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Supreme President's Message



Greetings my dear Brothers and Sisters. As we are well aware, the world is within a pandemic as many have never seen. Our lives have virtually changed over night as we attempt to curtail the spread of the coronavirus. I urgently request all our members to follow the direction of the medical personnel and let us pray that they will develop a vaccine that will heal the sick and stop further loss of life from this virus.

As a precaution, I have cancelled our 2020 Bowling Tournament. Our host Grand, Buffalo, has cancelled all reservations for hotel rooms and dissolved their contract, along with that of the bowling alley. To further assist against community spread, I request that our members meet using telecommunications rather than meeting in our clubrooms or parishes. When rendering aid to the needy, use caution to prevent any spread by the use of masks and gloves if at all possible, whether to protect yourself or those you are helping. And most of all, continue a high level of personal hygiene; wash your hands more often and avoid personal contact, especially by hand-shakes. We need to make good common-sense practices.

Our organization will continue to operate under the most possible normal procedures as we can. We must pray for our world leaders, that the Lord will give them the strength and wisdom to guide us through these dark times, and please pray for our church and the billions of people throughout our world.

In closing, I personally, and the Supreme Executive Board of Directors in particular, wish to extend our sincere wishes for a very Blessed and safe Easter. May God bless and protect each and every one of us.

Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.

Supreme President

Supreme Secretary's Message



As my time as Supreme Secretary grows shorter, I stop to think of how the responsibilities of this office affects the scheme of things. I liken our entire structure to that of the human body. The Supreme President being the brain. The table officers, Supreme Executive and Advisory Boards being the organs and limbs who carry out the mission of the Order. I claim the heart for the Supreme Secretary.

As the heart pumps blood to all these organs to keep them alive and functioning, the office of Supreme Secretary is the center of information and distribution to the world-wide order, keeping our Order living and active.

The heart is unique because it is the only organ that has its own power supply. It actually produces its own electricity to keep pumping its life-giving blood twenty four /seven. The average human heart beats 40 million times a year, more than 2.5 billion times in a 70 year lifetime. In the right atrium of the heart is the sinus node which generates the electric stimuli the heart requires to do its task and to keep it beating. It actually develops two watts of mechanical power to do its work.

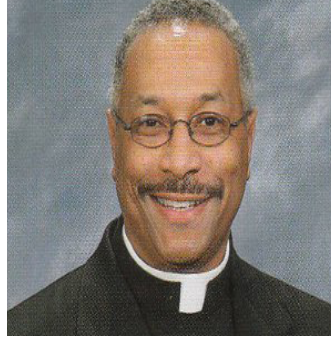
While I had hoped for a more romantic name, rather than the “sinus node”, to me it represents by my own dear wife, Jeanne. She has been the spark that has kept me functioning throughout this term of office, twelve years. She is my best friend, truest companion and my trusted advisor. I dedicate this column to her. She is blessed with great insight and wisdom. She is sensitive of others and blessed with much patience (both attributes that I need to work on). Any advice or suggestion from her is precious and wise. I have made some bad mistakes in these past years, and these have occurred when I chose not to heed her advice and went off and did it my way. Those are the times that I regret.

She has been a blessing to me for 63 years of married life and any successes that I have had throughout those years, whatever I have become, is because of her and her influence on me. Thank you, my Jeanne.

Deus Lo Volt

Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas F. Zdanowicz
KCHS, Supreme Secretary

Supreme Spiritual Director's Message



Dear Brother Knights of St. John International,

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

Every time we listen to the news or read the paper, we hear more bad and challenging news. Sometimes we do not want to hear about bad news and alienate ourselves from it.

The on-going issues of Christians being attacked or murdered in Africa by Muslims; girls still being kidnapped by Boko Haram; human trafficking; the treat of war; gun violence; natural disasters; and now the latest world issue with coronavirus. Our world, countries, and communities are experiencing many trials and difficulties.

There is a spiritual song called: "In times like these, we need a Savior." In times like these, we also need our faith to sustain us and keep us driven.

Jesus picked up his cross and carried it, bearing the pains and sufferings of the world. He did it knowing that his faith in God the Father was strong, and that God the Father would strengthen his faith while journeying to Jerusalem.

My brother Knights, this season of grace: Lent and Easter is a reminder to us not to give up on our faith. God the Father will empower our faith when we need it, especially in these days of turmoil, challenges, and dysfunction.

Whatever our cross may burden us with, stay focused in your faith. Pray for our world, Church, and leaders.

Remind yourself that God the Father is with us. He will make all things right.

You remain in my prayers . Have a remaining blessed Lent, and have a blessed Happy Easter.

Looking forward to seeing you in Louisville.

Rev. Msgr. Federico Britto

Supreme Spiritual Director

Constitutional Resolutions

In accordance with Chapter XIII, Amendments. Section 2 of the Supreme Constitution, the Supreme Secretary presents the following sets of four (4) proposed amendments to the Supreme Constitution.

PROPOSAL #1 - Submitted by the Supreme Commandery Restructuring Committee, Lt. Gen. Thomas J. DeLuca, Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Supreme Commandery Restructure Committee approved for presentation the following 8 resolutions to amend the Constitution of the Knights of St. John, International. The purpose of these resolutions is to document the specific changes required for the creation of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors and Supreme Advisory Board of Directors, replacing the Supreme Board of Trustees as adopted at the Supreme International Convention held in Buffalo, NY in 2016. The resolutions will define the new boards and replace all references to the Board of Trustees with the Executive Board of Directors. They will also address the expansion of the Supreme Subordinate Commanderies from two (Ghana and Nigeria) to five (Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the United States).

TO WIT:

Resolution 1:

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

Introduction

Constitution of the Knights of St. John

The paragraph saying:

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

Shall be replaced by:

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

The Supreme Advisory Board of Directors of the corporation shall be composed of all Grand Commandery Presidents and Presidents of Unattached Commanderies. It will be chaired by the Immediate Past Supreme President or, if not available, a designated representative assigned by the Supreme President. (non-voting except in the case of a tie vote). The Supreme Undersecretary for the Advisory Board will act as Secretary or, if not available, another member of the Supreme Secretariat as designated by the Supreme Secretary. (non-voting) and the Supreme Counsel, when available or upon request. (non-voting)

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors will meet four (4) times a year when there is sufficient business to warrant a meeting. Quorum for the Supreme Executive Board meetings will be one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the Executive Board

The Supreme Advisory Board meeting will be held biennial to coincide with a meeting of the Supreme Executive Board. Quorum for the Advisory Board meetings will be one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will make recommendations only to the Executive Board. The recommendations will be presented by the Chair, Secretary or a designated member of the Advisory Board. Standing Committee Chairmen, such as Supreme Undersecretaries, Inspector General, Membership Committee Chairman, et c., may bring items to the Advisory Board for discussion and inclusion with those items brought to the Executive Board. The Chair of the Advisory Board meetings will

Constitutional Resolutions continued

be the Immediate Past Supreme President or, if not available, a designated representative assigned by the Supreme President. The Secretary for the Advisory Board meetings will be the Supreme Undersecretary for the Advisory Board or, if not available, a member of the Supreme Secretariat assigned by the Supreme Secretary. These members will not have a vote except for the Chair, who will have a vote in case of a tie. The Supreme Counsel will attend the Advisory Board meeting if it does not conflict with the Executive Board meeting but will be available if needed. The Counsel will not have a vote within the proceedings.”

The paragraph saying:

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

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies, Overseas

Shall be replaced by:

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

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

Resolution 2:

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

Chapter I, Supreme Conventions

Section 1, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 4, lines J & K Replace:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria With:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries

Section 13, line 1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 14, line 1 Replace:

Constitutional Resolutions continued

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 3 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Resolution 3:

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

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

Section 1- last paragraph Replace:

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

With:

One third (1/3) of the voting members of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board for the transaction of business.

Section 2, line 1 Replace:

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

With:

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

Section 3. line 3 Replace:

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

With:

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

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Section 5, last sentence Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 6

Paragraph 1, line 8:

Replace:

unless in the opinion of the Supreme Board With:

unless in the opinion of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Paragraph 4, line 3:

as the Supreme Board may approve With:

as the Supreme Executive Board of Directors may approve

Paragraph 5:

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

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

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

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

Section 7

Paragraph 1:

Replace :

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

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

With:

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

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

Paragraph 2, line 3:

Replace:

Supreme Board of Trustees

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 8

Line 1 & 2 and last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

... tribunal or body other than said Supreme Board of Trustees With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

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

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Section 9, line 1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 10, line 1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 11. line1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 12, line 1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 13, line 1 and last line Replace :

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 14. line 1

Replace :

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

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

Section 15, line 2 Replace:

No debt shall be incurred or contracted except on written order of the Board of Trustees ...

With :

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

Section 17, line 1 Re place:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

Constitutional Resolutions continued

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 19, line 10 & last sentence Replace:

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

... at meetings of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 20, line 3 & last sentence Replace:

... or the Supreme Board of Trustees.

