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Greetings once again from the office of your Supreme President. I would like to inform all the membership that your Supreme Executive Board of Directors have been meeting virtually, just as you have, and conducting the proper business of our organization and maintaining order. I am fully aware that many wish to meet in person and conduct our business, however, now is not the time to let our guard down. We will risk our members and their family's safety and destroy all of our efforts of the last year to accomplish just that. Thanks to our Lord and our faith, vaccines have been developed and being distributed throughout the world. I personally follow the science and the doctor's advice and have received both of the shots of the Moderna vaccine. Please understand that I make this statement not for any political purpose or for debate; I'm making this statement to inform any person, friend, or brother who would ask what steps I personally took to protect myself and all around me. I would urge everyone to receive the vaccine when available to you, but do not misunderstand this statement as any type of demand or order from your Supreme President.

This is simply a personal statement from Frank!

As we move forward, we wish to inform the membership that the Supreme Executive Board has established a world-wide food bank fund. In these hard times, many of the Lord's flock have gone hungry, adults and children alike. Our principles dictate to us to practice Faith, Hope, and Charity, and anything we can do



to assist those in need will make a better world for all. Working in conjunction with the Supreme Subordinate Presidents, who are Supreme Board Members, we have furnished approximately thirty-five thousand dollars to be distributed to food banks within their jurisdictions. Some may say this funding is too small, I say that this food bank fund has placed food on the tables for many who have nothing. We have never shown this type of charity within our order; we should not need a pandemic or a disaster to help all of God's people.

Further progress to inform you about is the creation of four new Commanderies in Nigeria. The Supreme Executive Board approved this action upon the review of all documents presented to the Overseas Committee by the Supreme Subordinate Commandery – Nigeria. We congratulate the brothers and officers for properly completing all the legal steps as defined within our Supreme Constitution to accomplish their mission.

In closing, I pray for the health and safety of all our members and their families. We will move from these times to better times if we continue to

work together and pray for our Lord's guidance. God bless you all, and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
**Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.**  
*Supreme President*  
*Knights of St. John International*

## *Interim Supreme Secretary*



**I**bring greetings to all members of the Knights of St. John International.

As we leave 2020 behind us, I want us to take time to be thankful for making it into a new year. We lost so many Brothers and Sisters last year and have lost some this year as well. We continue to pray for All as we will overcome and be victorious over this pandemic.

We can look to this scripture for strength, Psalm 62:5-8 “Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I shall not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

As part of the commitment to the wellbeing of the organization, the Supreme Executive Board approved funds to go to every Supreme Subordinate commandery for distribution to be used in a foodbank/ food pantry to help support members in need. The Supreme Subordinate Commandery Presidents have been working hard to ensure that these get distributed across to help with

the wellbeing of the brotherhood.

In this Lenten season, let us continue to strive for perfection, to live a life of example, to walk the path as our Lord did of humility, charity, and love for our neighbors.

We are called to be better as seen in Joel 2: 12-14. “Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.”

I leave you all with a message of inspiration, better days are ahead of us, may this Lenten season bring us a renewed commitment in our daily lives.

Fraternally  
**Maj. Gen. Chijioke Okafor**  
*Interim Supreme Secretary*

## *Supreme Spiritual Director*



**D**ear Brother Knights,  
Grace, peace, and the love of  
Jesus Christ, be with you!

On our Church liturgical calendar, we are in the midst of the season of Lent. I pray this season may be a graceful time for you. May it also be a time for deepening our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Last year, at this time, many of our Churches were closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. Thankfully, our Churches have reopened, the pandemic is on the decline, and the opportunities for us to return to Church is available for us. Please take this opportunity to be able to receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion and to be one with the entire faith community.

Speaking of the pandemic, it has altered our lives in so many ways. We must continue to pray for an end to Covid-19, for those affected by it, for those whose lives were lost because of it, and for spiritual comfort to those families who lost loved ones because of Covid-19. We will defeat this virus, and hopefully will be able to see each other again, especially for our Convention.

Not only is Covid-19 at the front line of our news, but the on-going tragedies occurring in Nigeria with kidnapping of priests and bishops, massacres of innocent people in Ethiopia, human trafficking in areas of our world, and abuses of all kind on every level of life. Among other issues, these crimes against humanity are against God's law.

Please keep these issues in your constant prayers, that they may be resolved accordingly, especially by our government and Church leaders.

May we be spiritually refreshed during these holy seasons of Lent and Easter. And may we continue to be God's proclaimers in speech and action.

As always, the Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary are always remembered in my prayers. May we also pray for one another.

Have a blessed Lent and a Happy Easter.

**Rev. Msgr. Federico A. Britto**  
*Supreme Spiritual Director*

## Former Supreme President General John M. Windsor Jr.

When General John M. Windsor Jr. passed early Sunday morning, January 9th, the accolades came quickly and the stories began to unfold.

