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MERRY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters, and their families, during our most devoted season of the year; the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are going through one of the most difficult times of our lives so we need to find ways to honor our Lord and protect ourselves from the COVID-19 at the same time. Many past celebration customs that we have enjoyed throughout the years must now be re-evaluated. Many of our churches are closed, or are open with limited attendance, but we must remember that the love of Our Lord can be expressed within one's self or with family; anywhere is possible. In the beginning, Catholic's took to their knees in the dirt and mud to show praise to Our Lord, and in these times, if we can't enter the Lord's House, we must use ours to also show praise, kneeling and praying. If that sounds unrealistic to some, I would suggest we take time to think of how many of God's children have no home to pray within, no food, no clothes, no family. After such meditation, I believe your thoughts of being unrealistic will turn to reality. On behalf of your entire Supreme Executive Board of Directors and their families to yours, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. One thing that Covid-19 can't change is our faith in our Lord; ONLY WE CAN DO THAT. AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE MUST DRAW CLOSER TO OUR LORD TO SHOW OUR FAITH NOT ONLY in mind, but with our hearts and souls as one. We must continue to pray for all that have gone before us and their families, the sick and suffering, the poor and needy, and pray that Our Lord will lift us from these times to better times. God bless us all!

Knight of St. John

Interim Supreme Secretary



I bring greetings to all members of the Knights of St. John International. This has been an unprecedented year. The virus prevented us from having our convention where we fellowship together, we lost several members and continue to social distance as we await full distribution of vaccines. Thankfully, brothers and sisters are resilient and have been able to hold virtual meeting through zoom and other platforms as well as conference call lines.

On behalf of the Knights of St. John International Secretariat Team, we wish you all an incredibly happy holiday season full of joy and celebration. We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and sincere thanks for your commitment to the order.

In times of challenges and tribulation we turn to scripture for strength, kindly indulge me in one that gave me inspiration throughout these trying times called 2020.

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". ... Rom 5:1-11

I leave you all with the message that there is light at the end of the tunnel. We are grateful for making it through yet another year and look forward to making it into 2021. May we continue to be protected as we await the coming of our Lord.

Fraternally,
Maj. Gen Chijioke Okafor
Interim Supreme Secretary

Supreme Spiritual Director's Message



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

Whatever country we live in, we all share similar issues. They might be violence upon the innocent, homelessness, poverty, hate crimes, unemployment to name a few. The present issues we are all experiencing is the coronavirus, and attacks upon our Churches and faith. Let me also add to this list what is happening in Ethiopia, kidnapping of priests in other countries in Africa, and genocide.

These horrible crimes against God's love is a sad reality. While these realities exist, we cannot stand by without expressing our disappointment, and disapproval. The prophet Isiah said: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths. For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (2:3)

We need instructions to help us to speak up and act upon these horrible actions against humankind. Where do we receive these instructions. Just like the prophets, the apostles, disciples, and faith filled leaders who have gone before us, we receive the instruction from Our Lord Jesus Christ. The prophet Jeremiah experienced the Lord reaching out and touching his lips, thus putting God's words into the mouth of the prophet. Once God calls to an individual his or her words become very important.

Our words can be important and powerful. We must speak up against hatred, genocide, poverty, injustice, and disrespect toward one's faith. Many years ago at my Confirmation, the Bishop tapped me on my cheek, as part of the ritual, reminding me that I must defend the faith, become a soldier for Christ, and defend the weak and marginalized. This action is a reminder to us today.

Do not become complacent with your faith and actions for justice and truth. Every now and then, climb up the mountain where God offers us His grace, strength, instructions and the power to speak up. God will be with us and give us the words to speak and strength to act.

May our world and countries, one day, be free from these acts against God and humankind.

Grace and blessings, Monsignor Federico Britto



After months of enduring extreme COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, and turning out for the late Bishop Edward Kmiec, the Buffalo Grand saw several occasions to celebrate in the past few months, despite continued cancelations of tradition like the annual muster and inspection and holiday celebrations.

Commandries are starting to return to life, as parish meeting spaces and activities are slowly starting to return. Commandries have been able to turn out and assist with smaller liturgical celebrations for long awaited Sacraments in their parishes – First Communion and Confirmation Celebrations that were postponed in the spring due to the pandemic. While the turnouts do not have the same feel with smaller numbers and seating restrictions, it is nice to see the men of the Buffalo Grand bringing great honor and jubilation to parish celebrations again. We hope that soon we will return to a normal turnout schedule.

