm. #309</b>	LaPlata, MD	F. Jerome Countiss, Jr.
<b>Comm. #388</b>	Washington, DC	Eric Gay, Sr.
<b>Comm. #391</b>	Blasdell, NY	Rev. Fr. Edward Czarnecki
<b>Comm. #411</b>	Wa, Ghana	Gregory Abudu Darimani
<b>Comm. #411</b>	Wa, Ghana	Conrad Dachie
<b>Comm. #420</b>	Uyo Akwibom, Calabar, Nigeria	John Onuche Agudah
<b>Comm. #434</b>	Ihembosi, Awka, Nigeria	P. Nwokoye
<b>Comm. #446</b>	Enugu, Nigeria	Eugene O. Anena
<b>Comm. #446</b>	Enugu, Nigeria	Patrick Ejike
<b>Comm. #446</b>	Enugu, Nigeria	Alphonsus Okolie
<b>Comm. #447</b>	Maryland, Lagos, Nigeria	Edwin C. Umeh
<b>Comm. #448</b>	Freetown, Sierra Leone (Liberian Member)	Michael Salia Doe
<b>Comm. #482</b>	Abeke, Accra, Ghana	Ernestho Kwaku Anani de-Souza
<b>Comm. #487</b>	Ahiazu Mbaise, Imo State, Nigeria	James Ugo
<b>Comm. #489</b>	Warri, Benin, Nigeria	Francis Akubilo
<b>Comm. #496</b>	Akure, Lagos, Nigeria	Williams O. Ojuola
<b>Comm. #509</b>	Ezinifite, Awka, Nigeria	Joseph Ofomata
<b>Comm. #515</b>	Bawku, Ghana	Paul Ayamba
<b>Comm. #517</b>	Wa, Ghana	Osidore Benlu
<b>Comm. #526</b>	New Maladi, Monrovia, Liberia	James Vargbelee
<b>Comm. #549</b>	Obiaruku, Benin, Nigeria	Andrew Ojie
<b>Comm. #549</b>	Obiaruku, Benin, Nigeria	John Enegede
<b>Comm. #552</b>	Benin City, Benin, Nigeria	Samuel Akpodonor
<b>Comm. #554</b>	Abraka, Benin, Nigeria	Christopher Obiajulu
<b>Comm. #555</b>	Benin City, Benin, Nigeria	Benjamin Toluhi
<b>Comm. #557</b>	Akwoonjo, Lagos, Nigeria	Paulinus Ugwuoke
<b>Comm. #558</b>	Elele, Rivers State, Nigeria	Ezeakabundu Isidore
<b>Comm. #558</b>	Elele, River State, Nigeria	Clement Okabile
<b>Comm. #558</b>	Elele, Rivers State, Nigeria	Emmanuel Enwere
<b>Comm. #578</b>	Lac, Grand Bassa, Liberia	James Flomo
<b>Comm. #579</b>	Ugep, Calabar, Nigeria	Titus Ebong
<b>Comm. #582</b>	Ankpa Kogi, Nsukka, Nigeria	James Akor
<b>Comm. #584</b>	Enugu, Nigeria	Alexander Okoh
<b>Comm. #593</b>	Makurdi, Benue, Nigeria	James Obaje

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<b>Comm. #593</b>	<i>Makurdi, Benue, Nigeria</i>	<b>Celestine Shishi</b>
<b>Comm. #594</b>	<i>V/Ikya, Benue, Nigeria</i>	<b>Lawrence Zawua</b>
<b>Comm. #600</b>	<i>Enugu, Nigeria</i>	<b>Livinus Nwachukwu</b>
<b>Comm. #601</b>	<i>Obudu, Calabar, Nigeria</i>	<b>Paul Adie Apuye</b>
<b>Comm. #602</b>	<i>Kwakwom Boki, Calabar, Nigeria</i>	<b>Gabriel Bisong</b>
<b>Comm. #605</b>	<i>Pipeline, Paynesville, Liberia</i>	<b>Alonzo Guragh</b>
<b>Comm. #607</b>	<i>Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia</i>	<b>Saame Nazime</b>
<b>Comm. #621</b>	<i>Banjor, Virginia, Liberia</i>	<b>Cyrus Fawine</b>
<b>Comm. #629</b>	<i>D/Boo, Ghana</i>	<b>Titus K. Bang</b>
<b>Comm. #635</b>	<i>Bodo, Rivers State, Nigeria</i>	<b>Paul Dike</b>
<b>Comm. #643</b>	<i>Festac, Lagos, Nigeria</i>	<b>Clement A. Osakwe</b>
<b>Comm. #651</b>	<i>Otukpo, Benue, Nigeria</i>	<b>John Agbo</b>
<b>Comm. #709</b>	<i>Enugu, Nigeria</i>	<b>David Onwe Oze</b>
<b>Comm. #717</b>	<i>Fugar, Benin, Nigeria</i>	<b>Philip Umogbai</b>
<b>Comm. #722</b>	<i>Benin, Nigeria</i>	<b>Patrick Omongbale</b>
<b>Comm. #730</b>	<i>Augorikoko, Benin, Nigeria</i>	<b>Bensen Osakwe</b>
<b>Comm. #733</b>	<i>Benin City, Benin, Nigeria</i>	<b>Francis Opene</b>
<b>Comm. #756</b>	<i>Drobo, Ghana</i>	<b>Francis Adum-Amponsah</b>
<b>Comm. #779</b>	<i>Woji, Rivers State, Nigeria</i>	<b>Peter Okubi</b>
<b>Comm. #807</b>	<i>Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria</i>	<b>Maxwell Akata</b>
<b>Comm. #908</b>	<i>Navrongo, Ghana</i>	<b>Thomas Adongo</b>
<b>Comm. #924</b>	<i>Walewale, Ghana</i>	<b>Paul A. Asigri</b>

## St. John the Baptist

**J**ohn the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and baptizing Jesus Christ.

He was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical because of his wife's age and for this was rendered mute until his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This

revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 A.D. and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did. Then the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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