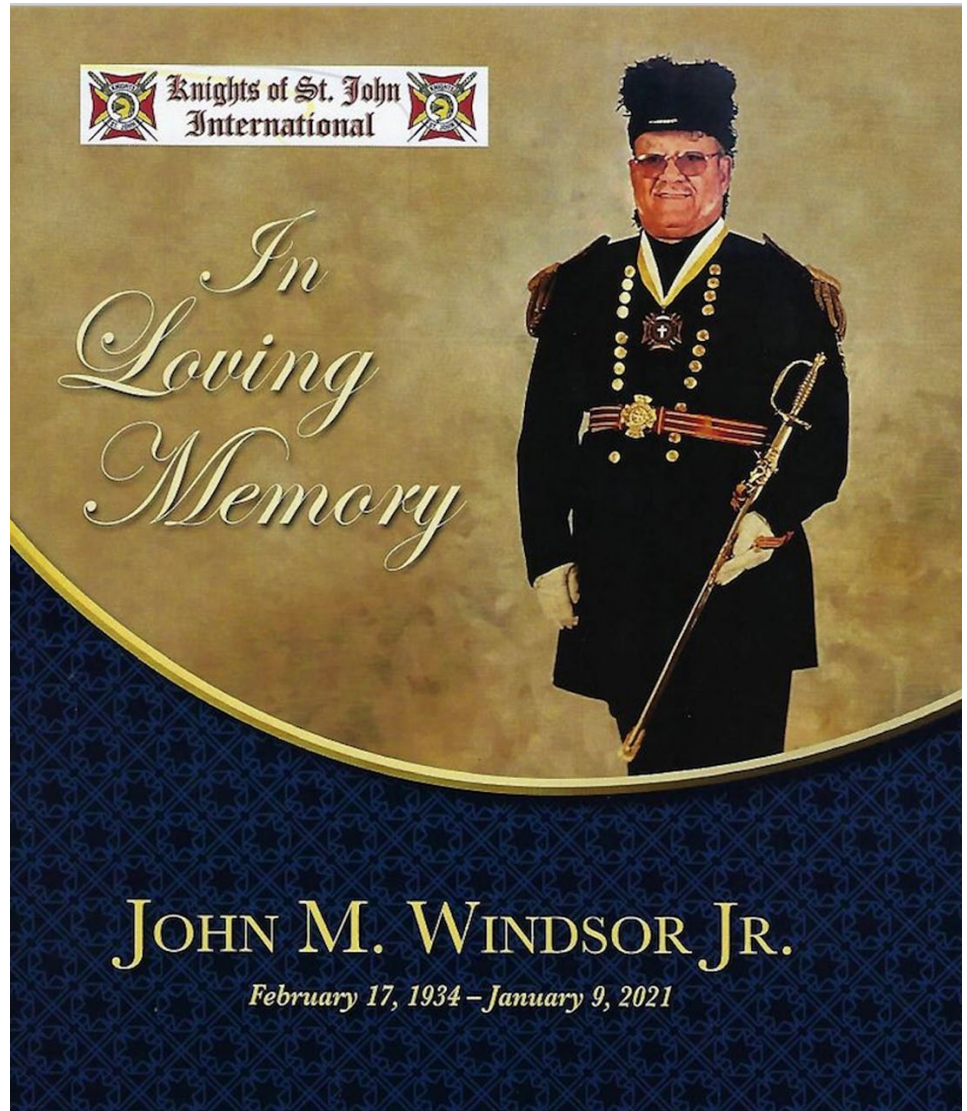
“For those of you who did not know General John Windsor or did not have the opportunity to serve under him, you missed the opportunity to experience serving one of the best Presidents of the Supreme International,” Brig. Gen. Ronald Attanasio, a past Grand President for the New York Grand, shared with fellow Knights.

“I was fortunate to have that opportunity, as a younger Commandery President. John knew the Constitution and By Laws by the book,” Brig. Gen. Attanasio wrote. “He was one of the toughest Supreme Presidents and was respected for it... I am proud to have known you as a friend.”

General Windsor came to know the Knights through his late mother, Mary Edna Windsor, who was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary. His son is Col. John L. Windsor, Past Maryland Regiment Commander.

The general’s obituary noted that he “loved the Catholic Church and the Knights and did everything he could to support and advance their causes.”

He was also very much of a family man. He passed surrounded by his children at age 86. He was “PopPop” to his grandkids, according to his obituary. And “Bunny” or “Uncle Bunny” to everyone else. When he recently moved to Florida his children all moved there as well to be near him, according to his obituary.



He had a love for bowling and participated religiously in the Knights’ bowling activity in the Maryland First Regiment, and the national competition, as well, said Col. Jerome Short, Maryland Regiment Commander.

Gen. Windsor held every position in the Holy Family Commandery #115, based in Maryland, and rose through the leadership ranks, being elected to two consecutive two-year terms as Supreme President starting in 1992 and ending in 1996, according to Supreme Secretary Emeritus Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz.

He was the first Supreme President to go overseas to support the evangelization of the Knights of St. John, Col. Short said.

Many condolences poured in such as this: Wrote Supreme Subordinate Secretary Brig. Gen. Gerald H. P. Ganda: “On behalf of the President and Members of the Supreme Sub-

ordinate Commandery Sierra Leone, I would like to express our sincere condolences to the Family and Order, especially Holy Family Commandery #115. We pray God to welcome him home in His Kingdom. May his soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.”

According to his obituary, the Gen. Windsor grew up on the Knapp Farm in Maryland, helping to grow crops and pigs. He served in the Korean War and after being honorably discharged returned to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission where he worked more than 30 years, “climbing the ladder” from laborer to Area Construction Coordinator, according to his obituary.

He also loved to hunt, mostly rabbits and squirrels, said Col. Short.

“He was very human,” said Col. Short. “He was fun to be around.”

