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Supreme President's Message



My dear brothers, it is time again for me to address you and try to explain what is happening within our organization. Instead of putting an agenda in front of you that would show our organization is moving forward in steps that will promote our order, work closer with the authority of our Church, help the needy, and practice the principals of our organization of Faith, Hope, and Charity, I find myself telling our members of the total misuse or desecration of our Laws within the Supreme Constitution. Since I wrote you in my previous articles about how some members are resorting to the outside courts and involving the hierarchy of our church into the matters of the order, and publicizing it on the social media, this infection seems to be growing. Members are seeking office for the wrong reasons, Rank and Power! Even some officers that have been elected to positions of leadership are not leading our members as the Supreme Constitution states; they are leading by imposing fear and intimidations on our members that have elected them with the trust of their constitutional rights. Your Supreme Executive Board of Directors are committed to protect

our members and ensure that all members are protected under our laws. To you members and officers that choose to circumvent our Supreme Constitution or rule with a hammer instead of your heart, I dare you! I wonder how you can confess your sins to the Lord when your only objective is your personal gains of rank and to demoralize our members into believing that you have "POWER!" If rank and the false belief of power is your objective in being a Knights of St. John, I strongly suggest you remove yourself from our organization. We are an order of good Catholic gentlemen with a strong belief of our principals and an even stronger love for our church and its teachings. Suppression is ungodly and totally against those teachings; our Lord prevailed and we will also!

God bless our membership and their families, and give us the strength to persevere as our forefathers who came before us.

Faternally,
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.
Supreme President



Supreme Secretary's Message

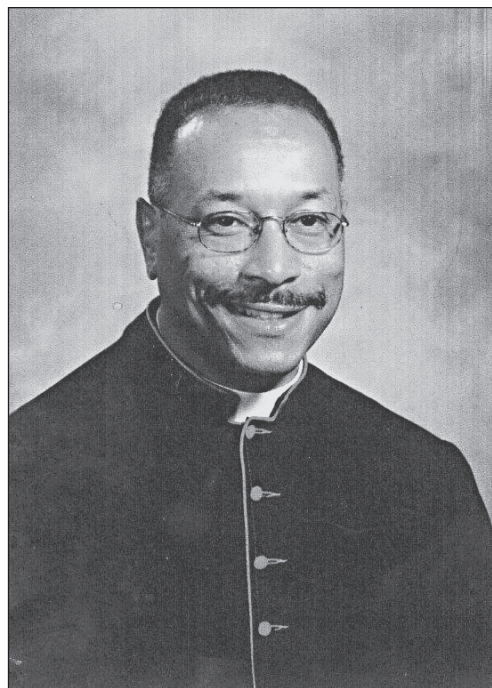
I am already getting excited over the thought of next year's Supreme Convention. Brig. Gen. Mark Elpers and Brig. Gen. Matt Trossman of the Indiana Grand Commandery, have chosen an outstanding location for the 2020 Convention. The Supreme Executive Board had their July meeting at the same venue, "the Galt House" in Louisville, Kentucky, and we came away very impressed. It will be a grand place to enjoy.

It is, in actuality, two 14-story hotels across the street from each other, connected by a large pedestrian bridge that serves as a bar, a place to get light lunches and most of all, a vast area to sit, relax and socialize. I am sure that this is where most of us will be gathering between official functions. Sure beats sitting around in a hotel lobby.

While the hotel served all our needs, one of the buildings was undergoing some large remodeling alterations. When completed, in time for the convention, rooms will be updated and there will be an additional seven restaurants and lounges in the one location.

Surrounding the hotel is a great park with fountains and space for seating. A walkway in front of the hotel

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Supreme Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of St. John:

Peace be with You!

I wish to pose a question to you.

"Who do we say we are? Who do others say we are?"

This question should sound somewhat familiar to us but asked differently. The question familiar to us was asked by Jesus Christ to his disciples:

"Who do people say that I am?" Then Jesus narrowed the question to his disciples when he asked them: "Who do you say I am?"

Their response to Jesus satisfied him. They answered:

"You are the Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world."

Jesus' preaching, teaching, healing, and presence transformed many into believers and followers of Him. As Knights and Ladies of a wonderful, international, Catholic order in the Church, the original question I posed is an important one:

"Who do we say we are?" It is wonderful to see us wearing our Knights and Ladies of St. John International uniforms, especially during liturgical functions. It is also important for others to see that we wear them with

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KNIGHT OF ST. JOHN JOURNAL GOING ALL DIGITAL

The Supreme Executive Board at their meeting in Louisville, KY on July 26, 2019 decided that hard-copies of the Knight of St. John (this Journal) will no longer be sent to members. Effective with the March 2020 issue, all copies of the Knight of St. John will be sent to your email address. The protocol to provide your email address will be included in the December issue.

For those of you who do not choose to send us your e-mail address, you can always print out a copy from our website, ksji.org

This new process will allow us to open up more avenues to making our "Knight of St. John" a colorful and interesting newsletter.

The Staff of the "Knight of St. John"

PER CAPITA SUSPENSIONS

As of August 1, 2019 the amount of indebtedness to the Supreme Commander stands at \$116,179.00. This figure includes Per Capita Taxes for the year 2019 and prior years. At the direction of the Supreme Executive Board please be advised that all indebtedness must be paid in full by the end of December 2019 or that entire Grand Commandery and or Supreme Subordinate Commandery will stand suspended. There will be no exceptions.

Those commanderies who do not belong to a Supreme Subordinate Commandery or are unattached will also be subject to the same suspension.

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Supreme Secretary

Special Notice

MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 15, 2020

(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, 2020.
You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than May 15, 2020.