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

... or the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

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

Section 20.5, C. line 4 Replace:

Supreme Board of Trustees. With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 21, line 2 Replace:

... of the Supreme Board of Trustees, With:

... of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors,

Section 23, line 11 & 14 Replace all instances: Supreme Board

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 25, line 1 & 5 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 26, line 2 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 28. last sentence Replace:

Constitutional Resolutions continued

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 29, line 13 & last sentence Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With :

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Resolution 4:

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

CHAPTER III

Replace in heading:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies - Overseas With:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

Section 1, line 1 & line 13:

Replace:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies - Overseas With:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

Resolution 5:

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

Chapter IV - Grand Commanderies

Section 7, line 4

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Section 8, line 2 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 23, line 5 Replace:

Supreme President ... With:

Supreme President or Supreme Subordinate President ...

Section 23, line 10 Replace:

Supreme Commandery ... With :

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter V - District Commanderies

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Resolution 6:

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

Chapter VI - Local Commanderies

Section I:

Replace line 12:

The Supreme Board ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ... Replace line 17:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With :

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 2, line 11:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

Constitutional Resolutions continued

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ... Section 5, line 6:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 9, line 9: Replace :

Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 14, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 20:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 17, line 4:

Replace in three places:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 18, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 41, line 9:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Section 61, #4, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Resolution 7:

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

Chapter VII - Cadet Commanderies

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Chapter VIII - Ladies Auxiliaries

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Chapter IX - Widow and Orphan Department

This section will be removed

Chapter X - Death Benefit Fund Department

RENAME TO Chapter IX - Death Benefit Fund Department

Section 2, line 2 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 3, line 1:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Officers ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Section 5, line 11 & 20:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Resolution 8:

Chapter XI - Military

Uniforms Marching uniforms

Replace on line 1:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter XII - Funeral Ceremonies

Paragraph 1. line1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Paragraph 3, line 3 Replace:

The Supreme Board ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter XIII - Amendments

Section 1, line 2 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With :

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 2. line 1 Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ... With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Index

Chapter I, line 3 Replace:

Supreme Trustees

Constitutional Resolutions continued

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors Chapter III, Title

Replace:

Supreme Subordinates Commanderies - Ghana and Nigeria With:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

Presented by the Supreme Executive Board on July 26, 2019.

Attested to by:

Supreme Constitution Revision Committee Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Deluca, Chairman

Gen. Timothy Hurst

Maj. Gen. Aagon F. Tingba

Constitutional Resolutions continued

PROPOSAL #2 - Submitted by the Supreme Constitutional Revision Committee, Maj. Gen. Aagon F. Tingba, Member of the Committee and Supreme Counsel.

Proposed Resolutions 2020 Supreme Convention

The following Proposed Constitutional Revisions are drafted to be submitted to the Supreme Secretary as required by the Supreme Constitution. When approved by the Supreme Constitution Revision committee, it would be published in subsequent editions of the Supreme journal as required by law and be discussed and voted for at the Supreme Executive Board meeting and Supreme Convention, in Louisville, Kentucky, USA- in July 2020.

These Proposals are prepared and submitted by the Co-Chair of the Supreme Constitution Revision Committee, Major General Aagon F. Tingba, Jr., Supreme Counsel; for subsequent considerations and endorsement by the entire membership of the Supreme Constitution revision committee and finally by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for presentation for vote at the 2020 Supreme Convention in Kentucky.

It therefore caption with resolutions running from 1 through 22.

PROPOSITION #1

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Knights of St John International is growing exponentially in strength across many geographic regions and most especially with the enactment into law and creation of five supreme subordinate commanderies: USA, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia & Sierra Leone; the need to extend the term limits for officers at all levels cannot be overemphasized. The resolutions, among others will define the roles and term limits of officers at the Local, District, Grand and Supreme Subordinate Commanderies, with the intent to allow more time in completing leadership projects and charity to the Holy Mother, the Church. And finally to serve as a force for unity while discouraging absolute use of power not provided for in the Supreme Constitution but the utmost respect to the Supreme Constitution, Superior officers and love among entire membership

To Wit:

RESOLUTION #1:

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

Chapter II, Section 1, A, Page 16, which now reads

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

The above section be amended to read.....

Supreme President, who by virtue of his office is Commander-in-Chief and ranks as General. He shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms. He can run again as Supreme President in four years or whatever time beyond four years if he chooses.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

RESOLUTION #2:

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

Chapter II, Section 2, A, Page 17, which now reads

Supreme Spiritual Director

The above section be amended to read

A. Supreme Spiritual Director, who by virtue of his office shall rank as a Major General.

RESOLUTION #3:

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

Chapter II, Section 3, Page 18, which now reads in parts

It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Commandery and of the Supreme Board of Trustees. He shall issue each twelve (12) months, the password through the Supreme Secretary, to the Presidents of each Grand Commanderies and to the Presidents of all Local Commanderies not attached to a Grand Commandery. He shall have the power to suspend temporarily, Grand District, Local and Cadet Commanderies for any violation of this Constitution or of the Laws of the Church of Country, or for other offenses he may deem sufficient. He shall appoint his staff, with the exception of those members thereof who hold their positions by virtue of having been elected or appointed officers of the Supreme Commandery. The Supreme President's Staff shall consist of the following officers:

The above section be amended to read

It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Commandery and of the Supreme Board of Trustees. He shall issue each twelve {12} months, the password through the Supreme Secretary, to the Presidents of each Supreme Subordinate Commanderies and to the Presidents of all Grand and Local Commanderies

not attached to a Supreme Subordinate Commandery. He shall have the power to suspend temporarily, Supreme Subordinate, Grand, District, Local and Cadet Commanderies for

any violation of this Constitution or of the Laws of the Church or Country, or for other offenses he may deem sufficient. This shall include suspension, demotion or de-ranking of officers for acts unbecoming a knight to the Church and Country. He shall appoint his staff, with the exception of those members thereof who hold their positions by virtue of having been elected or appointed officers of the Supreme Commandery. The Supreme President's Staff shall consist of the following officers:

RESOLUTION #4:

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

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Chapter II, Section 18, Page 26, (5th paragraph) which now reads

Noble Degree - Uniformed Members should be in Full Dress Uniform or approved Marching Uniform for a full ten (10) consecutive years of membership or more. Non Uniformed members must appear in a dark colored suit and should be a member for fifteen (15) consecutive years or more.

The above section be amended to read

Noble Degree - This shall be considered the fifth (5th) Degree of the Knights of St. John International with all rituals appertaining thereto be handled by the Supreme rituals committee. Uniformed Members should be in Full Dress Uniform or approved Marching Uniform for a full ten (10) consecutive years of membership or more. Non Uniformed members must appear in a dark colored suit and should be a member for fifteen (15) consecutive years or more.

RESOLUTION #4:

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

Chapter II, Section 20, Page 27, which now reads

The Supreme Counsel shall perform such legal business for the Supreme Commandry as the Supreme President; Supreme Secretary of the Supreme Board of Trustees may refer to him. He shall receive such compensation for this services as may be allowed him from time to time by the Supreme Board of Trustees.

The above section be amended to read

The Supreme Counsel shall perform such legal business for the Supreme Commandry as the Supreme President; Supreme Secretary of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors may refer to him. He shall review and in collaboration with the Supreme President and Supreme Secretary; approve all bylaws of Supreme Subordinate, Grand, District and Local Commanderies. He shall be the sole consultant on all legal matters of the commanderies and in any case of any legal dispute resolution, his ruling in consultation with the Supreme President and or Supreme Executive Board of Trustees shall be final. He shall provide legal guidance to all Judge Advocates and serve as chairman of the Law committee at the Supreme Convention. He shall receive such compensation for this services as may be allowed him from time to time by the Supreme Executive Board of Trustees and shall rank as a Major General.

RESOLUTION #5:

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

Chapter II, Supreme Commandry, Dispute Resolution

Insert after Section 34, page 32-3 to read....

Section 35. The Dispute Resolution Procedure shall not exceed one calendar year for final resolution given all processes leading to the final appeals to the Supreme Commandry if not settled at the lower level. Local, Grand, District and Supreme Subordinate Commanderies are to expedite judicial processes of cases appearing before them for adjudication as per the section herein mentioned. The Supreme Commandry shall claim jurisdiction for failure by Supreme Subordinate Commanderies to ensure speedy, free, and fair and impartial handling of cases within the Dispute Resolution Procedure and the protection of the rights of members under these procedures. There shall be penalties as may be determined by the Supreme President for any case not decided within the statutory period herein mentioned by all parties including the Supreme Subordinate

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Commandery for failure to act speedily in cases under its authority. The Dispute Resolution Procedure is not intended to be unlawfully long and unending; marked by undue procrastination by any party.

RESOLUTION #6:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 17, Page 38 Insert the following at the end of Section 17:

All elected officers shall serve a one - four (4) year term period. Following the end of said tenure, said officer(s) shall be eligible to seek another 4 years term following the end of the first tenure of his successor. If re-elected, said officer(s) shall not seek another term within the same Commandery and in the same post provided such term shall not be consecutive.