## Welcome to New Members

(December 2020 to March 2021)

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Our Lady of Queen Africa # 677	Bolgatanga, Ghana	Martin Adonis Ajono
St. Maurice Commandery #758	La, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Adjei Nsiah
St. Theresa #815	Kaneshie, Ghana	Mark Obo Crentsil
St. Theresa #815	Kaneshie, Ghana	Michael Ofori Dwamena
St. Theresa #815	Kaneshie, Ghana	Kofi Agyei Boakye
Prince of Peace #832	Kwashieman, Ghana	Ambrose Asmah
Prince of Peace #832	Kwashieman, Ghana	Ken Koku Missiamenu
Blessed Sacrament #848	Abelemkpe, Ghana	Hope Nyadeka
Blessed Sacrament #848	Abelemkpe, Ghana	Sylvester Mawunu
Blessed Sacrament #848	Abelemkpe, Ghana	Dylan Owusu – Afriyie
Blessed Sacrament #848	Abelemkpe, Ghana	Pascal Ambing Walier
St Patrick #869	Ashongman, Ghana	Charles Tannor
St John of God # 898	Amrahia, Ghana	Enock Blay
St John of God # 898	Amrahia, Ghana	Alex Kwasi Lapu
St Luke #930	Ashaiman Lebanon, Ghana	Ernest Harrison K. Doe
St Luke #930	Ashaiman Lebanon, Ghana	Vincent Selassie McAdy
St Luke #930	Ashaiman Lebanon, Ghana	Roland Aputik
St Luke #930	Ashaiman Lebanon, Ghana	Andrews Donkor
St Luke #930	Ashaiman Lebanon, Ghana	Dominic Roland Mensah
St Luke #930	Ashaiman Lebanon, Ghana	Emmanuel Mawuli Fourey
St. Francis Xavier # 947	Kpaguri, Wa Ghana	Prosper M. Lana
St. Francis Xavier # 947	Kpaguri, Wa Ghana	Cornelius Dassah
St. Francis Xavier # 947	Kpaguri, Wa Ghana	Caios Bantieko
St. Francis Xavier # 947	Kpaguri, Wa Ghana	Richard N-mengbong
St. Francis Xavier # 947	Kpaguri, Wa Ghana	Jonas Langu A
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom #957	Oyarifa, Ghana	Rev Fr. George Omondi Onyango
St. Gabriel #457	Konongo, Ghana	Obed Asamoah Boadu

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# Welcome to New Members

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Commandery/ Grand	City/ State	Name
St. Benedict #624	Asawase, Ghana	Rev Bro. Sebastian K. Erong
St. Benedict #624	Asawase, Ghana	Francis Amoah
St. Benedict #624	Asawase, Ghana	Bright Danso
St. Benedict #624	Asawase, Ghana	Dominic Kusi Boakye
St. Benedict #624	Asawase, Ghana	Robert Ninbaalong
St. Benedict #624,	Asawase, Ghana	Augustine Kuugbre
St. Benedict #624,	Asawase, Ghana	Lewis Koffi Merz
St. John The Evangelist #789	Bekwai, Ghana	Eugene Kodom
St. John The Evangelist #789	Bekwai, Ghana	Eric Twumasi Ntem
St. John The Evangelist #789	Bekwai, Ghana	John Biekuuh
St. John The Evangelist #789	Bekwai, Ghana	Peter Atefah
St. John The Evangelist #789	Bekwai, Ghana	Emmanuel Appiah
St. Peter #904,	Ahwiaa, Ghana	Frank Adu Boahen
St. Theresa #455,	Berekum, Ghana	Derrick Oppong
Our Lady of Fatima #544	Wenchi, Ghana	Aaron Ganaa
Our Lady of Fatima #544	Wenchi, Ghana	Sylvester Bafereh
Our Lady of Fatima #544	Wenchi, Ghana	Emmanuel L. Imoru
Our Lady of Fatima #544	Wenchi, Ghana	Eric Asare
Our Lady of Fatima #544	Wenchi, Ghana	Romolus T. Tengzuyele
St. Joseph # 239	Detroit, MI	Jacob Dale
St. Joseph # 240	Detroit, MI	John Dudek
St. Joseph # 241	Detroit, MI	Robert Tribilio



Brig Gen Obu iGroup Photograph with participants

## Enugu Grand Commandery

**E**nugu Grand Commandery recently completed the fourth in the series of training workshops for Adjutants and Recording & Corresponding Secretaries.

Brig. Gen. Gilbert Obu, Grand President of Enugu Grand Commandery, in his keynote address observed that there are gaps that need to be filled on the roles of Recording & Corresponding Secretaries and Adjutants. There is also an urgent need to rebuild mutual trust and confidence amongst every office in terms of communication, to enhance efficiency within the Grand.

The Grand President stated that as Secretaries they have important roles to play as Administrators, Advisers and Organizers in their various echelons. These roles come with a lot of challenges. For them to play their roles effectively there is need to assist them to build their capacities by participating in programs of this nature. The objectives are:

- To acquaint participants with their roles.
- To enable participants to be properly informed on how best to handle the knotty challenges that normally arise in their responsibilities.
- To provide opportunity for cross-fertilization of ideas and experiences.

The Grand President commended the Grand Secretary, Col. Phil. Ezeogu, for his painstaking efforts in putting together this carefully designed and packaged program that he started in 2018. The Grand President seized the opportunity to also thank those in attendance and to inform them that they will be the crop of resource persons for subsequent training, since the present cream of officers will leave office at the

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end of 2021.