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

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

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September 1, 2019

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, 2019: 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 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 two KSJI MIR Forms 1 to the Muster and Inspecting Officer(s). 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 Form 2. When the KSJI Form 2 is complete, the Colonel or District Commander will have a number of copies made. The Colonel or District Commander will submit the KSJI Forms 2 to their Supreme Subordinate Commandery or

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Grand Commandery who will compile all of their subordinate commands KSJI MIR Forms 2 for submission to the Supreme Commandery, Inspector General no later than January 15, 2020. 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 the same is to be read to the members of the Local Commandery in order that they might know how their Local Commandery compares with 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, 2020. **Forms and tutorials are available for download at the KSJI.org website, Military page.**

*By Command of Major General Sean Dey,
KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General.*

Here are directions for filing the annual Muster and Inspection from the Supreme Military Committee and the Inspector General:

The Supreme President's General Order commanding the annual Muster and Inspection is published in this edition of the Journal. The necessary forms, instructions and tutorial are available for download in the military section of the Knights website, KSJI.org. Form 1 is prepared by the Mustering and Inspecting Officers. This is the role of the Local Commandery, for the purpose of recording attendance and the results of the inspection of the Local Commandery. Form 2 is a summary to be prepared by the District/Regiment/Battalion Commander, for the purpose of collecting and recording the results of the Muster and Inspection of the Local Commanderies under his command. Two copies of Form 1 are made-one is kept by the Mustering/Inspecting Officer, and one is given to the Local Commander. 3 copies of Form 2 are made-one goes to the Inspector General, one is retained by the District/Regiment/Battalion Commander, and one is made available to Local Commanders within the command. **Inspecting/Mustering Officers and Commanders, please use the current forms provided by the office of the Inspector General as distributed and as posted at the website for download.** Please do not hesitate to contact the office of the Inspector General for clarification and assistance.

Requests for the formation or elimination of Districts, Regiments and Battalions shall now be submitted to the Supreme Military Committee in care of the Inspector General. Requests will be evaluated with the assistance of the Supreme Secretary, who will review requests forwarded to him by the Supreme Military Committee. When consent is given by the Supreme Military Committee based on all available information, the Supreme Secretary will issue the appropriate documents.

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Comm. #462	Agbor, Delta, Nigeria	Joseph Chidokwe
Comm. #472	Garki, Abuja FCT, Nigeria	Innocent Ibebuogu Okere, Emmanuel Nosike, Cornelius Kanayo Oguaka, Jude Azih, Dominic Abonyi, Festus Benyeogor
Comm. #474	Ekiti, Ekiti, Nigeria	Charles Akinwade Oluwole
Comm. #485	Ilorin, Kwara, Nigeria	Kelvin Ojo Adeyemi, Francis Ejiroghene Obike, Victor Chukwuemeka, Ogomugo Ejiroghene
Comm. #489	Warri, Warri, Nigeria	William Oruebe, Sunday Thomas Abolarin
Comm. #492	Tamale, UER, Ghana	Daniel Akachisika, Akansake, Fidelis Badu, George Bazaayeya
Comm. #497	Achimoto, Ghana	Selorm Dzimedi-Ehlah, Henry Kofi Gyasi, Raphael Wiredu Boamah
Comm. #510	Abor, Ghana	Nelson Adi
Comm. #511	Nnewi, Anambra, Nigeria	Raymond Unachukwu, Christopher Agwuncha, Eric Mmaduagwu, Simon Obi, Vincent Okoili, Joseph Efobi
Comm. #527	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Solomon M. Black, Patrick I. Conteh, Steven Gaoija, David M. Yambasu, Christopher Teh, Denis H. Tucker, Emmanuel E. Vandi, Tamba Kpakiwa, Sydney V. Tucker, Lavaley L. Johnny,
Comm. #529	Afikpo, Ebonyi, Nigeria	Fidelis Nanna D. Ukor, Emmanuel Uche, Francis E. Egwu,
Comm. #544	Wenchi, Ghana	Samuel Gyan, Sylvester Dery, Phillip Nari Aboyinga
Comm. #557	Akwoonjo, Lagos, Nigeria	Marcellinus Chinedu Ejike, John Paul Tarbo, John Obimalu, Amadi Innocent Onye, Francis Anigi, Finnian Ibeagwam, Solomon Uwalele Igwoba, Felix Omotayo Fapohunda
Comm. #573	Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria	Collins Taiwo Fajugbade, Thomas Adeyemi Olugbenga, Lawrence Sunday Alegbe, Peter Bello Taiwo,
Comm. #574	Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria	Dominic Offor, Aja Peter Nwabueze Igwe
Comm. #580	Awgu, Enugu, Nigeria	Kingsley N. Ogbonna, George S. Nwankwo, Gregory Ituna