RESOLUTION #7:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 15, Page 37

Insert the following at the end of Section 15:

The Supreme Subordinate Trustees shall commission quarterly audits of the books and records of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery and shall request financial reports from the Supreme Subordinate Treasurer pertaining to all financial collections, intakes, per capita, electioneering and other major fund raising events. The reports shall give cash flows of collections and expenses and cash balances as at said reporting period.

RESOLUTION #8:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 14, Page 37 Insert the following at the end of Section 14:

The Supreme Subordinate Judge Advocate shall be ranked as a Major.

RESOLUTION #9:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 5, Page 34, which now reads in parts

Constitutional Resolutions continued

The Supreme Subordinate Spiritual Director shall be an ordained Priest located within the geographic territory of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery.

The above section be amended to read

The Supreme Subordinate Spiritual Director shall be an ordained Priest located within the geographic territory of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery. He shall be ranked as a Brigadier General.

RESOLUTION #10:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 9, Page 35 Insert the following at the end of Section 9:

The Supreme Subordinate President's Staff shall consist of the following officers:

- A. All elected and appointed officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery.
- B. One Aides-de-Camp - one to be appointed from each Grand Commandery to total the number of Grand Commandery under said jurisdiction - each with a rank of Major.
- C. Additional appointments may be made for the smooth functions of the office of Supreme Subordinate President but shall be non-commission officers as enshrined under Chapter VI, Section 36 of the supreme constitution.

RESOLUTION #11:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 22, Page 38-2 - 38-3 Section 22, a., which now reads

- a. Supreme Subordinate President, who by virtue of his office shall have the military rank of Major General. He shall not be eligible for re-election after two consecutive terms.

The above section be amended to read

- a. Supreme Subordinate President by virtue of his office shall have the military rank of Major General. He shall serve a one - four (4) year term period. Following the end of said term, he shall turn over to the newly elected and installed President but shall be eligible to seek another 4 years term after leaving office or anytime beyond the end of such first term. If re-elected, said officer shall not seek another term within the same Commandery following the successful end of said second term which shall now be eight (8) years provided such term shall not be consecutive. He shall ensure proper military protocols, wears and turnouts. This shall include proper dress codes according to ranks and position covering the proper use of aiguillettes, gloves, sash, sword belt, belt plate, swords, sword knot, chevrons, service stripes, Maltese cross, gold versus silver sir knights suits, colors and guidons. He shall institute the necessary punishments against violators under his command for use of proper dress codes and insignias by members.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

RESOLUTION #12:

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 22, Page 38-2 - 38-3

Insert the following at the end of Section 22, page 38-3

1. All elected officers shall serve term in line with chapter III, section 22 (a) of the supreme constitution as amended.

RESOLUTION #13:

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

Chapter IV, Grand Commanderies, Section 10, Page 41; which now reads

The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Grand First Vice President, Grand Second Vice President and the Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

The above section be amended to read

The Grand Spiritual Director shall have the rank of Colonel. The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Grand First Vice President, Grand Second Vice President and the Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

RESOLUTION #14:

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

Chapter IV, Grand Commanderies, Section 12, Page 42; which now reads in parts (last par.)

The terms of all Grand Commandery officers are hereby fixed for two years, commencing from the date of their last election. All Grand Commandery officers shall be elected by a majority of

all votes cast.

The above section be amended to read

The terms of all Grand Commandery officers are hereby fixed for four years, commencing from the date of their last election. All elected officers shall serve term in line with chapter III, section 22 (a) of the supreme constitution as amended. All Grand Commandery officers shall be elected by majority of all votes cast.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

RESOLUTION #15:

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

Chapter IV, Grand Commanderies, Section 19, Page 45; which now reads

The Judge Advocate shall perform such duties of a legal nature as may be assigned to him by the Supreme Counsel or Grand President, and he shall be Chairman of the Law Committee.

The above section be amended to read

The Judge Advocate shall rank as a Colonel. He shall perform such duties of a legal nature as may be assigned to him by the Supreme Counsel or Grand President, and he shall be Chairman of the Law Committee and shall ensure that the bylaws of the Grand Commandery and all Local commanderies under his jurisdiction are drafted and approved by the Supreme Counsel in consultation with the Supreme President.

RESOLUTION #16:

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

Chapter IV, Grand Commanderies, Section 20, Page 45; which now reads

The Board of Trustees shall be the permanent Auditing Committee of the Grand Commandery. The above section be amended to read

The Board of Trustees shall be the permanent Auditing Committee of the Grand Commandery. They shall commission quarterly audits of the books and records of the Grand Commandery and shall request financial reports from the Grand Treasurer and Financial Secretary pertaining to all financial collections, intakes, per capita, electioneering and other major fund raising events and investments where necessary. This shall be during the months of March, June, September and December. The reports shall give cash flows of collections and expenditure and cash balances as at said reporting period. In the absence of reports being made available to delegates during conventions, copies of said reports shall be made available to commanderies.

RESOLUTION #17:

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

Chapter V, District Commanderies, Section 4, Page 48-49 Insert the following at the end of Section 4, page 49.

All officers of the District herein named in this section, shall be elected by the Delegates at

the District meeting during the electoral period specified in this constitution and shall serve a term in line with chapter III, section 22 (a) of the supreme constitution as amended.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

RESOLUTION #18:

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

Chapter V, District Commanderies, Section 5, Page 9, which reads in parts

Except as otherwise specifically prescribed in the last section, all officers of the District Commandery, excepting a Brigadier General, a Colonel, a Lieutenant Colonel or Majors of all Battalions shall be appointed by the District Commander. No Appointive officer shall have a vote on a question relating to the appropriations of moneys belonging to the District Commandery, nor shall any appointive officer participate in the election of an elective officer of a District Commandery or vote upon the resignation of an elective officer or upon the enactment of a by-law of this Commandery.

The above section shall be amended to read

The District Commander shall appoint non commission officers in line with Chapter VI, Section 36 of this constitution. The appointive officers shall assist the District Commander in running the affairs of the District where he sees fit and necessary. No Appointive officer shall have a vote on a question relating to the appropriations of moneys belonging to the District Commandery, nor shall any appointive officer participate in the election of an elective officer of a District Commandery or vote upon the resignation of an elective officer or upon the enactment of a by-law of this Commandery.

RESOLUTION #18:

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

Chapter V, District Commanderies, Section 7, Page 50, which reads in parts (first sentence)

A Brigadier General, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel or Majors of all Battalion shall be elected. Such of said elective officers as this District Commandery is entitled to shall be elected separately by ballot at the regular meeting in December of the year in which the terms of the officers now holding such positions shall expire and in December of each third year thereafter.

They shall assume office after being duly installed and qualified. The terms of each elective officer shall be three years and should a vacancy occur in any elective office, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by each elective officer following in rank and the lowest elective office vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term by election at any regular or special meeting

of left vacant at the discretion of members. All above mentioned District officers shall be elected by a majority of all votes cast. All other officers will be appointed.

The above section shall be amended to read

All officers of the District pursuant to Chapter V, Section 4 of this constitution shall be elected by a majority vote of all votes cast. Such of said elective officers as this District Commandery is entitled to shall be elected separately by ballot at the regular meeting in December of the year in which the terms of the officers now holding such positions shall expire and in December of each fourth year thereafter. They shall assume office after being duly installed and qualified. The terms of each elective officer shall be four years and should a vacancy occur in any elective office, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by each elective officer following in rank and the lowest elective office vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term by election at any regular or special meeting or left vacant at the discretion of members. All other officers will be appointed in pursuant to

Constitutional Resolutions continued

section 5 of this District Commandery as amended.

RESOLUTION #19:

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

Chapter VI, Local Commanderies, Section 19, Pages 62-63 Insert the following at the end of Section 19

The application fee as stated above shall cover a reasonable cost for initiation which shall include the cost for a copy of the meeting Rituals booklet, sash and cap, and a copy of the Supreme Constitution. No applicant shall be admitted into the First Degree without being in possession of the above named items following initiation ceremony. These requirements shall be ordered by the initiating Local Commandery directly from the Supreme Secretary pursuant to chapter VI, section 59 of this constitution hereof.

RESOLUTION #20:

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

Chapter VI, Local Commanderies, Section 26, Pages 67; which reads in parts (3rd par.)

Terms of all other officers shall not be less than one year nor more than three years, and it may be provided that the terms of the members of the Board of Trustees shall expire at different times, and an officer other than the President or Recording/Corresponding Secretary or Financial Secretary may be elected as such Trustee. All Local officers, except Trustees shall be elected by a majority of all votes cast, but on any ballot taken, the person having the highest number of votes for Trustee shall be elected. .