He enjoined all to be focused, more dedicated to their responsibilities and to make salient contributions in their Commanderies, Districts, and Regiments. The Grand President noted that what is learned during the program appeal will also result in cordial and harmonious relationships with Commanders and Worthy Presidents. He wished all happy and successful deliberations.

The Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Adjutant, said Col. Ezeogu, during the training workshop, is the key to the success of the District and Local Commandery of the Knights of St. John International.

The “Secretary is very important not only for the communication of the Commandery activities, but also works to ensure that every officer in the team lives up to their respective individual duties and responsibilities. The Secretary or adjutant is the main link of every member of the Board of Trustees of the Local Commandery, District or Regiment, and should be committed to group success,” he said. Col. Ezeogu explained that the responsibility of the Recording Secretary is that of “guardian of the process of meetings.”

The Secretary should make arrangements for the meetings, including preparing the agenda for the meeting with due consultation with the Worthy President, he said, pointing out that while the Secretary issues and circulates invitations, notices and general correspondence to members, maintain the membership role, and record other proceedings, he should, however, not dominate the meeting or inject his personal views into the minutes, but constantly consult with the Worthy President.

The Grand Secretary listed the do's and don'ts of a good Secretary to include punctuality at meetings, keep copies of correspondences, check if quorum is met for meetings, respect for confidentiality, work closely with the Worthy President, and ensure effective communication. The Secretary should, however, not ignore correspondence or keep information to himself. He must not be absent or late for meetings, or throw away important papers, he stated.

The Grand Secretary advised the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries not to neglect the modern tools of communication but make effective use of them. On the Adjutants, Col. Ezeogu described them as the "engine room" of the military wing of the Knights of St. John International. "The skill set of a military adjutant is comparable to the responsibilities of an administrative manager, a company secretary or a human resources expert in a corporate environment," he explained.

Quoting from the KSJI Constitution, Col. Ezeogu said that "it shall be the duty of the

Adjutant to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, sign all orders, answer all correspondence and exhibit his books when requested by the District Commander. He shall

keep lists of all Commanderies represented in the District Commandery, and also a list of all delegates to and members of his District Commandery.

He said the Adjutant should remain in contact with the Grand Secretary and provide him with any needed information, because he is a Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the Regiment/District.

Earlier while declaring the workshop open, Grand President Brigadier General Obu said Enugu Grand Commandery thought it necessary to organize training for the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and the Adjutants, in order to keep them abreast with their roles and responsibilities. Brigadier General Obu advised the participants to take their training very seriously, and in the end, try to put what they were taught into practice in the interest of the order.

Col. Patrick Ugwu, the Grand 2nd Vice President, observed the training workshop with Twenty-five participants.



**Brig Gen Gilbert Obu delivering his Keynote address while Col Patrick Ugwu 2nd Vice listens.**



**Bro. Cajetan Agim R & C Commandery 585**

Submitted by:  
**Col. Phil Ezeogu & Bro. Dons Eze.**

## Owerri Grand Commandery

It was a double barrel event last December 2020, as Owerri Grand held her AGM and 25-year anniversary of the Knights of St John International entering Owerri.

The opening session started with Holy Mass presided over by the Grand Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Kizito Onyeka.

The First Plenary started with the roll calls of delegates of both KSJI, Laux, and Kola nut presentation. There were welcome addresses from the Grand President Noble Bro. Professor Remy Uche and Grand Respected President Noble Sister Vero Iwu, respectively.

The Grand president extolled the good deeds of late Grand President Noble Bro. Anthony Obiagboso Erukeme, calling on Knights to mind the motto of KSJI, "Pro Deo, et Patria," -- "for God and Country," which makes the Knights of St John International dual citizens of God (heaven) and of our countries.

Therefore, "because we serve God, we will be good citizens of our nation," he said.

He also reminded the Knights to take up the challenge of roofing the new Grand hostel embarked upon by the late Grand President, by thinking out the best strategy and method of sourcing funds to complete the project.

In the address of the Grand Secretary Noble Bro. Col. CEJ Ibeh, he recalled to mind the essence of AGM as a biennial event, a reunion of brothers and sisters from various commanderies and Laux every two years to help those gathered deliberate on how best to carry the Order forward.

Minutes of the last biennial was read and adopted.

The following reports were considered at the joint session: Grand death benefit scheme reports, Grand hostel committee reports, treatment of matters arising from the last AGM, discussions and resolutions at the last AGM, appointment of credentials were also considered.

Bro. Dr. Chinedu Iwu gave a talk on "stress management" which is quite necessary for

the aged and aging brothers and sisters in the Order.

The evening preceding the 4th plenary session was the memorial Mass for the fallen brothers and sisters, Cadets and Juniors for the year ending December 2020.

At the Mass, candles were lit by the Grand President and Grand Respected President, District Commanders Knights and Ladies, as well as the Cadets and Juniors officers.

The following day focused on the Silver Jubilee celebration which started with the investiture Mass of 26 brothers into the 2nd and 3rd degrees of the Order.

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Grand President  
Noble Bro. Professor Remy Uche

After that there were drill competitions with cadets and juniors marching, respectively.

The hallmark was the Jubilee luncheon with the following MIC Masters: Lt. Vincent Azubuike, Lt. Austine Acu, and Sister Julie Nosike, jubilantly announcing and calling invitees to their seats.