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Comm. #583	Abakpa, Enugu, Nigeria	Samuel N. Egwuonu, Ferdinand Alajiegu I
Comm. #585	Trans Ekulu, Enugu, Nigeria	Felix Ugwuaneke, Jude Ikenna Uzundu, Valentine C. Obi, Obioma S. Onugwu
Comm. #587	Nkpor, Anambra, Nigeria	Joachim Ogenyi, Chindu Ezeuka, Kelvin Igwe
Comm. #595	Kubwa, Abuja, Nigeria	Vitalis Erou
Comm. #604	Madina, Ghana	Boniface Maalu Paaga, Victor Wobil Pusommalug Thotime Mubiba, Ephraim Kodzo Tudzi, Robert Bonyamya
Comm. #618	Kpehe, Ghana	Edmond Dela Accorley, Aristo Dotsie, Isaac Zikpi Mensah, Freedom Frederick Gudu
Comm. #624	Asawase, Ghana	Prince Kwame Adobasoa, Justice Owusu-Amoako, Casmiel Osabutey, Kwame Fosu Adarkwa
Comm. #640	Badagry, Lagos, Nigeria	Sunday Patrick Obiefuna
Comm. #641	Ikorodu, Lagos, Nigeria	Nweze Valentine Kenchukwu
Comm. #642	Falomo, Lagos, Nigeria	Kingsley Iheanacho Ikpe, Nzeka Uche, Raphael C. Obi
Comm. #648	Wuye, Abuja, Nigeria	Callistus C. Obi
Comm. #652	Gwarimpa, Abuja, Nigeria	Raphael Okoye, Justine Ezeoke, Charles Ugwu, Nonso Ozoemena
Comm. #653	Wuse, Abuja, Nigeria	Charles Ugwunyi, Marcillinus Amyalechi, Peter Agbomtaem
Comm. #658	Emene, Enugu, Nigeria	Christian C. Nwankwo, Calistus C. Ojukwu, Charles T. Nzehika, Johnmark I. Akah
Comm. #659	Agbani, Enugu, Nigeria	Bernard C. Chukwu
Comm. #669	Life Camp, Abuja, Nigeria	Chinedu Anylegor
Comm. #661	Abuja, Abuja, Nigeria	Emmanuel Ibiam, Prince Chuks Madu
Comm. #671	Kuje, Abuja, Nigeria	Charles C. Obi
Comm. #677	Bolgatanga, Ghana	John Akaribo
Comm. #678	Karu, Abuja, Nigeria	Felix Amadi, Anthony Nwabuwa, Maxwell U. Anuokeye, Livinus Emeka Obiukwu, Patrick Ifeanyi Ndhie, Jude Olisa Ezeoke
Comm. #679	Akosombo, Ghana	Vincent Anim Tetteh, Jude Yirkpeeku
Comm. #680	Newark, NJ, USA	Chuck Nwodili, Patrick Onwunaka, Bart Absoluta, Anthony Okafor, Martin Obiukwu
Comm. #683	Tamale, UER, Ghana	Einstein Balaara, Henry Oppong, Elvis K. Glavee, Cornelious Dery, Fidelis Kuusele, Santus Yirwele, Moses Ban Yeh, Divine Awimbil Atubigha, Charles Ayamkah, Jr.
Comm. #695	Bwari, Abuja, Nigeria	Patrick Obilor, Kingsley Nwankpa, Samuel Omode, David Ojo-Kupoluyi
Comm. #716	Gowon Estates, Lagos, Nig.	Charles Akagba
Comm. #717	Benin City, Edo, Nigeria	Egbe Abe, Ofili Anene
Comm. #719	Fugar, Edo, Nigeria	Henry Igbadumhe
Comm. #721	Isolo, Lagos, Nigeria	Ugwoji Augustine Okey, Maximilliam Anik Ikechukwu, Innocent O. Nwagu, Amajuoyi Briggs Azubuike, Johnpaul I. Nwoash, Leonard Obum Okoye
Comm. #722	Benin City, Edo, Nigeria	Stephen Owen Omorogbe
Comm. #723	Okota, Lagos, Nigeria	James Ihuoma Mba, Anthony O. Chigozie
Comm. #726	Idimu, Lagos, Nigeria	Gabriel Okoroafor Igwe, Christian Osita Godson
Comm. #727	Iju, Lagos, Nigeria	Malachy Chikezirim, John Onwumere
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Comm. #729	Warri, Delta, Nigeria	Anthony Ani
Comm. #731	Ogwashi, Uku, Nigeria	Emmanuel Asogwa

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Comm. #734	<i>Freetown, Sierra Leone</i>	Rev. Fr. Charles Decker, Rev. Fr. Sonny Brown, Bockarie Tamu, Stephen Gibateh, Rolandson Rhodes, Jr.
Comm. #735	<i>Lawra, Ghana</i>	Stephen Y. Bayor, Charles Yirbore, Matthias Gyl, Lawrence Batioka, Sebastian D. Yuonakuu, Cornelius Bayuo, Henry Kuubaar
Comm. #738	<i>Mpape, Abuja, Nigeria</i>	Donatus Umealekwe, Chukwudi Obiefuna, Sylvanus Ekpenyong
Comm. #744	<i>Nadowli, Ghana</i>	Rev. Fr. Alexander Bedekuru, Dakurah Isaac, Peter Bagah, Bernard Bagah, Bertrand A. Abbey, Josuah Kpan, Lambert Tiereyele, Jonathan Sanchebe, Michael Danaah
Comm. #747	<i>New Aplaku, Ghana</i>	Frederick Appiah
Comm. #755	<i>Goaso, Ghana</i>	Philemon Atta Dankwa
Comm. #760	<i>Pokuase, Ghana</i>	Ignatius Sedjoah, Maxwell Twenefour Asiamah, Joseph Maxwell Appiah, Daniel M.E. Amenuvor, David Barinou Fiauwotso
Comm. #761	<i>Abakaliki, Ebony, Nigeria</i>	Michael Nwebonyi, Cyprian Nwankwo, Anthony Obioma Ejim
Comm. #764	<i>New Haven, Enugu, Nigeria</i>	Leonard Emeka Eze, Stan Ikechukwu Agur
Comm. #765	<i>Iwollo-Oghe, Enugu, Nigeria</i>	Joel Chinedu Eke
Comm. #772	<i>Ondo, Ondo, Nigeria</i>	Benedict Olalude
Comm. #791	<i>Freetown, Sierra Leone</i>	Charles Bartholomew Peter, Augutine Sebastien Jusu, Michael Abubakarr Koroma, Alpha Anthony Sesay, Arima Sylvanus Kamara
Comm. #805	<i>Mararba, Nasarawa, Nigeria</i>	Magnus Okechukwu Okoro
Comm. #823	<i>Oji River, Enugu, Nigeria</i>	Benjamin C. Madu, Godwin A. Onwuemesi
Comm. #829	<i>Kotobabi, Ghana</i>	Moses Ahudey Teye, Christopher Maxwell Attiley, Brain Kwame Nkrumah, Patrick Tettey Tevie
Comm. #836	<i>Tanoao, Ghana</i>	Rev. Fr. Edward Yeboah Biney, Vincent Amoah, Lau Nyame Agyemang, Herman Avokpo, Sylveser Addai, Felix Baidoo Edward, Kingsley Attah Nyamekye Jr., Joseph Menah
Comm. #838	<i>Ajao Estates, Lagos, Nigeria</i>	Jude Odinakachukwu, Greory N. Ashibuogu
Comm. #841	<i>Odorkor, Ghana</i>	Bernard Ofori Atta
Comm. #853	<i>Kwesimintsim, Ghana</i>	Frank Amissah, John Buri, Stephen Ackerson
Comm. #859	<i>Asaba, Benin, Nigeria</i>	Gabriel Onwuka, Patrick Onyia Ejiofor, Onyegbule Ndubuisi, Damian Emeka Izuka, Francis Akuma Ani Jude Chidebere, Chigozie Augustine Ijeomah
Comm. #862	<i>Asaba, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Munoma Okechekwu
Comm. #863	<i>Asaba, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Michael Ojeah, Olisaemeka Nwabueze, Boniface Olisekwe, Jonnie Odidimator
Comm. #864	<i>Asaba, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Christian Oaiye, Michael E. Odigen
Comm. #882	<i>Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria</i>	Vincent Chikwelu Muagbunam, Clement Kanmi Ogundale, Samuel Taiwo Ajayi, James Sayo Areaye, Joachim Olarewaju Olomo
Comm. #888	<i>Oshogbo, Nigeria</i>	Mark Adeolu Garus-Alake, Dominic Ojo, Titus Funie Farinto, Charles Opeyemi,
Comm. #893	<i>Asaba, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Ehigiator Ememhinye, Benedict Achuzia, Anthony Eluaka, Aman F. Kenechukwu, Bartholomew Afiaenyi, Malachy Ezigbo, Mathew Emiekwe, Eloka Okome, Uba Oyita. Christopher Nwabuike
Comm. #896	<i>Awoshieanyaa, Ghana</i>	Kelvin Atsu, Joseph Gyem, Obinna Onyekwere, Francis Owusu, Richard Vuvor
Comm. #897	<i>Udu, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Andy Othuke Norimuo, Vitalis Eme, Elvis Akalusi, Solomon Animam, Daniel Okhome, Johnpaul Ederaime
Comm. #907	<i>Kojokrom, Ghana</i>	Nicholas Koomson, Emmanuel Baidoo, Martin Amoah, Isaac Quaye