The above section in parts shall be amended to read

Terms of all other officers shall be one - four (4) year term period. Following the end of said term, said outgoing officers shall be eligible to seek another 4 years term after leaving office or anytime beyond the end of such first term of his successor. If re-elected, said officer(s) shall not seek another term of the same post within the same Commandery following the successful end of said second term provided such term shall not be consecutive. And it may be provided that the terms of the members of the Board of Trustees shall expire at different times, and an officer other than the President or Recording/Corresponding Secretary or Financial Secretary may be elected as such Trustee. AJI Local officers, except Trustees shall be elected by a majority of all votes cast, but on any ballot taken, the person having the highest number of votes for Trustee shall be elected.

RESOLUTION #21:

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

Chapter VI, Local Commanderies, Section 47, Pages 75 - Holy Communion

Insert the following at the end of Section 47

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Pursuant to this section and section 48 hereafter, no member abstaining from Holy Communion for whatever reason known to themselves or either in civil divorce cases and or awaiting official annulment of marriage by the Catholic Church and thereby preventing said member from being communicant, said member shall not have legal standing for any elective office at all levels of the Subordinate Commanderies until such annulment is completed and verified and the member is officially a communicant in pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 47 & 48 of this constitution.

RESOLUTION #22:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St John

International Constitution as indicated

Chapter VI, Local Commanderies, Section 53, Page 77, which now reads

A member, resigning his membership in a Commandery, or a member expelled from his membership, may subsequently apply for membership to the same or another Commandery. The application must be in writing and on the form furnished for membership. It shall be endorsed by two members of the Commandery in good standing and by the applicant's pastor or Parish Priest. Said applications shall be acted upon in the same manner as provided for in Section 18, paragraph 3 hereof.

The above section in parts shall be amended to read

A member, resigning his membership in a Commandery, may subsequently apply for membership to the same or another Commandery. The application must be in writing and on the form furnished for membership. It shall be endorsed by two members of the Commandery in good standing and by the applicant's pastor or Parish Priest. Said applications shall be acted upon in the same manner as provided for in Section 18, paragraph 3 hereof. A member expelled from his membership in the Commandery, shall gain readmission pursuant to chapter VI, section 31, paragraph 3, of this constitution.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

PROPOSAL #3

Submitted to the Supreme Subordinate Commandery -- Nigeria

Preamble: In a bid to ensure a seamless and uniformed tenure and smooth transition by All groups and societies of the Catholic church in Nigeria, the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) in 2018 issued out a directive. The directive was to the effect that every elected officer should serve for a single term of four (4) years. This directive has since been implemented as elections have been conducted by all societies and groups including our Noble Order. In order bring the Supreme Subordinate Commandery; Nigeria to the requisite backing, there is the dire need to effect some changes in the Supreme Constitution. We equally acknowledge that the constitution makes provision for the prevalence of the Local Diocesan Regulations over the Supreme Constitution in the situation of contradiction with diocesan practice.

Therefore, we most respectfully make the following proposals:

Be it Resolved: That the Supreme Subordinate Commandery of Nigeria assembled in Abuja, approved for presentation the following amendment of the constitution of the Knights of St John International to wit:

Resolution No. 1

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 22, Page 38-2- 38-3

Section 22, a., which now reads

a. Supreme Subordinate President, who by virtue of his office shall have the military rank of Major General. He shall not be eligible for re-election after two consecutive terms.

The above section be amended to read

a. Supreme Subordinate President by virtue of his office shall have the military rank of Major General. He shall serve a one - four (4) year nonrenewable term period until his successor is qualified and installed. He shall ensure proper military protocols, wears and turnouts. This shall include proper dress codes according to ranks and position covering the proper use of aiguillettes, gloves, sash, sword belt, belt plate, swords, sword knot, chevrons, service stripes, Maltese cross, gold versus silver sir knights suits, colors and guidons. He shall institute the necessary punishments against violators under his command for use of proper dress codes and insignias by members in accordance with the supreme constitution.

Proposition No. 2

CHAPTER III, section 7 page 34 which now reads:

Each of the following officers of the Supreme subordinate Commandery shall be appointed by the elected Supreme Subordinate Officers and Grand President to serve for a period of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been appointed, qualified and installed.

a. Supreme subordinate spiritual director

b. Supreme subordinate Judge Advocate (or more) The above should be amended as follows CHAPTER III, SECTION 7 page 34

Each of the following officers of the Supreme subordinate Commandery shall be appointed by the elected Supreme Subordinate Officers and Grand Presidents to serve for a period of four (4) years nonrenewable term or until such time as their successors have been appointed, qualified and installed.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL BY SUPREME SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY, GHANA

RESOLUTION 1:

The Constitution of Knights of St. John International, on page 41 which now reads as follows:

CHAPTER IV

Grand Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 10

The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Grand First Vice President, Grand Second Vice President and the Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER IV

Grand Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 10.

The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Spiritual Director, Grand First Vice President, Grand Second Vice President and the Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

- a. Supreme subordinate spiritual director
- b. Supreme subordinate Judge Advocate

Constitutional Resolutions continued

Proposition No. 3

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

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Section 4, Page 34, which now reads....

The officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Knights of St. John International shall be as follows: Supreme Subordinate Spiritual Director, Supreme Subordinate President, Supreme Subordinate First Vice President, Supreme Subordinate Second Vice President, Supreme Subordinate Secretary, Supreme Subordinate Treasurer, Supreme Subordinate Judge Advocate, and Two Supreme Subordinate Trustees.

The above should be amended as follows...

The officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Knights of St. John International shall be as follows: Supreme Subordinate Spiritual Director, Supreme Subordinate President, Supreme Subordinate First Vice President, Supreme Subordinate Second Vice President, Supreme Subordinate Secretary, Supreme Subordinate Treasurer, Supreme Subordinate Judge Advocate, and Two Supreme Subordinate Trustees. They shall serve a one - four (4) year term period. Following the end of said term, each shall be eligible to seek another 4 years term after leaving office or anytime beyond the end of such first term of his successor provided such term shall not be consecutive. If re-elected, said officer shall not seek another term within the same Commandery in the same elected post.

Constitutional Resolutions continued

PROPOSAL #4 – Submitted by the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-Ghana

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International by Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Ghana

RESOLUTION 1:

The Constitution of Knights of St. John International, on page 41 which now reads as follows:

CHAPTER IV

Grand Commandery OFFICERS SECTION 10

The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Grand First Vice President, Grand Second Vice President and the Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

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The Grand President shall have the military rank of Brigadier General. The Spiritual Director, Grand First Vice President, Grand Second Vice President and the Grand Secretary shall have the military rank of Colonel.

End of Resolutions

Buffalo Grand Commandary Keeping Records



Monument in Buffalo Cemetery. Closeup shows Maj. Julius Binz's name.

Recently, the Grand was contacted by a woman who was researching into her family. She learned that her great, great grandfather who died in 1908 must have been a member of the Knights of St. John. According to her, the Buffalo Enquirer Newspaper of March 1908 stated that members of the Order acted as pall bearers during his funeral. She gave the name of her great, great grandfather as Maj. Julius Binz. She wanted any information that the Grand could provide to her.

The Buffalo Grand has a Cenotaph (Monument) in the Buffalo Cemetery. On Memorial Day each year, the Grand (through the Regiment) inscribes according to their Commandery, the names of the Knights that died during the past year.

When the Grand received the request from the woman, the Grand checked available records including the Monument. Bingo!!! Inscribed on the Monument under Commandery #13 was Maj. Julius Binz. We sent her pictures of the Monument and the inscribed names. This was how she responded:

“Oh my goodness, thank you so much for sending me these!!!! They are amazing! Words will never describe how grateful I am to have these, and I thank you and your members for taking the time to get these for me.”

Good recordkeeping enabled the Grand to do a “Good Work” for the woman.

Buffalo Grand Officers' Meeting

The elected officers of the Grand had their regular Officers' meeting on Saturday February 1, 2020 *at* the St. Andrews Parish Hall located in Sloan, New York. Meeting was well attended with only three approved excuses. In attendance at the meeting were

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| 1. The Supreme 1st Vice President | Lt. Gen Tom DeLuca |
| 2. The Supreme Treasurer | Lt. Gen. Terry McCann |
| 3. The Supreme Subordinate USA President | Maj. Gen. Jim Schaffhausen |
| 4. Rev. Father (BK) Alex Osei from Commandery #710, Brampton, Canada | |

At the core of the discussions was how to increase and retain members. It was a very fruitful deliberations. The Supreme Treasurer used the opportunity of the meeting to brief and educate attendees on what the Order is doing to resolves issues relating to the IRS.



[Sitting L-R: Lt. Col. Bill Patterson, Col. Paul Wasch, Brig. Gen. Peter Ozemoyah, Col. Jeff Kohler, Col. Bill Pocobello, Lt. Gen. Tom DeLuca; Standing L-R: Lt. John Rizzo, Lt. Gen. Terry McCann, Colr.Sgt. Michael Paliwodzinski, Lt. Simon Adarkwa, Capt. Tim Redinger, Rev. Fr (BK) Alex Osei; Not in the Picture: Brig. Gen. Jim Setlock, Brig. Gen Don Killian, Lt. Col. Al Hammer, Capt. Doug Andrews]

Honor Guard

The new Pastor of St. Jerome Parish (the Home Parish of Commandery #710), Rev. Msgr. Michael Busch was installed recently by Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau (Bishop of Western Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto). As part of the Grand's Outreach program, members of the Buffalo Grand provided Honor Guard for the installation.