During the luncheon there were awards bestowed on brothers and sisters who has done one remarkable thing or two for the Order in the respective commanderies, Districts, Regiments and Grand.

Two categories of awards were presented: Posthumous awards and awards of recognition for active brothers and sisters.

It was really a momentous occasion as those who received the awards showed appreciation for the honors.

The biennial closed out Saturday with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Grand Hall.

Upcoming this year will be a colloquium for the retiring Archbishop A.J.V. Obinna, Metropolitan Archbishop of Owerri.

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In late January the entire diocese of Okigwe, Imo state, celebrated the dedication to the Lord of the new parish Cathedral.

Owerri Grand joined Grand President Noble Brother Prof. Remy Uche, in celebrating the dedication as its home church and parish.

Owerri Grand President chaired the building committee right from the inception.

He presented the design, and the cost of the project to cost account to the Most Rev. Dr. Solomon Amatu, the Bishop of the Okigwe diocese.

The diagonals of the altar represent the eight beatitudes.

The occasion was used to remember late Sir Valentine Nwaneri Nwaohiri (KSM) who midwived the idea of a new church building.

He was likened to King David in the building of house of God when he gathered the materials, but his son King Solomon built the house.

The Grand President feted everyone who came to his country home.

The parish priest, the Rev. Father Vincent Okpara welcomed all who came for the ceremony, which attracted a sea of clergy.

### In the Spirit of Charity:

Let's remember our brothers and sisters in our prayers, particularly the sick, give them calls, visits, etc.

Submitted by  
**Lieut. Vincent Azubuike**  
*Editor Supreme Journal*  
*Owerri Grand*



Officers of St. Joseph Cadet Commandery #836 and Our Lady of Holy Rosary #304 of Kumasi Grand Commandery.

## Report from cadets organizing division

We thank the Almighty God for giving us the opportunity to meet once again for the promotion of the good of the Noble Order of the Patron St. John the Baptist. Since it is not customary for Cadets to be reporting in the Journal, we have deemed it fit, on behalf of the Supreme Cadets Organizing Division, as a wellness check, to salute our fathers, grandfathers, and great grand fathers and mothers in the Knights of St. John International. We are glad to report that since the beginning of Covid-19 Epidemic, from data available, there has been no reported death/s of the Cadets and Juniors in the Division. We sent a get-well card to Brother Anthony Ebere, Jr, of Commandery 680 Newark, who was sick during this period and has recovered. We thank the Almighty God for granting him healing mercies.

While we continue to monitor the welfare and progress of all Cadets and Juniors throughout the whole world, we realize that the beauty and sustainability of the Order is to raise young people with fresh ideas to enhance the order so that we grow stronger for the sake of posterity. Below are two dispatches that we have received.

### Republic of Togo:

"Hi brother Titus - How are you and my Cadet brothers and juniors in the U.S.? We are well in Togo by the grace of God. Unfortunately, we have ceased all activities because of the Pandemic. But each Commandery meets at least on Sundays after the Masses for a small prayer session. We have continued to wax strong. Most of us have secured admissions to study in the Institutions of higher learning and

we are all doing great. As long as we are with Christ, we do not worry".

### Republic of Ghana:

"Church has opened. We do have Knights' meetings. Our Cadets have also resumed meetings. We are now planning for programs for 2021 and I will send you Pics when we start programs. We had our Thanksgiving and Harvest Celebration last December 2020. This was done in keeping with the social distancing regulations. We are in constant communications with the KSJI Cadets Organizing Chairman – Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, and he has continued to answer all our questions to our satisfaction. Once again, we are looking forward to be reunited with the Supreme Authorities."

Cadets and Juniors worldwide are willing and ready to participate in Knightly activities. The hindrance so far is the presence of Covid-19 pandemic which is hitting hard every nook and corner of the universe. We were poised to come to the Supreme Convention in Kentucky USA before it was postponed. We thank the leadership of KSJI for their vision.

Thank you and may the Almighty continue to strengthen us all in our endeavors towards defending the Church dignity and grant us that longed for spiritual enrichment.

"In God We Trust". Fraternally and respectfully submitted:

**Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu,**  
JP, KSJI  
*Supreme Cadets Chairman*



Officers of St. Joseph Cadet Commandery #836, Kumasi Grand Commandery

## District 4, New York Grand Commandery

**W**e 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, obeying the State's and Federal regulations on Covid-19 Pandemic, keeping the social distancing rules, dressing warm and heating our environments. During the period under review the District incurred some losses of human lives.

Our condolences go to Lady Rita Njoku of Ladies Auxiliary 592 who lost her husband, Brother Dr. Ignatius Njoku of Commandery 680. Dr. Njoku was the immediate past Treasurer of Commandery #680. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to Brother Dr. Ignatius Njoku.

Our condolences also go to Brother Al Gbi Toe, Worthy President of Commandery 960 Newark N.J. who lost his mother, Noble Lady Comfort Duwli Dueh Toe in the United States. The late Comfort Duwli Toe joined the KSJI Holy Family Ladies Auxiliary #390 in the early 80s. She served the Auxiliary as Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer with distinction. In addition, she was a member of the Pastoral Council and Vice President of the Financial Council of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grandcress, Liberia, before her sojourn in United States in 1989 to be with her children.