On September 6th, at our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, NY. Captain Tim Redinger along with two men from the Knights of Columbus acted as an honor guard for Msgr. LiPuma as he celebrated the 84 th Anniversary of the passing of Venerable Nelson Baker, who founded and created the legacy that continues to this day at Our Lady of Victory and its many charitable facets. Captain Redinger led the combined Knights honor guard as well as the laying of the wreath by one of the Baker Boys at the tomb of Venerable Nelson Baker inside the Basilica. Father Baker Day is normally celebrated around July 29th, the day of his passing, but COVID restrictions forced it to be postponed until September.

Msgr. LiPuma, as Secretary of the Bishop in Buffalo for many years is a great friend of our order, and as a member holds the rank of Major. Our Lady of Victory Basilica has been a most gracious host to the Buffalo Regiment for our Annual Regimental Mass and Breakfast, and Venerable Nelson Baker is a member of our order and was a charter member of the Noble Degree in Buffalo.

The men of the Buffalo Grand continue to pray with our faith community in the hopes that one day,

through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, and if it be the will of God, that he one day be canonized. On September 19th, 2020 at the St. Joseph's Cathedral, three men of our order were ordained. Congratulations to Reverend Denning Achidi (Commandery 135), Reverend Mr. Daniel Father Denning and Deacon Daniel Ulmer have been assigned to Queen of Heaven parish in West Seneca, home to Commandry 382. Deacon Michael Johnson has been assigned to St. JohnPaul II parish in Lakeview NY. Please join us in praying for these young men as they begin their ministries. Deacons Dan and Michael will be ordained to the priesthood next year. Due to limitations in attendance at the ordination, Captain Vince Binder (Past Commander, 382) was present at the ordinations, and members of Commandry 135 (Lieutenant General Thomas Deluca, Colonel Paul Wasch, Captain Timothy Redinger, Sir Knight James Hill, and Color Sergeant Michael Paliwodzinski(Commandry 204)) joined Reverend Peter Bassey (Commandry 135), Reverend Mr. Dan Ulmer (Commandry 135), and Reverend Denning Achidi (Commandry 135) for Father Achidi's Mass of Thanksgiving on September 20th

The Buffalo Grand would also like to take a moment to celebrate the great works and honors of one of its members, Commander of Commandery 382, Captain Tim Jachlewski. In addition to his contributions to his commandery and the Buffalo Grand, Captain Jachlewski is also a member of the Lions. On September 2nd, Captain Tim Jacklewski was honored by the Lions Club International Foundation with his fourth Diamond Melvin Jones Award. The Melvin Jones Foundation is the backbone of the Lions organization, and the award is bestowed on those members who have made generous contributions to their community and humanity and is an honor to the legacy of the founder, Melvin Jones.

Congratulations Captain Jachlewski, by your example and humble leadership of Commandry 382 you exemplify what it means to be a most noble member of our order.

On October 10, 2020, Commandery 710 celebrated its 10 Year anniversary. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Commandry members could not have their planned festivities. Instead, the members attended Mass in their respective parishes. St. Jerome Commandry #710, Brampton, Ontario, was inaugurated on October 10, 2010 by then Supreme President General Timothy Hoerst. Congratulations to Commandery 71



Enugu Grand Commandery

Knights of St. John International College, Akwurakwu, Agba, Ebonyi State. Nigeria.

Enugu Grand Commandery's project is centered on Evangelization & Education. Agba is a very poor rural community in Ebonyi State, and educationally backward. The community has low levels of educational institution and lacks even basic literacy skills.

KSJI College Agba is a Mixed Secondary School, with boarding facilities. The College is located about 10 -20 kilometers on the Enugu Abakiliki Highway from Ntezi Rest House Junction.

Since its inception, the population of the College has been growing gradually for two reasons. First is the free education by the government and secondly due to its location and lack of good motorable road to the College. The area's problems include poor health and sanitation infrastructure.

The Grand's mission is rooted in James 2:16 – in that a child born in poverty is much less likely to achieve educational benchmarks. The twin approach of the Grand is on Integral Evangelization and Education. The Grand plans to achieve this by contributing to the physical, spiritual, economic, psychological and social transformation of the people.