Brig. Gen. P. Ozemoyah

Grand President

Accra West Grand Commandery



Brig. Gen. Prof. Peter Tuffuo Asubonteng

GRAND AND REGIMENT OFFICERS

The year 2019 saw a great change in leadership and elevation of several Knights in the Accra West Grand. The Grand had its Convention in July to elect a new Grand officers and in December there was installation of new officers for the 1st Regiment and the promulgation and installation of officers for the two new Regiments and 6 Battalions within the Grand. Below are the officers.

Submitted by: Col. Eben-Kay Hodo (Grand Secretary, Accra West Grand, Ghana)

Spiritual Director	Very Rev. Fr. Major Benjamin Ohene
1st Vice President	Col. Robert Kingsley Arthur
2nd Vice President	Col. James Amissah
Secretary	Col. Eben-Kay Hodo
Financial Secretary	S/K Thomas Abobi
Treasurer	Capt. George Crankson
Judge Advocate	Capt. Geoffrey Doagbodzi
1st Trustee	Major John Aniglo
2nd Trustee	Lt. Edward Kofi Dabi
3rd Trustee	Col. Carl Sackey
Messenger	Capt. Julius Mensah
Sgt @Arms	Capt. Ernest Gyapong
Guard	Capt. Albert Amoah

Accra West Grand Continued

Col. Jude Mawuli Anani

(Commander - 1ST Regiment, Accra West Grand, Ghana)

Spiritual Advisor	Very Rev. Fr. Capt. Dr. Johannes Mintah-Mensah
1st Vice Commander	Lt. Col Joseph K. Afachawo
2nd Vice Commander	Maj. (Dr) Peter-Damian Nyuur
Adjutant	Capt. Conrad A. Nyuur
Inspector	Capt. Michael K. Yorke
Paymaster	Lt. Thomas Amuzu
Quartermaster	Lt. Michael K. Wiredu
Battalion 1 Commander	Maj. Emmanuel Yves Marie Dovi
Battalion 2 Commander	Maj. George Kodzo Torkutsah
Battalion 3 Commander	Maj. Anthony Akraasi Asubonteng
Battalion 4 Commander	Maj. Patrick Kaba

Col. William Quarshie

(Commander- 2nd Regiment, Accra West Grand, Ghana)

Spiritual Advisor	Very Rev. Fr. Capt. George Ekow Mensah
1st Vice Commander	Lt. Col. Richard Newman Goddard
2nd Vice Commander	Maj. Ralphael Quansah
Adjutant	Capt. Fidelis Obeng Yeboah
Inspector	Capt. Osei Bonsu
Paymaster	1st Lt. Maxwell Caesar Kemeh
Quartermaster	1st Lt. Kofi Dabi
Battalion 1 Commander	Maj. Raymond Zuzie
Battalion 2 Commander	Maj. Dr. Michael Doggu

Col. Emmanuel Hottor

(Commander- 3rd Regiment, Accra West Grand, Ghana)

Spiritual Advisor	Rev. Fr. Capt. Samuel Filton Mensah
1st Vice Ccommander	Lt. Col. Charles Jude Apreku
2nd Vice Commander	Maj. Benjamin Kwasi Dwummah-Adu
Adjutant	Capt. Emmanuel Akwasi Gyamfi-Mensah
Inspector	Capt. Ernest Gyapong
Paymaster	Lt. George Aryee
Quartermaster	Lt. Jonathan Dzikunu
Battalion 1 Commander	Maj. Andrew Tsidi Kartey
Battalion 2 commander	Maj. Theophilus Knox Prah

Kentucky Grand Commandery



Twenty-two knights and two priests were elevated to the order's fifth and highest degree — the Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross. Bishop Roger Foy conferred the degree.

Kentucky Grand Continued

- Commandery # 103 celebrated our 130th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of our apartment complex on Nov. 2, 2019 with a catered dinner for our members and the apartment residents. Everyone seemed to have had a good time and some attendees left with some nice prizes that were won! We were blessed by the appearance of Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz D.D. and our local spiritual adviser Father Joseph Voor.
- Commandery # 130 distributed 264 Christmas food baskets, and Commandery # 94 had its annual Nativity Scene in Covington, Ky.
- The joint Cincinnati/ Kentucky Grand Commandery meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2020, in Covington, Ky.
- Commandery #103's Annual Card Party is scheduled for April 5, 2020, and our annual Derby Eve Fish Fry and sweepstakes is scheduled for Friday May 1, 2020.
- We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Louisville, Ky. for the Supreme Convention in July hosted by the Indiana Grand Commandery with assistance from the Kentucky Grand Commandery members. I hope everyone enjoys all that Louisville has to offer.
- St. Ignatius Commandery #94 sponsors 3 Catholic High School scholarships in the Diocese of Covington. Each year's scholarship is awarded to a student who shows a need for additional support for academic success at each of these 3 High Schools. Brig Gen James Kiger and Brig Gen James Eifert were able to present the scholarship to one of this year's recipients at St. Henry District High School.)
- The Knights of St. John Commandery #94, Northern Kentucky and Boy Scout Troop #702, St. Timothy Parish, recently erected the stable and fencing for the 25th annual Diocese of Covington live nativity on the campus of St. Timothy Parish, Union. The blessing of the crib was held Dec. 14 following 4:30 p.m. Mass. After that, actors, actresses and live animals brought the events of Christ's birth to life Dec. 14–23. Families, friends, groups and organizations are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this unique Christmas event. Actors and actresses dress as the Holy Family and shepherds. Choirs add their gift of music and joy. Catechists lead a prayer service.
- The Knights of St. John Commanderies: No. 59, Reading, Ohio; No. 94, Covington, Ky; No. 98, Columbus, Ohio; No. 220, Oldenburg, Indiana; No. 282, St. Wendel, Indiana; and No. 300, Ft. Laramie, Ohio, held its exemplification and banquet, Nov. 16, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. Twenty-two knights and two priests — Father Michael Norton and Father Joseph Shelton — were elevated to the order's fifth and highest degree — the Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross. Bishop Roger Foys conferred the degree in a ceremony following the Cathedral's Saturday evening Mass.
- Nearly 700 people attended the requiem Mass and entombment of Covington's third bishop, Camillus Paul Maes, at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. Bishop Maes was the longest serving bishop of the diocese (1885–1915). It was his leadership that built the Cathedral. Bishop Foys was the main celebrant with retired Bishop Robert Muench, the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Covington, concelebrating, along with over 60 diocesan priests. The procession consisted of about 100 people — about 40 deacons, the diocese's 13 seminarians, Dominicans from St. Gertrude Monastery and representatives from the Knights of Malta, Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Knights of Columbus and Knights of St. John.



Brig. Gen James Kiger and Brig Gen James Eifert presented a scholarship to one of this year's recipients at St. Henry District High School in Covington, Ky.

Owerri Grand Commandery



Owerri Grand president presenting the 2019 kola.

13th AND 12th BIENNIAL CONVENTION:

Thursday 5th-----7th December 2019, Owerri Grand held her convention to mark the end of 2019.

The theme of the convention: "Blessed are the Peace Makers for they shall be called the Children of God,," Mt.5:9.

In his opening speech, Grand President Noble Brother Anthony Enukeme urged delegates to take the program religiously so that the aim of the convention will be actualized.

JOINT SESSION:

At the joint session, delegates adopted the following reports: death benefit scheme, hostel building project, and reports on cadets and juniors by the organizers.

SEPARATE SESSION:

Convntion was called to order by the Grand President preceding the attendance and roll call.

The Grand Sectary, Col.C.E.J Ibeh(Noble) read the 2017 convention minutes.

It was adopted and Credential committee was appointed.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION:

At this season, various reports were adopted ranging from Grand President's and Grand Secretary's reports.

Others were financial secretary, trustee's audit reports and others.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6:

Grand celebrated a memorial mass for the departed brothers sisters in the years 2018 and 2019.

THIRD PLENARY:

Convention delved into matters arising from the 2017 convention minutes as well as presentation/consideration of 2020 draft estimates/budget for 2020.

There was drill competition between the District's Knights and Ladies.

District 8 clinched the first position.

District 14 came second.

FOURTH PLENARY:

Convention considered reports on Resolution, Communique for which this writer was a member, Discipline & military, Good of the order, and table officers.

There was a gala to cap up the convention.

IN THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY:

Let us remember our sick brothers and sisters. Give them support and a prayer call. Above all above forgive each other.

Lieut. Vincent Azubuike

Owerri Grand Supreme Journal Editor.

Ohio Grand Commandery

Then and Now

September, 1969—The commandery members have always been active in all church activities. The uniform rank is always present at the many celebrations that are held in the parish. We also take part in all financial promotions for the parish, donating to the parish for every improvement. The commandery also donates a portion of tuition to the highest scoring male graduate of the parish school, to assist him in attending a Catholic High School.