Mass of Resurrection was held in her honor at Transfiguration Parish, St. Ann's Church in Newark, N.J. The Requiem Mass will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grandcress, Liberia, followed by interment. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to the departed soul and also the fortitude to the Toe family to bear the loss.

### KNIGHTS MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Commanderies under District 4 have continued to hold their regular monthly meetings via the Zoom Networks 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 held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 via Zoom in New Jersey. The meeting was presided over by

Major Charles Igwebuike, the District Commander, with delegates and members in attendance from Commanderies 626 New York, 676 Trenton, N.J., and 680 Newark, N.J.

### 1st DEGREE INITIATION CEREMONY AT COMMANDERY 926 NEWARK:

KSJI Commandery #960 of the New York Grand, Newark, New Jersey, welcomed four (4) new brothers into its ranks when it held an Initiation Program on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at St Rocco's Catholic Church in Newark, New Jersey. The initiation ceremony was performed by brother Knight Al Gbi Toe, Sr., Commandery #960, Worthy President. The newly initiated brother knights are Emmanuel Doe (Liberia), Peter Ochiemhen (Nigeria), Brother Paul Farrray (Grenada) and Brother Kouadio Raoul Kouassi (Ivory Coast).

The Thanksgiving Mass was held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at St Ann's Church in Newark, New Jersey. The Blessings were offered by Rev. Fr. Josephat Kato Kalema, STD, Pastor of the Transfiguration Parish (St. Ann's & St. Rocco's Communities), and Spiritual Director and brother knight of Commandery #960.

The initial diverse membership of the Commandery, which totaled 22 on March 7, 2020, has now increased to 26 brother knights hailing from eight countries, namely Grenada, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Togo, Uganda and the United States of America.

We heartily welcome these brothers to the Noble Order of the Knights of St. John International.

### COMMANDERY 680, NEWARK NJ:

Knights of St. John Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 has been holding prayer meetings via the Zoom and have continued to send get well messages to their sick members.

The Commandery donated \$1,000 to Igbo Catholic Community Church in December 2020 during their celebration of the Annual Thanksgiving Service and Bazaar. They also donated \$500 for the welfare of the Church.

Fraternally submitted  
**Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, JP**  
Media and Information Officer  
DISTRICT FOUR, NEW YORK GRAND



The 4 newly initiated Commandery #960 Brothers from left to right: Emmanuel Doe, Paul Farrray, Peter Ochiemhen and Raoul Kouassi.

## Wa Grand Commandery



A group photograph of the St. Francis Xavier Cadets after the out-dooring Mass.

### Wa Grand Holds 2nd & 3rd Degrees Exemplification

The Wa Grand Commandery successfully exemplified a total of One hundred and sixty brothers into the 2nd and 3rd Degrees of the Noble Order.

The exemplification exercise took place on the 16th and 17th October, 2020 at the St. Andrew Catholic Cathedral in Wa.

In separate presentations before the exemplification exercise, the guest speakers, namely:

Major General James Barry Dasah, Immediate Past President, Supreme Subordinate Ghana; Brig. Gen. Moses Donneyong and Brig. Gen. Sylvester Dery, both Past Presidents, Wa Grand all admonished members to be united, in pursuit of the principles and objects of the Order, and to practice Charity towards all mankind without reservation. The speakers also advised members to learn and emulate the outstanding good examples of St. John the Baptist in all their endeavours.

Present at the ceremonies were some Grand Board Officers of the Wa Grand Commandery

including Brig. General Martin Banye, President, Wa Grand Commandery; Cols. Gaspard Saanwie and Magnus Innocent Dery, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Wa Grand as well as Col. Dr. Joseph Wulifan, Wa Grand Secretary.

### Xavier And Fielmuo Cadets Commanderies Inaugurated

Two new Cadets Commanderies were inaugurated in the Wa Grand Commandery in October, namely: St. Francis Xavier and St. Paul Cadets Commanderies located in Wa and Fielmuo, respectively.

A cross section of 2nd & 3rd Degrees Brothers in a parade before the exemplification at the St. Andrew Cathedral, Wa



The inauguration of the two Cadets Commanderies took place in separate ceremonies after the two Charters were approved and granted by the Supreme Executive Board.

The Charters were presented to the Spiritual Advisors of the two Cadets Commanderies at separate outdoor ceremonies by designated Wa Grand Board Officers.

Presenting the St. Francis Xavier Charter to Rev. Fr. Pamphilio Tengan, Xavier Spiritual Advisor, Col. Gaspard Saanwie, 1st Vice President of Wa Grand, entreated members of the St. Francis Xavier Commandery to support their new baby to ensure that it grows from strength to strength. He encouraged parents present at the occasion, who were interested in having their children join, to contact the St. Francis Xavier Commandery executives for the necessary assistance.

Present at the gathering were Wa Grand Board Officers including Major General James Barry Dasah, the Immediate Past President of Supreme Subordinate Ghana;

Noble Sister Louisa Dayang, Respected President, Wa Grand Ladies' Auxiliary; Noble Sister Clare C. Der Past President, Wa Grand Ladies' Auxiliary; Col. Dr. Joseph Wulifan, Secretary, Wa Grand Commandery, Col. John Ayaga, 9th District Commander among other Officers.

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**Rev. Fr. Pamphilio Tengan**  
displaying the Xavier  
Cadets Charter to the  
Congregation after the  
presentation, during  
the out-dooring Church  
Service at Xavier.