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Comm. #912	<i>Fiapre, Ghana</i>	Dr. Vitalis Batwontuo
Comm. #916	<i>Wapaani, Ghana</i>	Robert Saalah, Peter Nubabumah, Ernest Tang, Frederick A. Kuusaana, Cyprian Dagua, Charles Vuukansing Nyuo
Comm. #923	<i>Nsawam, Ghana</i>	David Agyare Ampnsah, Akpoto Kokou
Comm. #932	<i>Garum Ghana</i>	Moses Abugri, Maxwell Akparibo, Charles Tagtir
Comm. #938	<i>Ughelli, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Raphael Edemu, Cyril Unukeywere, Oryodius Awhose, Amos Idoghor, Emmanuel Akpoyiyivi, Stephen D. Ikuku, Akpors I. Umukoro, Boris I. Esumike, Mathias Ofagbe
Comm. #939	<i>Oleh-Ozoro, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Donatus Adua Umukoro, Clement E. Ikepedia, Frederick Osame, Stephen Ogude, Joseph Utoro, Goodness Agbi, JJohn Araka, Benedict E. Eterigbo, Clement Ikpere, Mark Agatemor,
Comm. #940	<i>Agberho, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Cyril Ajokpenivo, Anthony Ebrupphiyo Ikolo, Ediena Therpe, Dominic Dume Okegredudu, Monday Otaku
Comm. #941	<i>Ibusa, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Edward Uche Esenwa, Henry Ifeanyi Nwaezeigwe, Daniel Ndubbueze Umeana, Jude Edizie Anane, Henry Ebuka Obinozie, Malachy Douglas Obi, Theophilus O. Okhuarobo
Comm. #946	<i>Lungi, Sierra Leone</i>	Rev. Fr. John Justice Jangati, Ing. Andrew Baraka, Theophilus Alpha Lebbie, Leslie Allan Massaquoi Alford Tommy Dillet, Samuel Samuka Fomolu, Ernest Sineon Gbia, Francis Toma Kaitibie, Joseph Takieu Tejan, Gabriel Augustine Sesay, Sylvester T. Ngaojia, Victor M. Marah, Joseph Feissa, Andrew J. Smith, Moses M. Kamara, Steven M Momoh, Marcus Kanu, Roman Abdulrahman Jabbie, Melvin Lamin Kamara, Anthony Sorie Sesay, Emmanuel Koroma, Joseph Phanga Kamara

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leads you down some steps to a levee on the Ohio River. There, at anchor, sit two antique, paddle-wheel riverboats, awaiting to take you on a lunch or dinner cruise down the Ohio.

Within easy walking distance of the hotel can be found restaurants of every cuisine and the City of Louisville also provides a "free" bus that stops in front of the hotel, in the event you wish to roam further away.

Plan for it now. It's less than 10 months away. Be sure that you include the 2020 Supreme Convention in your travel plans for next year. I will be there looking for you.

Supreme Secretary
Lt. Gen Tom Zdanowicz

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a purpose: upholding the faith of the Catholic Church and the mission of our order.

I share this with you because we are living in trying times where the Church is the target of on-going attacks: violence upon innocent people, abductions of our youth, human trafficking, abortions and the threat of wars against nations.

Our presence, as a Catholic body of men, women, and youth, is very important today. Doing works of charity, professing our faith with pride, teaching who Jesus is, and inviting others to come to know Jesus as we do, is very critical. We need to continue standing up for our faith, help to restore hope to the hopeless, and show others that the Knights and Ladies of St. John International is a wonderful, Catholic, dogmatic, and faith-filled organization.

"Who do we say we are?"

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

The Supreme Subordinate Commandery ~ USA



Newly elected SSC-USA Officers: (from left) Francis Kolliie, Brian Stehlin, Jay Pfeiffer, James Schafhausen, Russell Hall, Larry Neumann, James Setlock.

SSC-USA Convention

The Inaugural SSC-USA Convention was held Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, 2019, in Sterling Heights, Michigan. A huge thank you must go out to the Michigan Grand, Grand President, Brig. Gen. Brian Stehlin and his entire staff for making it such a memorable occasion.