We are happy to say that the senior member of the commandery is Sir Knight B. Baratta. He joined in 1930. It is also interesting to note that the names on the roles include the Antonucci's and Mazzone, who are his nephews. We also have many father-son combinations among our members. Some of these are Mangano, Cimmino, LaBianca, Larussa, Mernone, Stella, Straquadine, Troncone. This is the lifeline of the commandery, and we hope to be able to increase throughout the years. We have maintained the interest of our members with continual parish support and uniform turnouts plus many social activities.

The most successful social event of the year to date was our stag picnic. The weather was ideal, and we enjoyed the bacon and eggs cooked by Bob and Ray Boehnlein. In the afternoon, we enjoyed salad and roast beef prepared by A. Antonucci and M. Troncone.

The chief sport of the day was "Bocci" possibly better known as lawn bowling. Out of this afternoon of "Bocci" grew such an interest on the game that a tournament was initiated. Every Thursday night at 7:30 P.M. a number of players meet at Mark Mazzone's home to enjoy an evening of the game.

April, 1970—The 20th anniversary bowling tournament is held at Bowl Arena in Cleveland. They have 78 lanes. Over 400 rooms have been reserved for the convenience of the bowlers.

2020—Looking forward to confirmation and graduation turnouts. Planning on attending and helping out at the upcoming convention.

Historical—Former supreme president Val Francis once gave me a chapeau and knights belt. What is unique about these items is that the chapeau is collapsible. The belt is made entirely out of metal.

Herb Rielinger

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Fourteen members were initiated into St. Paul Commandery #416, including six seminarians.

St. Paul Commandery

St. Paul Commandery continued

Fourteen new members have been initiated into the St. Paul Commandery #416, Techiman at their last general meeting held on Saturday June 8th, 2019.

A good number of them (six) are seminarians preparing to serve as Priests. The new Brothers were ushered into membership after taking the pledge and being finally educated on what is expected of them as members of the Noble Order.

They were admonished to evangelize with their lifestyles to spread the Gospel and attract more quality members.

The solemn ceremony was presided over by the President of the Commandery, Brother Placidious N.T.

We say congratulations and welcome to the newly initiated Brothers.

Respectfully submitted by

Brother Knight Frank Antwi

Wa Grand Commandery

The Wa Grand Commandery of the Knights of St. John International has taken the Noble Order to Burkina Faso, following the inauguration and outdoor of Notre Dame the Lourdes Commandery, No. 951 in Dano, Burkina Faso.

The colorful inauguration and outdoor of the new Commandery, which took place November 16-17, 2019 in Dano, Burkina Faso was under the keen supervision of the Wa Grand Board led by the Wa Grand Worthy President. In attendance too were the Wa Grand Ladies' Respected President.

The event was the result of many years of hard work by the Wa Grand toward sending the Ancient and Noble Order to Burkina Faso to the benefit of young Catholic men and women in that country. The 60-member delegation from the Wa Grand embarked on a 6-hour journey from Wa and other parts of the Wa Diocese to join Brothers and Sisters in Dano, Burkina Faso for the occasion.

On arrival in Dano, the delegation received a warm welcome from their Burkinabe Brothers and Sisters. After taking some refreshment and rest, Brothers and Sisters engaged in rehearsal activities in preparation towards the inauguration and out-dooring ceremonies. Also, during this time, as it was customarily required, a high-powered delegation paid a courtesy call on the Chief of Dano to inform him about the arrival of the Ghanaian delegation and to seek his blessings for the programme. In the evening of 16th November, 2019, Brothers convened to conduct the inaugural ceremony to usher in the new Commandery and to install its Executives.

The Wa Grand President, Brig. General Martin Banye installed the new Officers with assistance from the immediate Past Wa Grand President, Brig. General Sylvester Dery, Wa Grand Secretary, Col. Dr. Joseph Wulifan, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents of Wa Grand, Col. Gaspard Saanwie and Col. Magnus Innocent Der respectively. After the installation, Brig. Gen. Banye, admonished the new Executives to work hard to uphold the ideals of the Noble Order in Burkina Faso and most specially to expand it to other parts of the country.

The Team of new Officers for the new Commandery include: President - Sir Knight Jeremiah Sixtus Dery; 1st Vice - Brother Knights Gyel-ir John Baptist; 2nd Vice - Sienikpine Sylvinus; Recording & Corresponding Secretary - Tiewul Vitus; Financial Secretary - Some' N. Evariste; Treasurer Hien Marcelin. Segt-At-Arms - Daarui David; Messenger - Baawuo Richard; Guard - Sombda Laurent and Rev. Fr. Abbe Paulin Kpielle Somba, the Spiritual Director.

In his installation speech, the President of the new Commandery, Sir Knight Dery on behalf of his colleagues thanked the Grand Officers for the honour done them and promised to work hard to sustain and grow the Commandery in Burkina Faso. On Sunday, 17th November, 2019, the new initiated Brothers and Sisters of Notre Dame the Lourdes Commandery, No.951 were introduced to the Church amidst joyous jubilation and celebration. After church service, all Brothers and Sisters as well as Officers embarked on a route march at the church premises to the admiration of church members and on-lookers.

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Wa Grand Commandery has taken the Noble Order to Burkina Faso, following the inauguration and outdooing of Notre Dame the Lourdes Commandery, No. 951 in Dano. Burkina Faso.

Wa Grand Continued

Members 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 of GHC1,000.00 to the Spiritual Director for his personal upkeep.

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 Commanderies and two 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.

Giving his comments after the presentation, Major General James B. Dassah on behalf of the Brothers and Sisters of the St. Cecilia's Parish Commanderies, Wa and all Brother Knights of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery of Ghana thanked Very Rev. Fr. Bogne for his immense contributions to the Noble Order over the years and encouraged him to do even more.

In his response, Very Rev. Fr. Bogne expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the recognition given him by the Order and promised to join the Noble Order as a full member in due course.

Present at the occasion were all the presidents of the three commanderies and two auxiliaries: 1st Lieut. Lucas Yiryel, president St. Cecilia's, Commandery No. 517; Noble Brother John Dassah, president St. Augustine, Commandery No. 914; Captain Martin Galaa, president, Our Lady of Fatima, Commandery No. 916; Noble Sister Theresa Doggu, Regina Paces, Auxiliary No. 413; and Sister Martina Kuupiel, president, Our Lady of Fatima Auxiliary No. 732.

The occasion was also used to introduce the new officers and initiates of the commanderies and auxiliaries to parishioners. In all, sixty-two officers and twenty-four new Brother Knights and Ladies were present and introduced to parishioners.

In a homily, the Very Rev. Fr. Bogne encouraged all parishioners to endeavor to join at least one association/group in the church since it will help them to comfort and solidarize with each other, thereby promoting greater bond and unity in the Church.

Brother Knight Patrick Dugle
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Recording and Corresponding Secretary
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Welcome to New Members

(December 2019 to March 2020)

Comm. #31	Greensburg, IN, US	Seth Niese, Share Baker
Comm. #94	Covington, KY, USA	Jeffrey Mokski
Comm. #97	Columbus, OH, USA	Eric Brokamp
Comm. #135	Buffalo, NY, USA	Fr. Peter Bassey
Comm. #227	Millhausen, IN, USA	Kenny Stier
Comm. #239	Detroit, MI, USA	Jakub Kubas
Comm. #281	Lorain, OH, USA	Domenico Madonia
Comm. #282	St. Wendell, IN, USA	Jacob Mayer, Keith Blaize
Comm. #296	Washington, DC, USA	Gabriel Nah, Jr.
Comm. #306	Evansville, IN, USA	Tedd R. Titzer, Samuel Tenbarger
Comm. #355	Evansville, IN, USA	Danny Gries
Comm. #387	Orchard Park, NY, USA	Christopher Caldiero, Clayton Studi
Comm. #391	Blasdel, NY, USA	Kable Kendrick, Mark Schweitzer
Comm. #422	Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Elcijero C. Aboego, Felix A. Onwuzuruigba
		Paul C. Onumajulu, Chares Ihieji, Dennis
		Nneji, Charles Nkwocka
Comm. #433	Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Christian Nwagbara
Comm. #434	Awka, Anambra, Nigeria	Cyril N. Eziamaka, Joseph S. Oyego,
		Emmanuel Nwokoye, Samuel Eze, Chigbo
		Nkwoka, James O. Ezekwike, Joseph
		Tochukwu
Comm. #438	Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	Kenneth Nwene, Paulinus Mbanugo,
		Samuel Udeolisa
Comm. #445	Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Augustine Okereke, Evberim Obiajulu.
		Peters Kalu, Ibezim Chigozie, John
		Ozuamba, Francis Okoye, Victor Omire
Comm. #452	Jos, Plateau, Nigeria	Anthony Okoh, Yohanna A. Izang
Comm. #469	Umuhia, Abia, Nigeria	John Ofoedu, Bernard Chibuzo
Comm. #472	Abuja FCT, Abuja, Nigeria	Ezeagu M. Ogbonna, Nwoko W.
		Ndudirim, Okereke E. Gerald
Comm. #507	Yola, Adamawa, Nigeria	Auguatine O. Salifu, Coleman U.
		Nwabugwu, Freshman F. Ekwe,
		Hyacinth A. Sani
Comm. #509	Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Ikechukwu Ezenkankwo
Comm. #511	Nnewi, Anambra, Nigeria	Chigozie Okeke, Ferdinand Nnadike,
		Egbuna Odiegwu, Chukwuma Ubah,
		Chinedu Adili-Uba, Ibeta Ikechukwu,
		Peter Nwosu, Columba Chukwuka
Comm. #512	Ihiala, Anambra, Nigeria	Christain Emeodi, Jerome Muoghalu
		Martin O. Adinnui, Jude Ofodum,
Comm. #531	Amaigbo, Imo, Nigeria	Livinus C. Onyeahari
Comm. #532	Uli, Anambra, Nigeria	Anacletus I. Onwuninjo
Comm. #533	Eziukwu Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Patrick Emeh, Okwuduli Onuigwe
Comm. #534	Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Raphael Onuora
Comm. #539	Akabo, Imo, Nigeria	Marius Ibe
Comm. #545	Enugwu-Ukwu, Anambra, Nigeria	Kenneth Chiemego, Stephen E. Okekearu