**Col. Gaspard Saanwie**  
(middle) presenting the  
Xavier Cadets Charter  
to Rev. Fr. Pamphilio  
Tengan (left), looking  
on is Col. Dr. Joseph  
Wulifan (right)

## Togo Grand Commandery



**C**elebration of the diamond jubilee of Most Reverend Father Pierre Dovi N'danu-Alipui

To mark the commemoration of the sixty years of priesthood of Most Reverend Father Pierre Dovi N'danu-Alipui, National Chaplain of the Order of the Knights of Saint John International and Ladies' Auxiliary of Togo, the Grand Board of Togo organized a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, January 10 at Saint Kisito Parish, Tokoin Doumasséssé, Lomé.

Five priests concelebrated the Mass. They were the Reverend Fathers Sebastien Boccovi, Archdiocesan Chaplain of Lomé of the Knights of Saint John International; Richard Mawussi, Chaplain of the Knights of Saint John International; Narcisse Wonyo, Chaplain of the Knights of Saint John International; Boniface Olympio, Chaplain of the Knights of Saint John International; and Jean Baptiste Alade, from the host parish.

In his introductory address, Father Alade, the primary celebrant, joyfully welcomed the Knights of Saint John International.

Sharing a meditation, Most Reverend Father Dovi N'danu-Alipui elaborated on how Christ used our humanity to introduce us to his divinity. To him, the birth of Jesus Christ syncs with the birth of peace. God spoke to his people through his Son. Thus, he said, Christians must be aware of their ontological dignity. Hammering on the solemnity of the day (the

Baptism of Jesus), the celebrant recalled that through our baptism, we are redeemed by the Blood of Christ; the old world having gone, a new world is offered to us.

In the sermon, Father Alade deemed himself honored by the Jubilarian twice in such circumstances (the first being at the requiem Mass of a sibling of Most Reverend Father N'danu-Alipui). He then offered his gratitude to the Knights for such a rejuvenating celebration.

Zooming in on the message of the day, Father Alade invited the faithful to recall and rejoice about their baptism. In his view, the word spoken to Christ continues to be activated in the life of every one baptized. In connec-

tion with the first reading, baptism is a free gift from God because we offered nothing to God to benefit from the graces and blessings of this sacrament, he said.

In conclusion, Father Alade turned to the jubilarian and congratulated him for preaching the truth. He praised the entire community, and especially the honoree for the teachings he had received from him during his ministry training, namely the invitation to remain faithful to the spirituality of the diocesan priest, to be joyful to eternity, and to accept one's place in the Church and delight from it.

During the acknowledgements, Togo Grand Secretary Col. Paul Agbezo, rejoiced for the success of the celebration with a special word to the Archdiocesan Chaplain of Lomé, to the other concelebrants and to all for active participation in the celebration. The jubilarian and the main celebrant exhorted every Christian to remember their baptism.

The Grand Commandery and the Grand Auxiliary of Togo, accompanied by all the represented commanderies, gave cash to the jubilarian.

In closing, the Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary were treated to an impressive military demonstration by the Knights and the Cadet Corporation organized in honor of the jubilarian at the "Maison du Chevalier." Then a luncheon rounded off this unique Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Submitted by:  
**2nd Lt Espoir Woameno,**  
Cdry 879, Bè-Klikamé.



## IN MEMORIAM

Commandery/ Grand	City/ State	Name
Holy Family #115 (Former Supreme President)	Baltimore/ Washigton	Gen. John M. Windsor, Jr.
Former Spiritual Adviser Supreme Sub. Nigeria	Owerri, Nigeria	Brig. Gen. Ralph Madu
Sacred Heart #351	Derby Avenue, Ghana	Noble Bro. John Newton K. Amori
Our Lady of Annunciation Comm. # 392	Tamale	Alban Bokuma
Our Lady of Annunciation Comm. # 392	Tamale	Frank Arhin
St. Peter Commandery #413	Osu, Ghana	Nicholas Sogbe
St Anthony #437	Axim, Ghana	Francis Nyan
St Margaret Mary 500	Dansoman, Ghana	Charles Quansah
St. John the Evangelist Commandery #596	Adenta, Ghana	Walter Worlanyo Atiegar
Queen of Peace Commandery #604	Madina, Ghana	Nicholas Akari
St. Maurice Commandery #758	La, Ghana	Richard Kundeniing
St. Joseph the Worker #850	Tema Comm 8, Ghana	Noble Bro. Jacob Afful Amachie
St. Peter #368	Kumasi, Ghana	Seth Edward K. Kumah
St. Peter #368	Kumasi, Ghana	Isaac Kwabena Wiafe
St. Gabriel #457	Konongo, Ghana	Christopher Essel
St. Benedict #624	Asawase, Ghana	Anthony Akwasi Amankwah
St. Theresa #455	Berekum, Ghana	Joseph Kuupol
St. Joseph #239	Detroit, MI	Brig.Gen. Ernest Stehlin Jr.
St. Michaels #300	Cincinnati, OH	Robert Poeppelman
Commandery #308	Rochester, NY	Michael D. Perri

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## ***Monsignor Brig. Gen. Raphael Okechukwu Madu***

**M**onsignor Brig. Gen. Raphael Okechukwu Madu, popularly known as Father Ralph, was a rare gem and one of the most remarkable of the present-day Priests and Nigerians. I had the privilege to interface with the Monsignor Madu on several occasions during the Supreme Conventions in the U.S.A. All of us including Maj. Gen. Jim Shaufhausen (US Supreme Subordinate President) served in the Supreme Press Committee. He was very hardworking and unassuming. He was a great man, a great soldier, and a great warrior of the Knights of St. John International. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 9, 1983.