There was a total of 62 members attending the convention, 55 turned in credentials. All eight Grands and our one unattached commandery. A special memorial, for the first appointed president, F. Jerome Countiss, was placed on the Holy Land table as Jerome worked tirelessly in getting the SSC-USA started, getting our By-Laws approved and signed, and the creation of our new web site — <http://knightsfstjohn.com>. As with all KSJI conventions many great ideas came from the committee reports to help improve the organization.

The second day of the convention brought the nomination and election of all the officers for the next two years. The election results of the new SSC-USA officers are:

President — Maj. Gen. James Schafhausen, *Cincinnati Grand*
1st Vice President — Brig. Gen. Russell Hall, *Baltimore-Washington Grand*
2nd Vice President — Brig. Gen. Brian Stehlin, *Michigan Grand*
Secretary — Brig. Gen. Francis Kolliie, *New York Grand*
Treasurer — Brig. Gen. Larry Neumann, *Indiana Grand*
Trustee — Brig. Gen. James Setlock, *Buffalo Grand*
Trustee — Col. Jay Pfeiffer, *Indiana Grand*

Following the elections, a presentation on understanding and writing By-Laws was given by General Dale Gossiaux. The brothers were amazed and focused during

the presentation. There were question and answer time provided at the end. It was suggested that a copy of the presentation be sent to the SSC-USA President and

Secretary for circulation to members interested in it.

Before the conclusion of the Convention all newly elected officers were read the list of their respective duties and installed by Supreme President General Frank Waseleski, Sr. and Past Supreme President General Dale Gossiaux.

On Saturday evening after a special Mass for the Knights at the hotel, a banquet was held and enjoyed by all. The first ever SSC-USA Knight of the Year Award was presented to Jerome Knapp, of the Indiana Grand, for his exemplary service to his country, church, and the Knights of St. John. The highlight of the evening was a raffle where almost all attending took home KSJI memorabilia.

Upcoming Events

The Kentucky Temple of the Exalted Noble Degree, Knights of St. John will hold its Noble Degree investiture November 16, 2019, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Kentucky with the Most Reverend Bishop J. Roger Foy, Bishop of the Covington, Kentucky Diocese, presiding.

Baltimore - Washington Grand Commandery

The Knights of St. John International and Ladies' Auxiliary held the 55th Baltimore-Washington Grand Convention at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Sunday, May 19, 2019.

“Coming Together to Do God’s Work” was the theme for the convention and dedicated in memory of Major General

Francis Jerome Countiss, Jr. Knights and Ladies attended Mass on Saturday, celebrated by Father Ray Bomberger, Pastor of St. Peter Claver Church in Baltimore, Maryland. After breakfast on Sunday, Knights and Ladies attended their scheduled business meetings.

The election of Grand Officers was held during the meetings.

The 2019-2021 Officers are:

President — Brigadier General Russell M. Hall, Jr - 296

1st Vice-President — Col. Santo A. Chase

2nd Vice-President — Col. William B. Young, Jr - 309

Secretary — COL P. Thomas Dahn - 615

Judge Advocate — Sir Knight Anthony Curseen- 388

Financial Secretary — Capt. William Wilson, Jr. - 296

Treasurer — Col. Ronald Scott - 302

Messenger — Sgt. Willie Griffin - 115

Sergeant-At-Arms — Sir Knight Joe Shade - 370

Grand Guard — Sir Knight Bernard F. Savoy - 309

The Grand Trustees are:

Col. Theodore J. Short - 309, Col. Ronald C. Taylor - 296, Lt. Col. John Brown, Sr. - 309, Sir Knight Vincent Jordan - 296 and Major Gabe Daniels.

In memory of Major General Francis Jerome Countiss, Jr., who was Co-Chairman of the Supreme Cadet Organizing Committee and extremely dedicated to the Cadets, in italics is the letter received and read during the Grand business meeting from Cadet Dillon Robinson of Cadet Commandery #4 highlighting the good deeds and kindness to him and other Cadets.

“Hello, my name is Dillon Robinson and I am a member of the St. Peter Claver Knights of St. John Cadet Commandery# 4. I am 9 years and I just joined in 2018. I met Mr. Jerome for the first time as a cadet at the 2018 convention in Buffalo, New York. Mr. Jerome seemed mean at first, but I realized later that he was nice. One way he was nice was that he did not yell a lot. Another way was that he drove some of us to church after we could not get on the bus when it was raining. Mr. Jerome was very respected. I could see that because when he was talking to us, everybody stopped talking and was listening. He also was an officer and people saluted him when

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Queen of Peace Memorial Day Mass

Buffalo Grand Commandery



Newly elected and installed Grand officers: (from left) Col. Jerry Grasso; Lt. John Rizzo; Lt. Col. William Patterson; Col. William Bauer; Col. Paul Wasch; Brig. Gen. Peter Ozemoyah and Col. William Pocobello.

At the Grand Commandery convention held on Saturday June 29th, 2019, new officers were elected to run the commandery's affairs of the Grand Commandery for the next two years. The 2019-2021 Buffalo Grand Commandery elected and installed officers are:

Brig. Gen. Peter Ozemoyah – **President**
 Most Reverend Bishop Richard Malone, Brig. Gen. – **Spiritual Advisor**
 Col. Paul Wasch – **1st Vice President**
 Col. Jerry Grasso – **2nd Vice President**
 Col. William Bauer – *(remains as Grand Secretary until his successor is installed and qualified)*
 Lt. Col. William Patterson – **Financial Secretary**
 Lt. John Rizzo – **Treasurer**
 Col. William Pocobello – **Judge Advocate**
 Lt. Simon Adarkwa – **Grand Messenger**
 Capt. Timothy Redinger – **Sgt. At Arms**
 Lt. Col. Allen Hammer – **Trustee**
 Capt. Doug Andrews – **Trustee**
 Col. Sgt Michael Paliwodzinski – **Trustee**

In attendance were Gen. Frank Waseleski Sr. (Supreme President), Lt. General Tom DeLuca (Supreme 1st. Vice President), Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz (Supreme Secretary), Lt. Gen. Terry McCann (Supreme Treasurer), and Maj. Gen. Jim Schafhausen (Supreme Subordinate Commandery –

USA President).