New Members continued

Comm. #546	Igbo-Ukwu, Anambra, Nigeria	Bernard U. Okankwo, Pius O. Eze
Comm. #547	Ozubulu, Anambra, Nigeria	Chukwuma Ojukwu, Callistus Obinwa,
		Innocent Ikueze, Paul Ochuonu
Comm. #559	Uli, Imo, Nigeria	Declan M. Emelumba, Ezekiel Alagbaoso,
		Anthony Agbasiere
Comm. #560	Izombe, Imo, Nigeria	Paladius Obioha, John Ejiaku, Joseph
		Egbunwoke
Comm. #561	Nguro Aboh, Mbaise, Nigeria	Dennis Akichie,
Comm. #564	Isiala Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	Chukwiemeka Okereke, Paul Onyema
Comm. #565	Ehime Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	Marcellus Ariratu, Darlingron Akukwu,
		Michael Okoro, Kingsley Owuamanam
Comm. #566	Orlu, Imu, Nigeria	Stanislaus O. Chukwuma
Comm. #568	Jos, Plateau, Nigeria	Peter J. Mwankon, Thomas S. Gyang
Comm. #572	Okija, Anambra, Nigeria	Kenneth Amadike
Comm. #574	Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria	Ejesieme A. Chukwudi, Morah E. Godfrey
Comm. #576	Awada, Anambra, Nigeria	John Bosco Duru, Bernard Anyaoha, Henry
		Esotu
Comm. #577	Fegge, Anambra, Nigeria	Pius Ezeanuna, Raphael Udemba, Cletus
		Chijioke, Timothy Ujubuonu
Comm. #587	Nkpor, Anambra, Nigeria	Emmanuel Ijezie, John Okafor
Comm. #595	Kubwa, Abuja, Nigeria	Onyekwere Ignatius
Comm. #614	Trans-Nkisi, Anambra, Nigeria	Callistus Ifediora
Comm. #626	Ozone Park, NY, USA	Robert Mensah
Comm. #632	Umuahia, Abia, Nigeria	Jude N. Onyeonuna, Godwin Onwunyiriwa
		Hyginus Obioa, Andrew Onwuzuruibo,
		Stephen Ogbuchi
Comm. #636	Umuaka, Imo, Nigeria	Charles Nnajokieto, Aloysius O. Ihugba
Comm. #644	Mubi, Adamawa, Nigeria	Simon J. Wazamba
Comm. #646	Zing, Taraba, Nigeria	Hygenius Bonvah, Julius R. Taru, Linus
		G. Santere
Comm. #649	Gwagalada FCT, Abuja, Nigeria	James D. Egbengwu
Comm. #655	Aladinma, Imo, Nigeria	Casmir Anele, Emmanuel Anyasodor,
		Gilbert Ihebom, Augustine Ogura, Stephen
		Ihekuna, Emmanuel Osuagwu
Comm. #656	Ehime Mbana, Imo, Nigeria	Stanislaus Egerue
Comm. #671	Kuje, Abuja, Nigeria	Anderson A. Alison, Nelson N. Nwachukwu
Comm. #678	Karu, Abuja, Nigeria	Agbo D. Nnabuike, Gofor J. Emmanuel,
		Ijeoma C. Jovita, Imorgan P. Smart, Izama
		E. Izama, Ugwu S. Mary
Comm. #688	Rantya-Jos, Plateau, Nigeria	Emmanuel O. Ogonna
Comm. #689	Shendam, Plateau, Nigeria	Tobias T. Sani
Comm. #696	Abuja FCT, Abuja, Nigeria	Ambrose C. Umeh, Obinna Okeke, Ogonna
		I. Onunkwo, Ray Akpuluono, Eromosele A.
		Omazakpia
Comm. #712	GRA Awka, Anambra, Nigeria	Edwim Nwokoye, Jude N. Okoye, Basil C.
		Ezeike, Cosmas C. Jidendu
Comm. #738	Mpape, Abuja, Nigeria	Remigus O. Nzewuji, Vitalis Opara
Comm. #752	Danukofia, Nigeria	Fabian Nwankwo, Stephen Muoegbunam,

New Members continued

Comm. #759	Ajalli, Anambra, Nigeria	Daniel Ilochi
Comm. #778	Umuekwune, Imo, Nigeria	Kenneth Arukwe, Collins C. Okoli
Comm. #781	Ekwerazu, Imo, Nigeria	Ignatius Namadi
Comm. #803	Ukpor, Nigeria	Sylvester Ofoegbu, Joseph Njoku
Comm. #821	Orsmoghu, Nigeria	Emmanuel Egwim, Ikenna Umeobi,
Comm. #824	Okwu Nguru, Imo, Nigeria	Anthony Ezedimbu
Comm. #840	Orafite, Nigeria	Christopher Okechukwu
Comm. #867	Awo-Omamma, Imo, Nigeria	Anthony Chidozie
Comm. #868	Mgbidi, Imo, Nigeria	Kelvin C. Opara
Comm. #877	Kubwa Village, Abuja, Nigeria	Boniface Ojiaku, Stanley C. Elemchi
		Anyanwu S. Eberechukwu, Mobi N. Chris,
		Muoh F. Nwafor, Odekunle K. Phillips

In Memorium

Comm. #4	Baltimore, MD, USA	Deacon Ted Kaddy
Comm. #100	Schenectady, NY, USA	David Conne
Comm. #100	Schenectady, NY, USA	Alfred Pepkey
Comm. #227	Millhausen, IN, USA	Bernard Hoff
Comm. #239	Detroit, MI, USA	Justin Hacker
Comm. #282	St. Wendell, IN, USA	Joseph H. Effinger
Comm. #282	St. Wendell, IN, USA	Thomas Munsterman
Comm. #282	St. Wendell, IN, USA	Clarence Seib
Comm. #283	Bowie, MD, USA	Roland Wilkes
Comm. #283	Bowie, MD, USA	George Gray
Comm. #306	Evansville, IN, USA	James Randall Triplett
Comm. #345	Haubstadt, IN, USA	Marvin Kissel
Comm. #414	Ogul, Enugu, Nigeria	George E.C. Obiamalu
Comm. #422	Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Cyril Duru
Comm. #422	Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Barnabus Akuta
Comm. #422	Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Romanus Kofi Uba
Comm. #422	Owerri, Imo, Nigeria	Emmanuel Ngere
Comm. #433	Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Christopher Amajioyi
Comm. #433	Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Stanley Odueze
Comm. # 433	Orlu, Imo, Nigeria	Godwin Ezenwaka
Comm. #446	Pleebo, Liberia	Philip Wreh
Comm. #469	Umuahia, Abia, Nigeria	Gabriel E. Ukpe
Comm. #486	Makurdi, Benue, Nigeria	Benjamin Ajaagu
Comm. #509	Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Gabriel Mba
Comm. #511	Nnewi, Anambra, Nigeria	Philip Nwamgwu
Comm. #512	Ihiala, Anambra, Nigeria	Paulinus Odidika
Comm. #512	Ihiala, Anambra, Nigeria	George Asomba
Comm. #528	Aguleri, Anambra, Nigeria	Joseph Nwokedi
Comm. #528	Aguleri, Anambra, Nigeria	Ambrose Nnechi
Comm. #561	Nguru Aboh, Imo, Nigeria	Livinus Njioku
Comm. #564	Isiala Mbano, Imo, Nigeria	John O. Anyaghara
Comm. #577	Fegge Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria	Jude Ezenwegbu
Comm. #580	Awgu, Enugu, Nigeria	Festus Onu
Comm. #595	Kubwa, Abuja, Nigeria	Leonard Asen

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Comm. #595	Kubwa, Abuja, Nigeria	Innocent Kelechi Oti
Comm. #632	Olokoru, Abia, Nigeria	John Silas Nkuche
Comm. #632	Olokoru, Abia, Nigeria	Isaac Ezebuiro
Comm. #645	Adazi Nnukwu, Anambra, Nigeria	Christopher Agupugo
Comm. #660	Ezzangbo, Ebonyi, Nigeria	Cornelius Onwe
Comm. #708	Ngbo, Ebonyi, Nigeria	Ignatius Oge
Comm. #709	Okposi, Ebonyi, Nigeria	Benedict N. Okoro
Comm. #712	Awka, Anambra, Nigeria	Michael Emelife

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61st International Convention
Galt House Hotel – Louisville, Kentucky
July 19-26, 2020**



2020 Convention Update

Check www.KSJI.org in EVENTS for the latest convention updates, online registration link, and Galt House Hotel reservation link.