Monsignor was the former Spiritual Director of the Nigerian Supreme Subordinate Commandery, former Administrator of Veritas Catholic University, Abuja and Asa Campuses, Nigeria. This University was built and owned by Knights of St. John Int'l – Nigeria Subordinate Commandery. He was the immediate past Secretary General of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria in Abuja; Secretary of the Owerri, Nigeria Catholic Archdiocese (his maternal Diocese). Finally, he was the Spiritual Advisor in charge of the Imo State Government of Nigeria House of Assembly Chapel, prior to his death. Msgr. Madu was

made a Monsignor on the 28th day of November, 2020 at the investiture ceremony at Owerri Assumpta Cathedral. He did a Thanksgiving in his hometown, Nunya, Isikwuator on December 30th. He was well and active for the first 10 days of January. He passed on January 17.

In his homily, Bishop Augustin Echema, of the Diocese of Aba, said Msgr. Madu was a vibrant priest with an amiable personality, and had the gift of “listening ears to big and small.”

Owerri Grand President Noble Brother Prof Remy Uche turned out District 8 Commandery for the burial amidst covid-19 protocols.

We pray that the Almighty God will grant his soul eternal rest, having finished the earthly journey, and also grant the family and all our brothers and sisters the fortitude to bear the loss.

Reflections and Reporting submitted by:  
**Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu**  
*Supreme Cadets Chairman*  
**Lieut. Vincent Azubuike**  
*Editor Supreme Journal*  
*Owerri Grand*

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## *Brig. General Robert F. Brown, Sr.*

**I**t has pleased the Almighty in His Infinite Wisdom to call to his eternal reward, our beloved Brother Knight, Brig. General Robert F. Brown, Sr., on December 4, 2020. The members of St. Thomas Commandery No. 218, Washington, DC, and all the Brother Knights in commanderies of the Knights of St. John International, mourn the loss of a true and loyal Knight, the family mourns his loss and the Church community mourns the loss of a faithful Catholic.

Bob, as he was called by those that knew him, was a mentor during his 70 plus years of service to the Knighthood we profess. That does not include 8 years as a cadet. He was

a Past Commander of the First Regiment of Washington, a Past President of the Baltimore-Washington Grand, the Supreme Convention Delegate representing Commandery 218, and a faithful member of Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle Chapter No. 15, 4th Degree Chevaliers and the National Capitol Temple, Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross. In the Church, he is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. On December 22, 2007, he received the highest honor that the Knights of St. John International can bestow upon a member, the Jewel of Honor. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Rita. He was a loving father, grandfather, and a respected member of the Knights of St. John International, the Church and community.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and relatives during this period of grief and sorrow and we pray that the All-Merciful Lord will give him a befitting place among His Angels and Saints and say "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come and share your master's joy."

Submitted by:  
**Brig. Gen. Ronald C. Taylor**  
*Undersecretary/  
 Advisory Board Affairs*



## IN MEMORIAM

*Brig. Gen. James Eifert*

Brother Knights,

**I**t is with great sadness that I announce the death of Brig. Gen. James Eifert of Commandery # 94 in Covington, Ky.

Brother Eifert, 87, had been a long-time member of the Knights of St. John, and served in many roles within his Commandery and the Kentucky Grand. He was a Past President of the Kentucky Grand and was Judge Advocate of the Kentucky Grand until his passing in December.

A resident of Erlanger, Kentucky, he was a long-time member of St. Henry Catholic Church. He also volunteered as a Scoutmaster for Troup 726 and served as Assistant Chief for the Erlanger Fire Department for more than 40 years. He loved to golf and was an avid wood worker.

Brig. Gen. Eifert is survived by his wife of 66

years: Mary Ann Eifert, children: Douglas James (Kim) Eifert, Donna (Dennis) Vagedes, Robert (Mary) Eifert, David Eifert (Sonnie), and Marsha (Robert) Mangine, 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, sister: Mary Ann Blair, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He will be sorely missed by his Brother Knights in Kentucky, and beyond. May his soul and the soul of the faithful departed members of the Knights of St. John rest in peace, Amen.

Submitted by:

**Tony Tabler**

*Knights of St. John*

*Uniform Rank President Commandery #103*

*Col. 1st District of Kentucky*

*Kentucky Grand Secretary*



## *Supreme Subordinate Nigeria*



### **Pray for Lt. Gen Anselm Okafor & Family**

The Supreme Subordinate President Nigeria, Major Gen (Prof) Mike Ikon has called for prayers for the family of our Supreme 2nd Vice President, Lt. Gen Anselm Okafor, whose Sister, Noble Sr. Gladys Okafor, has joined the ranks of the dead.

Noble Sr. Gladys Okafor was a tower of strength; a woman truly in the fear of the Lord and, who had served God with all sincerity and strength.

Gladys was a District Respected President, 1st Vice President, Onitsha Grand LAUX, Immediate Past Grand President, Onitsha Grand LAUX, and untill her death, the Supreme Subordinate Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary Nigeria.

**Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis, quia pius es.**

**Brig Gen Patrick Igwilo**

Supreme Subordinate Secretary Nigeria