The Supreme President and the Supreme Subordinate Commander - USA President installed the newly elected officers.

The convention was well attended with delegates from all the Local Commanderies within the Grand present.

At the convention, amendments to several sections of the Grand Bylaws were made. The amended bylaws will be sent to the Supreme Commandery for approval prior to their use.

At the Convention, the newly elected Grand President informed the officers that they will be undergoing special Officers' Seminar to be organized by the Grand. The seminar which is now scheduled for September 14th, 2019 hopefully will help the officers understand the Order better and help them in governance as it relates to their specific offices and the Order in general.

The summer period notwithstanding, the Grand and its subordinate Commanderies have been very active. This year's Annual Venerable Nelson Baker's Mass was celebrated on July 28th. It was well attended with the Knights providing Honor Guard led by the Grand 1st Vice President Col. Paul Wasch. Several Local Commanderies were also involved in Honor Guard duties in their respective domain. In addition, several social events were organized by the Local Commanderies.

Respectfully Submitted
Brig. Gen. Peter Ozemoyah
Buffalo Grand President

Kentucky/Cincinnati Grand Commandery



The Knights of St. John recently held its joint Kentucky/Cincinnati Grand Commandery meeting in Maria Stein, Ohio. The Kentucky Grand elected the following men as Grand Officers for a two year term. Also Anthony Tabler of Commandery # 103 in Louisville, Ky was awarded the 2019 Kentucky Grand Knight of the Year award.

Those that were present for the picture, from right to left are:

Kentucky Grand President — Victor Canfield
Kentucky Grand Secretary — Anthony Tabler
Kentucky Grand Treasurer — Jay Kiger
Kentucky Grand Judge Advocate — James Eifert

Kentucky Grand Sergeant-at-Arms — James Kiger
Kentucky Grand Guard — Tony Cloe
Kentucky Grand Trustee — Doug Eifert

Those elected but not present are;

Kentucky Grand 1st Vice President - Alan Beisler
Kentucky Grand 2nd Vice President - John Scheper
Kentucky Grand Messenger - Brian Gurley

Fraternally,
Tony Tabler

*Knights of St. John International Uniform Rank President Commandery # 103
 Col. 1st District of Kentucky
 Kentucky Grand Secretary*

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Lagos Grand Commandery



The Onyeishi family, 2018/2019 Champions of the KSJI Sponsored Archbishop Adewale Alfred Adewale Martins Family Faith Project

We bring you greetings from all of us in the Lagos Grand Commandery and report that our Grand Commandery continues to deploy its best brain and brawn to positively address all our challenges while gaining higher ground.

Membership:

The introduction of methodologies that screen aspirants using a common template across Commanderies have seen marked improvements in our intake. It is still early, and we are weaning the hierarchy of the Commandery off the old ways and onto the new paradigm. It has recorded mixed results. We still registered a 10% year-on-year growth and have added a brand-new set of 120 brothers across all the Commanderies in the Lagos Grand in the last 1 year.

Our Processes:

The Lagos Grand Commandery Board's unwavering commitment to the evolution of new processes that leverage technology in areas like Finance, Recordkeeping and Communication has resulted in an appreciably efficient management of our lean resources.

Our Activities and Projects:

The Family Faith Catechization Project is currently in its 4th Season in the Lagos Archdiocese, while the Ibadan Archdiocese, Oyo and Osogbo Diocese have equally completed their inaugural editions. So far, we are present in 4 out of the 9 Catholic dioceses covered by the Lagos Grand Commandery.

The visible impact upon us by this flagship catechization project has

continued to introduce and endear us to the clergy and lay faithful. It is now a more commonly accepted narrative among the clergy and the lay faithful that the KSJI are true defenders of the Catholic faith. This has conversely resulted in a heightened number of persons seeking to join the Order.

Our project at Ososa, Ogun State, where we have seven acres of land have been ramped up and we project holding a GBOT at the venue within the next 6 months to signpost formal commencement of the KSJI Lagos Grand Village. Letters of allocation and Deed of Sub-Lease has been written to individual members and Local Commanderies within the Grand Commandery that have invested in the project.

Col. Terence Onyejiaku,
Grand Secretary

Ohio Grand Commandery

Then and Now

The Ohio Grand Commandery can look back on the past year with pride and look forward with a feeling of optimism.

Commandery 6 of Akron, Ohio, won first place in the percentage of increased membership last year. Commandery 44 won a place in the national contest for increased membership. Other Commanderies showing a credible increase in membership were 330, 241 and 267.

Now it is my pleasure to announce the formation of a new Commandery, St. Pius X Commandery 10, which is affiliated with St. Mary's Parish in Akron, Ohio.

The above-mentioned increase in membership came during the term in office of Past Grand President General Alfred J. Bauer, and this is also true of the formative work of organizing the new Commandery. I wish to extend to him my personal congratulations along with the congratulations of the Ohio Grand Commandery.

As for the future we can consider that the efforts that produced the increase in membership last year will prove contagious and produce even greater results this year. We hear repeated reports of increase in the uniform rank.

I ask that every member contact at least three prospective members between now and the end of the year. Make these

contacts through the members of your parish Holy Name Society, your friends and the members of your family. If each one does this, I am sure that your Commandery will show an increase by the first of next year.

I ask that you join me in a daily prayer for the repose of the souls of our departed members and that the Good Lord will bless the efforts of our illustrious Order of the Knights of St. John.

Faternally,

Raymond C. Noonan, *Ohio Grand President, from The Chevalier, 1956.*

Herb Rielinger, *Commandery 330, Secretary.*



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he was in uniform. Mr. Jerome showed us examples about what it felt like to be a Knight. He took us into their meeting to show us how they work. He also met with us during our meeting to give us directions on how things are supposed to go. Another thing he did was to show the other Knights an example of how important it was to support the future. Even though I just met Mr. Jerome and didn't get to know him very well, I will miss seeing him at the next meeting or convention and learning about being a Knight from him. I hope that his support and example to us will not be forgotten by the Knights of St. John. I know it will be hard to find someone else like Mr. Jerome to be our leader."

New Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

On April 4, 2019, Pope Francis named Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, former archbishop of Atlanta and a former president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to replace Cardinal Donald Wuerl. Archbishop Gregory was installed on May 21, 2019 as the

seventh archbishop of Washington during a nearly two-hour Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He is the first African American to be named to head the Washington Archdiocese. Baltimore-Washington Grand President, B/G Russell M. Hall, Jr. and Baltimore-Washington Grand Ladies' Auxiliary President, N. Janette Bell were in attendance (members of the procession before Mass) and with local, state, federal government officials, representatives of archdiocesan agencies and organizations, fraternal organizations representatives, representatives from women and men's religious communities, and young adult and ethnic community representatives.

Memorial Day Mass

The Knights of St. John International, Ladies' Auxiliary, and Knights of Columbus participated in the Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, Maryland, on Monday, May 27, 2019. The special Mass is held in remembrance of the deceased interred in the Catholic Cemeteries of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's Counties and St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery. The 2019 Commemoration Mass honors

deceased members of the Baltimore-Washington Commandery. It was held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Ascension Catholic Church, Bowie, Maryland.

In Memoriam

Knights of Commandery-370, along with Knights of Baltimore-Washington Commandery Commanderies and Ladies Auxiliary attended and participated in the funeral Mass for Capt. Joseph Ralph Thomas, Sr. Capt. Thomas was a charter member of St. Mary's Commandery-370 and served faithfully for 62 years.

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
Col. William B. Young, Jr.

Owerri Grand Commandery

In early June, Owerri Grand launched the building of a new hostel to complement the existing one.

When completed it will house a chapel, conference hall and multiple rooms.

Anybody who lodges in the hostel is modeled to go to heaven as the complex is a heaven bound model, according to Grand President Brig. Gen. Anthony Enekeme.

The launching was well attended by both brothers and sisters of the Owerri Grand. It attracted the newly elected IMO State Governor Chief Emeka Ihedioha ably represented by his aid.

Later in the month the Owerri Grand hosted the Supreme Subordinate Commandery -- Nigeria and LAUX Nigeria meeting. The SSC President, Noble Brother Dan Okekenta, opened the cadets/juniors workshop for Grand cadets organizers and juniors directresses. President Okekenta admonished them to take the workshop seriously as it concerns the future of the Knights of St. John.

He reminded the organizers of the workshop that the only appointed officers who have the power to vote at all levels of KSJI elections, according to the constitution, are the cadets/juniors and organizers/directresses.

President Okekenta reiterated that any living thing that refuses to grow has started to die. The essence of having cadets/juniors is to propagate KSJI ideals into our children and to catch them young.

At the joint session after the opening Mass, said by the Spiritual Director SSC Nigeria the Rev. Fr. Charles Bassy, the SSC called on brothers and sisters to reconcile any gray areas in their lives with our neighbors. The year of reconciliation was extended to this year.

He reaffirmed that his administration is centered on discipline in the order. He is restoring discipline based on the constitution anchored on procedure and protocol. He enjoined brothers and sisters to mind our behavior in our private and public domains. We should review and reinvigorate our obligations to the church and our order, he said.



Owerri Grand President Brig. Gen. Anthony Enekeme cutting the new yam (iwa ji) at a festival where honor is bestowed on distinguished yam farmers.

On Saturday separate sessions focused on the crisis in the Kaduna Grand, and the Abuja Grand election matter. In addition, the SSC Board delved into Protocol Order. The seven-part document was extensively discussed and later passed as a working and guiding document for KSJI in Nigeria.

The concluding dinner party was lively as every delegate dined and wined and waltzed well into the night.

At the end of the month the Owerri Grand exemplified 45 brothers into the 2nd and 3rd degrees of the order. They were

tested on the knowledge of the Church, KSJI, and their general knowledge on the Gospel of St. John. The Grand President reiterated to them that they should now take their degrees seriously.

In The Spirit Of Charity

Let's remember our sick brothers and sisters. Give them a call, prayer, visit and support. Above all forgive one another.

Lieut. Vincent Azubuike
Supreme Journal Editor, Owerri Grand

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

Commandery #800/LAUX – Renovation of Meeting Venue

At the inauguration, the parish priest of Mater Misericordiae allocated a primary school classroom to the Commandery as her meeting venue. The school was originally founded by Mater Misericordiae Catholic Church before the state government took over the schools in 1972. The state government's notable lack of maintenance left the classrooms in a pitiable state – torn-down ceiling boards, decrepit doors, broken windows, lack of conveniences and washed-up paints, etc. It was hazardous and most uninspiring to meet in that venue.

The Worthy President, Sir Brendan Ukomadu, set-up a Renovation Committee at the May Regular Meeting, with instructions to redesign the meeting halls, raise funds and execute the project. He appealed to members to support the effort with their 3-ts.

By the July meeting, three engineers, an electrician, a painter and a carpenter, among the brothers, volunteered their services and within one month, have transformed the venue to a plush accommodation with a beautiful décor ceiling, ceiling fans and a coat of Our Lady's Colors. More than two million naira had done the job.

The Commandery/LAUX now awaits dedication by the parish priest.

Commandery #920/Laux 796 - Outing Mass And Evangelization

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chaplaincy #920 and Our Lady Mirror of Justice, CIWA, on June 23rd, 2019 held a well-planned Outing Mass/Evangelization outreach. Many dignitaries from the Chaplaincy Pastoral Council and the entire Diocese of Port Harcourt, along with thousands of parishioners, witnessed the function. The Spiritual Adviser of the Commandery, Rev. Monsignor Pius Kii, a Cadet himself, used the opportunity to promote the interest of the Order in the Chaplaincy. The outreach featured an outdoor special parade that thrilled spectators and a sumptuous all-you-can-eat-and-drink party afterwards.



Noble Brother John-Joe Mezie Okoye, a one-time Worthy President of St. Mary's Commandery #460, was decorated with the coveted Jewel of Honor medal by the Immediate Past Grand President, Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton.