Online registration is open.

<https://ksji2020convention.regfox.com/registration>

\$40 Early Bird – until March 31, 2020

\$50 Advanced – April 1 – May 31, 2020

\$75 Onsite – June 1, 2020 and after

Welcome Party and Farewell Party - \$35 each

Banquet - \$85

Everyone must register online. While registering online, payments may be made by credit card (3% fee) or by check made payable to and mailed to:

KSJI 2020 Convention

P.O. Box 226

Oldenburg, IN 47036

To guarantee the lowest registration fee, you must preregister and pay by the dates indicated. No exceptions. No refunds will be given.

For our overseas Brothers and Sisters awaiting travel visa approval, the Convention Committee highly recommends that you register early to secure the lowest registration fee. Once you have your visa, you can add the Welcome Party, Banquet, and Farewell Party with no changes in those prices.

2020 CONVENTION



Galt House Hotel 140 N. Fourth Street, Louisville, Ky. 40202 Phone: (800) 843-4258 or (502) 589-5200
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\$159 per night + tax. Upgrade to an Executive Suite – additional \$30 per night. Self-parking \$15 per night (Valet parking \$28 per night) Discounted rates available until June 18, 2020. When making reservations, identify yourself as part of the Knights of St. John International, provide your name, address, email, requested type of room, bed type (i.e. king, double/double, queen, or suites), and check-in and check-out dates. Requests for special room arrangements must be made at the time of this call (i.e. handicap accessibility, refrigerators).

The Convention Committee has worked very hard to get the most affordable room rates and a reduced self-parking rate. Please support your Brother Knights of the Convention Committee by booking your rooms at the Galt House Hotel. The success of this convention relies on patronizing this hotel.

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Airport shuttle service is available through Xtreme Transportation, Galt House Hotel's transportation partner, by appointment at the rates of \$15 one-way or \$25 round trip.

To reserve your seat, contact (502) 561-4022 or galthouseshuttle@xtlimo.com. Private car service is available upon request. Additional charges apply.

****Please note that the shuttle service is not free, is not 24-hour, and does require a reservation.**

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Louisville Tourism – www.gotolouisville.com

Contact

KSJIConvention2020@gmail.com – Send suggestions for souvenir items, food, activities, etc.

2020 Convention Program Ads

Make checks payable and mail to: KSJI 2020 Convention Committee, P.O. Box 226 Oldenburg, IN 47036

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District 4, KSJ International



Cardinal Tobin was honored by Commandery 680.

News Report From District 4, KSJ International

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2019 TO JANUARY 31, 2020

Happy New Year to all and sundry! The District did not experience or record any loss of our membership during this quarter. We have continued to move forward together despite the challenging times with one dream of actualizing the work of the Noble Order of KSJI in this Region and to support and defend the Catholic Church.

We are currently dealing with the winter and its related wind chills, snow falls, frost bites, and above all dressing warm and heating our environments. Our get-well wishes go to Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, Supreme Cadets Chairman from Commandery 680 who had surgery in the month of December 2019 at the University Hospital Newark New Jersey. Knights of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 have continued to pay get-well visits to him and the family. Our condolences go to Lady Obiribe of Ladies Auxiliary 592 who lost her two sisters in Nigeria. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to the departed souls and also the fortitude to the Obiribe family to bear the loss.

Knights Monthly Meetings: Commanderies under District 4 have continued to hold their regular monthly meetings where they conduct the business of their Commanderies and the welfare of the Order.

DISTRICT 4 QUARTERLY MEETING:

The Fourth Quarterly Delegates and Officers meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery # 680 Newark New Jersey on Sunday November 24th 2019 at the Blessed Sacrament Church, 610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. Members of the District 4 participated in the Eucharistic Mass which was homilied by Rev. Father Erasmus Okere, Spiritual Director of Commandery 680. The meeting was presided over by Major Charles Igwebuike – the District Commander and was fully participated by delegates and members of Commanderies 626 NY, 676 Trenton NJ and 680 Newark NJ. Progress reports on the good of the Order were received from the three Commanderies of the District.

3RD DEGREES INITIATION CEREMONY AT COMMANDERY 626 NEW YORK:

Re: Queen of Saints Award Ceremony:

On December 1st 2019, members of New York Grand Ladies Auxiliary (LAUX #557, #592, #598) who have met the qualification of 20 years minimum membership and in good standing were invested with the highest Degree (Noble or Third Degree). The ceremony was officiated by Most Reverend Octavio Cisneros D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens New York. Also, in attendance was the parish priest of St Clement Pope Church, Fr Michael Onyekwere. The investiture was performed by New York Grand President Pauline Oparah. In assistance were the District 1st Vice President, Sr. Julie Egbunam and LAUX #557 Respected President, Sr Loretta Nwoke. The recipients of the award were as follows: Helen Boe, Elfrida Enweh, Benetta Peters, Veronica Tsiko, Netti Davies Kollie, Pauline Dalieh, Lucy B. Davis, Patricia Tarpa, Monica Bropleh, Veronica Davies, Eugenia Keke, Chika Onyemekwu, and Cristina Wilson. The ceremony took place at St. Clement Pope Roman Catholic Church in Jamaica, Queens New York. All the three Commanderies of District 4 fully participated in the 3rd Degrees Exemplification.

DISTRICT FOUR, NEW YORK GRAND COMMANDERY 680 NEWARK NJ:

BSSC & ICC received His Excellency, Archbishop Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark Archdiocese who was on a maiden visit to the Parish on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019. Knights of St. John Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 mounted a guard of honor for the Archbishop during his celebration of the Pontifical Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark New Jersey.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. March 29th, 2020: District 4 Quarterly Delegates & Officers Meeting at St. Clement the Pope Church, Commandery 626, New York.
2. May 4, 2019: New York Grand Officers and Delegates Meeting
3. Feast of Knight of St. John: June 24, 2020
4. July 19 – 26, 2020: KSJI Supreme Convention at Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

Fraternally submitted:

Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, JP

Media and Information Officer

DISTRICT FOUR, NEW YORK GRAND



Most Reverend Octavio Cisneros D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens New York., with third-degree initiates.

**Knights of St. John International
Supreme Cadets**



“In God We Trust”

To: All Local Commanderies, Districts, Regiments, Grand Commanderies, and Supreme Subordinate Commanderies, Secretaries, in the Knights of St. John International

Fraternal Greetings:

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 SUPREME CONVENTION BY CADETS & JUNIORS:

It has been extremely difficult to reach you all on the phone, IN PARTICULAR, all Overseas Subordinate Commanderies. It is hereby directed that all who will be coming to the 2020 Supreme Convention with their Cadets and Juniors should please indicate by letting us know on or before May 31, 2020. A list of all participants are needed for logistics and effective planning. All Cadets Secretaries/Coordinators should please forward them to the undersigned with photographs of all their members.

As you know, the essence of having Cadets/Juniors is to propagate KSJI ideals into our children and catch them young. KSJI values the importance and contributions by the Youths to the Order, as we gladly and highly welcome their participation in the 2020 Supreme Convention. We highly appreciate the honor of your quick response.

Fraternally:

**Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, JP, KSJI
SUPREME CADETS CHAIRMAN**

19 Birks Place Newark, NJ 07112

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CADETS AND JUNIOR ORGANIZERS

The Supreme Cadet Committee has been ordered to update all cadet information. Please provide the following information:

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

If you had training and were fingerprinted through your Diocese to work with children and received a certificate/card, please send a copy to the Supreme Secretary at supremesecretary@yahoo.com and the Supreme Cadet Chairman at Teemac4@yahoo.com. If you have not had this training, you are being required to obtain the training at the earliest opportunity. This training is mandatory for all Cadet/Junior Organizers.

The deadline for submitting all the approved required information and documented training Certificate is May 31, 2020. This information **MUST** be turned in.

Fraternally:

Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, JP, KSJI
Supreme Cadet Chairman

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This significant change, approved at the Supreme Executive Board meeting in July 2019, will allow us to open up more avenues to making our "Knight of St. John" a colorful quarterly. It will also give us the ability to send timely updates, when necessary.

The Staff of "Knight of St. John"

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They can be ordered from him at
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