The Student population and growth has been a major challenge. The College is in the forefront of ensuring that quality education but this is been hampered by student enrollment and funding. Enugu Grand annually spends over US\$50,000.00 in caring for the running of the College. The College still requires assistance for a number of items – Computers, Projectors, Teaching aids, Books and Laboratory equipments.

Academic Achievements

The College has performed relatively well in national examinations in the past years. Despite the challenges experienced, the school has strived to offer holistic education, for spiritual, social, physical and intellectual growth of students, and this is indicated by the results the school posted.

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Enugu Grand Exemplifies 40 Candidates

Enugu Grand Commandery of the Knights of St John International (KSJI) has organized another round of 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification for 40 candidates who are qualified to rise to the next echelon of the Order.

The exemplification which was held Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Enugu Grand Temple was presided over by the Grand President, Brig-Gen Gilbert Obu. The 2nd and 3rd Degree initiation signifies the admission of Brothers to the military wing of the order and can now be addressed as Sir.

This year's ceremony was special because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The candidates went through a rigorous spaced training, examinations and tests prior the exemplification proper. The lectures the 4 Point Agenda – Spirituality, Discipline, Fraternity & Charity. Other lectures centered on Unity, Charity, 8 beatitudes, explaining each and its relevance on the basic tenets of the Order.

There was also a drill/sword practice, one week to the date of the event. This was handled by the Grand Inspector Major Cletus Offor.

In his homily at the mass to flag off the exemplification on Saturday, the Spiritual Director of the Grand, Rev Fr Dr Clement Obasi charged the candidates to be upright and not to forget the cardinal objectives of the Order which includes charity, unity and service. Rev. Fr. Obasi maintained that it was unbecoming of a Knight to be involved in unholy acts adding that their initiation and exemplification into other degrees was to further make them live above board.

Speaking after the exemplification ceremony, the Grand President, Brig. Gen Gilbert Obu commended the Grand Secretary, Col. Phil Ezeogu for his commitment and dedication in ensuring that the candidates were property prepared. He observed that the squad was a special one having demonstrated high level of commitment and appreciation.

The exemplification was characterized by the decoration of the officers in their Marching uniform while others were invested in their full dress uniform. The ceremony was performed in compliance with the NCDC Covid-19 protocols.

The event was witnessed by past Grand Presidents, Grand Officers, family members who participated in the mass and the merriment.

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Grand President Brig-Gen Gilbert Obu presents certificate to candidates of Enugu Grand.

Owerri Grand Commandery

The 3rd quarterly Grand Board meeting was held at Grand Hall Owerri just after the world found itself locked down by Covid-19. It was a full house. Brothers and Sisters braved the Covid-19 rules to see each other even as all pandemic laws were obeyed. The joint Mass began at 10am. And it was full of songs and praises of great joy.

During his homily, the Rev. Father Kizito Onyeka called on the Brothers and Sisters to run the heavenly race with the zeal worthy of embracing and meriting the crown. To miss heaven would be the worst mistake we would make after living here as Knights and Ladies.

The Grand President, Professor Noble Brother Remy Uche, thanked the Spiritual Director for the touching homily, and urged us all to practice what we preach.

The meeting official began after the Mass and the Grand President gaveled the meeting to order, providing a vivid report of the burial of the late Grand President Brig.Gen. Anthony Obiagboso Enukeme.

He thanked everyone for their positive contributions towards that burial.

The Grand President promised to complete the ultra-modern hostel project embarked upon by the late Grand President, which has one more floor to complete.

The Grand President reiterated the need to always abide in the knighthood, and to die a knight that would attract the proper burying rituals fit for a worthy knight.

He thanked all leaders for the quick response to bury the late Grand President.

He also thanked the Supreme Journal Editor Owerri Grand, Lt. Vincent Azubuike, for his sensitivity and professionalism in capturing the event.

Grand Respected President Noble Sister Vero Iwu, thanked the Brothers and Sisters for their unique performance at the burial of the late Grand President.

Grand Secretary Col. Noble Bro. C.E.J.Ibeh did well in reading all outstanding and previous Grand Board Meeting minutes. All were adopted.

Filling The Gap: Sequel to the death of the Grand President Noble Bro. Anthony Obiagboso Enukeme, and in line that no gap exists in Ksji hierarchy. The first Grand first Vice President, Noble Bro. Remy Uche, stepped into the position of the Grand Brigade Commander, as the Grand President to serve out the tenure of the late Grand President

The 2nd Grand Vice, Noble Bro. Celestine C. Nwachukwu moved to the 1st Grand President's post.