We expect a rich harvest of aspirants for this Commandery.

Commandery #634/LAUX, Creek Road – 10th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of Lourdes Commandery #634, and Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace LAUX 588, Creek Road, proudly celebrated the 10th Anniversary of their installation. Their special Guest of Honor was Most Rev. Dr. Patrick Eluke, the newly installed Auxiliary Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese. His Lordship, Bishop Eluke, was the Spiritual Adviser to the Commandery from its inception until March 2019, when he was appointed the Auxiliary Bishop. The Commandery honored many brothers and sisters who had worked with her over the years, including Noble Brother Paschal Okorie, the former Owerri Grand President who installed the Commandery, the current Grand President Grand, Brig. Gen. Steve Ekwelibe and the Auxiliary Bishop of Port

Harcourt Diocese. A well-planned outdoor parade was ruined by rains that refused to stop all day.

Grand Retreat 2019

Preceding the celebration of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist, a retreat, tagged Grand Retreat was held in St. Mary's Commandery #460, Atali, on Saturday June 22, 2019 for all Local Commanderies in the Grand Commandery.

Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Toni Mario Ozelle, a priest of Warri Diocese, was the retreat moderator. He preached on the theme: *"Knighthood in the Catholic Church, A Divine call to service"*

He made a most educative and practical presentation and all participants were richly blessed. There were confessions, prayer sessions, counseling and Holy Mass. More than 250 brothers and sisters attended the retreat.

Grand BOT Meeting – June 29, 2019

The meeting of the Joint Board of Trustees for the Second Quarter spanned over two days.

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In Memoriam

Comm. #227	<i>Millhousen, IN, USA</i>	Ralph Bruns
Comm. #243	<i>Batesville, IN, USA</i>	Ed Wilhelm
Comm. #300	<i>Cincinnati, OH, USA</i>	Roger Behr
Comm. #300	<i>Cincinnati, OH, USA</i>	Alfred Larger
Comm. #309	<i>LaPlata, MD, USA</i>	Stanley Heard
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Comm. #370	<i>California, MD, USA</i>	Joseph Ralph Thomas
Comm. #385	<i>Utica, NY, USA</i>	Robert Piperata
Comm. #405	<i>Tema, Accra, Ghana</i>	Paul Kodjoe Nyanu
Comm. #405	<i>Tema, Accra, Ghana</i>	Joseph K. Ennin
Comm. #412	<i>Navrongo, Ghana</i>	John Baptist Aduayire
Comm. #413	<i>Osu, Ghana</i>	Isaac Inkoom
Comm. #414	<i>Ogul, Enugu, Nigeria</i>	Pius U. Okeke
Comm. #427	<i>Jirapa, UWR, Ghana</i>	Richard Doozie
Comm. #435	<i>Gardnesville, Montserrado, Liberia</i>	Richard N. Gaye
Comm. #436	<i>Tarkwa, Ghana</i>	M.K. Enyan
Comm. #439	<i>Tumu, UWR, Ghana</i>	Anthony Suglo
Comm. #447	<i>Ekor, Abule Egba, Nigeria</i>	Peter Osuonor
Comm. #450	<i>Uyo, Akwa Ibom, Nigeria</i>	Michael Asuquo
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Comm. #462	<i>Iselle Ukwu, Delta, Nigeria</i>	Francis Okoh
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Comm. #580	<i>Abakalike, Ebonyi, Nigeria</i>	John U. Obi
Comm. #580	<i>Abakalike, Ebonyi, Nigeria</i>	James Nwankwo
Comm. #588	<i>Agulu Anaocha, Anambra, Nigeria</i>	Martin Ebebe
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Comm. #609	<i>Sakumono, Greater Accra, Ghana</i>	Kingsley Kottah
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Comm. #680	<i>Newark, NJ, USA</i>	Paul Chike Chikaobi
Comm. #696	<i>Abuja, FCT, Nigeria</i>	John Okoye
Comm. #697	<i>Lugbe, FCT, Nigeria</i>	Valentine Ewor
Comm. #697	<i>Lugbe, FCT, Nigeria</i>	Sylvester Okere
Comm. #698	<i>Abuochiche, Cross River, Nigeria</i>	Paul Ekong
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Comm. #745	<i>Kaleo, Ghana</i>	Nicholas Udomah
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Comm. #877	<i>Kubwa Village, Abuja, Nigeria</i>	Johnny Ogbuene
Comm. #906	<i>Bolgatanga, Ghana</i>	Emmanuel Patrick Agangre-Wafo
Comm. #908	<i>Navrongo, Ghana</i>	Sylvester Amikia

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

Brothers when contacted, please turn out for wakes and funerals.



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On the first day, June 29th, the Grand Board underwent a training in the use of SWOT analysis for planning, at the Grand, District and Local Commandery levels. The instructor was Brig. Gen. Patrick Origbe, a past Grand President of Benin Grand Commandery, and now a management consultant. After the two-hour presentation, all the participants broke into syndicated groups to apply the concept to

planning in the Order.

The afternoon session of the first day was devoted to a Table Officers' workshop. Lectures, and practical teachings were given by the School of Knights to those in the management cadre. All in the secretarial cadre received instructions in secretarial services, record keeping etc. The last group comprised the financial group.

The second day of the JGBOT featured reports, updates on information on Grand projects and charity outreach. Brig. Gen. Steve Ekwelibe and Noble Sr. Gina

Ebodaghe, Grand and Respected Presidents presided.

Charity Outreach by Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon Chapter of Chevaliers (BEFCC)

On July 11, BEFCC, disbursed N500,000 to twenty needy widows across the Grand Commandery. The Chapter plans an expanded and more comprehensive charity program in the years ahead.

Col. Dan Onuoha
Scribe (BEFCC)

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of the Americas and Mexico

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid

the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time.

— *Franciscan Media*

REMINDER

Prior to having clothing and other paraphernalia emblazoned with the logo of the Knights of St. John permission is required from the Supreme Secretary