The position of 2nd Grand President, was elected and former Grand Guard, Noble Bro. Moses Ajeka was installed to occupy the position.

In addition, the Owerri Grand exemplified 40 brothers into the 2nd and 3rd degrees.

Those gathered also heard lectures on discipline, the duties of being a recording and corresponding secretary, and the sacrament of penance.

Brothers were also tested on their knowledge of the order, the Catholic Church and St. John the Baptist.

The height of the event was the decoration of Noble Col. P.C. Ohaegbulam with the Noble Medal after his introduction by the Noble scribe, Noble Bro. Dr. Agi representing the SSC President.

In late February/early March, the Owerri Grand initiated 58 aspirants into the first degree while the Laux inducted 45 aspirants.

In May, at Grand Hall Owerri, Bishop Unegbu Chapter of Chevaliers (BUCC), exemplified 81 Sir Knights into the 4th degree of the order of Knights of St. John International.

The exemplifees went through a written test to determine their general knowledge of the order, the Catholic Church and St. John the Baptist himself. Noble Col. Cele Ozuzu, in his address, enjoined the new Chevaliers to display spirituality, discipline, fraternity and charity. Above all, he said, they should be prayerful.

Lieut. Vincent Azubuike

Supreme Journal Editor



WA GRAND COMMANDERY

Wa Temple of Noble and Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross Promulgated

The Wa Temple of Noble and Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross – Knights of St. John International was officially promulgated with a colorful Mass Service at the St. Andrew Catholic Cathedral in Wa.

The official promulgation of the Temple became necessary after the Ghana Temple Board of Executives authorized the creation of a substantive Temple in the Wa Grand Commandery to cater to the growing number of Noble Knights in the area. The event took place on Saturday,

19th September, 2020 (a day which coincided with the celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) under the Theme: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross – Its Significance in the Knighthood.

Officiating the Mass service was the Vicar General of Wa Diocese, Very Rev. Fr. Cornelius Bayirinoba (representing the Bishop of Wa Diocese), assisted by three Priests, namely: Rev. Fr. Patrick Segkpeb, the St. Andrew Cathedral Administrator; Rev. Fr. Francis Kula, Spiritual Advisor the 9 th District Commandery - Wa Grand and Rev. Fr. Nicodemus Nongnenuor, a Brother Knight. Launching the new Temple, the Grand President, Wa Grand Commandery, Brig. General Martin Banye said it was a great privilege and joyful moment for him to outdoor the new Temple for

the Noble & Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross in his Grand Commandery. According to him, the inauguration of the Wa Temple has come as a big relief to Noble Brothers in the Commandery who hither to had to travel down to Accra to attend meetings amidst age and cost challenges. He added that the new Wa Temple is another milestone which will further deepen the growth and development of the Noble Order in the Wa Grand Commandery. The ceremony was attended by hundreds of Knights and Ladies of the Noble Order from various Commanderies in the Wa Grand. The Wa Temple of the Noble, Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross currently has a membership of Eight-six (86) Noble Brothers and three zonal divisions. Prominent Senior Officers who graced the occasion included: Major General James Barry Dasah, the Immediate Past President of Supreme Subordinate Ghana; Brig. Generals Moses Donneyong, Sylvester Dery, Past Presidents, Wa Grand Commandery. Others included: Noble Sister Louisa Dayang, Respected President, Wa Grand Ladies' Auxiliary; Noble Sisters Clare C. Der and Blandina B. Batiir, Past Presidents, Wa Grand Ladies' Auxiliary among other Wa Grand Board Officers.

Officers Installed

Officers of the Wa Temple of Noble and Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross werew installed into office to run the activities of the Temple for the next two years.

The event took place on the 19th of September, 2020 during a colorful Mass Service at the St. Andrew Cathedral, Wa. This happened following the successful promulgation of the Wa Temple as a substantive Temple of the Noble and Exalted Knights of the Holy Cross.

The installation was conducted by Major General James Barry Dasah, the Immediate Past President, Supreme Subordinate Ghana, with assistance from Rev. Fr. Francis Kula, Spiritual Advisor, 9th District Commandery; Brig. Generals Moses Donneyong & Sylvester Dery, Past Presidents, Wa Grand Commandery.

The full complement of Officers for the Wa Temple is as follows:

Noble Grand Master: Noble Brother Naa Thomas A.K. Gyereh

Noble Vice Grand Master: Noble Brother Charles K. Salifu Noble Scribe: Noble Brother John K. Dassah Noble Keeper of the Exchequer: Noble Brother Elvis Y. Dery

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New Members

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| 460 | Atali, Nigeria | Isdore Nw | okoma Aririguzo |
| 460 | Atali, Nigeria | Peter Aner | ne Ebeze |
| 779 | Woji, Nigeria | Anthony C | Oso Bisong |
| 779 | Woji, Nigeria | Cyril Emez | ie Nwadioke |
| 779 | Woji, Nigeria | Idamain C | Obinna Ogoko |
| 779 | Woji, Nigeria | Paschal Ar | nayoh Chikere |
| 801 | Rumueme, Nigeria | Innocent (| Okekeh Nwodoh |
| 801 | Rumueme, Nigeria | Joachim P | rominence Ezeoha |
| 802 | Uniport, Nigeria | Benjamin | Chima Dike |
| 802 | Uniport, Nigeria | Peter Toch | ukwu Okoro |
| 802 | Uniport, Nigeria | Stephen D | anjuma Ezema |
| 802 | Uniport, Nigeria | Boniface C | Chilaka Egemasi |
| 802 | Uniport, Nigeria | Bernard Ed | dache Ochekwu |
| 843 | Kaduna Str., Port Hard | court | Andrew Nnamdi Onyegbule |
| 843 | Kaduna Str., Port Hard | court | Christian Okpalaojiego |
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| 918 | Tere-Ama, Nigeria | Christophe | er Nwodo Ossai |
| 918 | Tere-Ama, Nigeria | Jerry Nken | n Aigbogun |
| 918 | Tere-Ama, Nigeria | Augustine | Ugochukwu Ekwerike |
| 918 | Tere-Ama, Nigeria | George Ey | o Adam |
| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Bernard Ba | aridon Lele |
| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Michael Cl | hibueze Ohia |
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| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Andrew Cl | hukwuemeka Njoku |
| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Martin Chi | idubem Udeh |
| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Maximus I | Michael Obananya Nwike |
| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Christian C | Chinedu Ezene |
| 920 | CIWA, Nigeria | Kelvin Wag | gbara |
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| 943 | Rumuodomaya, Nige | ria | Cyprian Chukwuemeka Agu |
| 943 | Rumuodomaya, Nige | ria | Edwin Alada Inock |
| 943 | Rumuodomaya, Nige | ria | Henry Chikwado Ozuome |
| 943 | Rumuodomaya, Nige | ria | Francis Onyebuchi Okwaraoha |
| 943 | Rumuodomaya, Nige | ria | Louis Chukwuka Olisa |
| 535 | Yenagoa, Nigeria | James Pet | er Timinepere |
| 535 | Yenagoa, Nigeria | John Dan | Aputu |
| 558 | Elele, Nigeria | Enyindah (| Godwin Chimekwa |
| 844 | Ahoada, Nigeria | Raphael C | hinyere Nwuche |
| 844 | Ahoada, Nigeria | Ernest Inc | pputaife |
| 807 | Igbogene, Nigeria | Ferdinand | Okpala Chimezie |
| 635 | Bodo, Nigeria | Emeka Ak | wuruoha |
| 635 | Bodo, Nigeria | Samuel Wa | alter |
| 635 | Bodo, Nigeria | Stephen S | unday Kabari |
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| 804 | Bori, Nigeria | Richard Frank Didinee |
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| 919 | Umuebule-Etche, Nigeria | Mobolaji Young-Agbelusi |
| 919 | Umuebule-Etche, Nigeria | Charles Chukwudi Obi |
| 919 | Umuebule-Etche, Nigeria | Sylvanus Ikemefuna Nnenne |
| 919 | Umuebule-Etche, Nigeria | Simon Chinedu Odo |
| 919 | Umuebule-Etche, Nigeria | Boniface Uchenna Muotolu |
| 919 | Umuebule-Etche, Nigeria | Victor Chibueze Ogbonna |
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| 100 | Schenectady, NY | Joseph Matura |
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| 409 | Agona-Swedru, Ghana | Marcus Doe Kofi Adaletey |



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