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# President's address

Greetings once again from Your Supreme President. I would like to take this opportunity, from my family and the families of the Supreme Board of Directors, to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Although the year is coming to a close and we still have work to do, we must take this period in time to cherish our family, our friends, and most of all, the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father.

We also need to dedicate time on reaching out to those who are less fortunate than us. We cannot solve the world's homeless or hunger problems in a week or two, but everything must start

somewhere. Our Lord fed thousands of His hungry children with five loaves of bread and two fish; I only ask you to reach out to one hungry person or family, and if we all follow our teachings, we too could feed thousands. The gift of giving does not start and stop with the presents under the tree; the gift of giving is a lifetime commitment.

Recently, I have been reviewing some of the minor structural

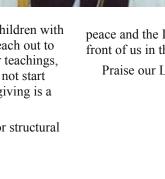
peace and the Lord's guidance for whatever He may place in front of us in the coming year.

Praise our Lord Jesus Christ, and God bless you all.

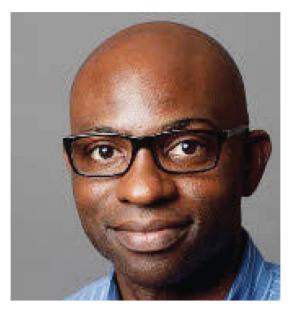
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makeup of our organization. I understand that we could better serve our members by such issues as utilizing and advertising our website, restructuring committees, educating our junior officers, keeping the membership informed and educated on the Supreme Constitution, etc. We have come through two years of separation and isolation and now, more than ever, the membership must feel a sense of unity from the top of our organization, to the members just joining our order. An informed and educated member is an active member, and I intend to make every member as active as possible.

In closing, I would again wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year from Carol and I. We must all pray for world for whatever He may place in



# Interim Supreme Secretary



ompliments of the season to all members of the Knights of St. John International.

This is a joyous time for everyone as we enjoy the Christmas spirit resonating throughout the world. It is a time of reflection and remembrance that our Lord came to save the world and change the lives of all of us. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our members for what you all have done and continue to do for the organization. The pandemic was a hurdle that we are still living through, and 2023 will be a great year that will allow us to push forward towards having things back to normal as best as possible. May this Christmas season bring you and your family a great deal of joy and peace.

A reading we can reflect on as a reminder is from Isaiah 9:6-7:

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. My message this month is focused on the timely submission of reports to your Secretaries (Grand and Sup. Sub. Sec.). It is very important to have these reports accurate as we rely on these to ensure we assess the appropriate PCT to each commandery, among other things. As you prepare your end of year reports, kindly ensure that you accurately reflect the number of uniformed members, non-uniformed members, non-taxable members (clergy, exempt etc.).

Finally, as we all await Christmas, the birth of our Lord and the light of the world let us remember the words from John 14:6:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

May the Lord Jesus grant you peace, favor you and your families, and be your strength for 2023. I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally, Maj. Gen. Chijioke Okafor Interim Supreme Secretary

# Supreme Spiritual Director



Dear Brother Knights,

An any the grace and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! The year 2022 has come to an end. This past year was filled with difficulties, tragedies, loss and sorrow. It is our strong faith and willingness that has brought us to this new year. Even in the midst of lingering issues of Covid-19, wars, global climate change, domestic violence and other life changing issues, we continue to walk by faith, led by a just and merciful God who never left our side. We offer thanks and praise to a God who is always faithful, loving and remains in our midst. We look forward to the new year with hope, faith and trusting in the Lord.

May we continue to rely on our patron St. John the Baptist to intercede for us, and Our Blessed Mother Mary to whisper into the ears of her Son Jesus all our prayers and requests.

May we continue to keep in prayer all our Com-

mandries, our leadership team, and our families. May God shower His many blessings upon us in this new year. I look forward to the day when we will all gather again, in person, for our Convention.

I leave you with this blessing:

May God in His unceasing love Send many gifts your way, And may He fill your heart with peace and joy And be forever near. Blessing you and guiding you Throughout the coming year. May Our Mother Mary always watch over and And protect you. Amen.

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

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# **Owerri Grand Commandery**

pon lifting the suspension order imposed on KSJI Nigeria by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) in September Owerri Grand President, Brig. Gen. Moses Ajeka ordered the full resumption of all activities of the Grand starting with an emergency joint Grand Board Meeting on September 29th at the Grand Hall.

In his opening address, the Grand President thanked God and the CBCN for understanding our plight and lifting the suspension. The Grand President urged Knights and Ladies of Owerri Grand to be each other's keepers.

The Respected Noble Sister Patty Obi presented her address of welcome, too, during the Joint session.

The SSC President Nigeria, Major General Prof. Remy Uche, who joined the Grand Board Meeting as a visitor, thanked God for touching the hearts of CBCN to free KSJI Nigeria from suspension. The Major General called it a homecoming and urged all to abide by the rules of the Order.

In addition, Owerri Grand played host to Joint Supreme Subordinate Board/Supreme Subordinate Commandery Meeting at the Grand Hall, Owerri.

The 6p.m. Mass, co-celebrated by Owerri Grand Spiritual Director and Supreme Subordinate Commandery Spiritual Director Rev. Kizito Onyeka and Rev. Patrick Aumakua respectively witnessed a full house.

The Supreme Subordinate Commandery Spiritual Director, enjoined the knights to always obey the Church hierarchy. "We are back and stronger," he said. "Thanks be to God!"

The Grand also held workshops for officers in all the local commanderies. In his opening ceremony the Grand President enjoined attendees to take their duties seriously.



Maj. Gen. Remy

He directed Worthy presidents to live above board and to enforce discipline among their members by abiding tenaciously to the KSJI constitution and bylaws. The lectures were:

\*Administrative duties of the Recording/Corresponding secretaries by Bro. Dr. Cletus Okeke, moderated by Col. T K Nwachukwu.

\*Restoring Discipline in KSJI by Colonel T.K Nwachukwu, moderated by Brig. Gen. E.O. Emenalo.

\*Record keeping at



Brig. Gen. Moses

the Local Commandery. The Collaborative duties of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer by Col. Dona Onyenanu Grand Secretary, moderated by Lt. Mike Nwaeze.

#### THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY:

Let's remember our Brothers and Sisters who are in our prayers.

Give them a call. Visit them and offer them help in cash and kind.

Submitted by:

Lieut. Vincent Chukwuemeka Azubuike Editor Supreme Journal Owerri Grand.

The Rector of the Seminary,

## Tamale Grand Commandery

oth the Grand and Ladies Auxiliary join forces to renovate dormitory block for seminarians at St. Victor's Major Seminary

In early October, the Tamale Grand Commandry of the Knights of St John International and Ladies Auxiliary officially handed over a renovated 20-room dormitory block ("Frelimo House") and a detached sanitary annex, consisting of eight toilets and eight bathrooms each for the seminarians. The total cost for renovating the dormitory block was about \$9,000 U.S. dollars.

Most Rev. Philip Naameh, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Tamale Archdiocese and President of the Ghana Catholic Bishop's Conference, blessed the renovated dormitory block and declared it



Blessing of dormitory block by Most Rev. Philip Naameh, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Tamale Archdiocese

open for use by seminarians in the new academic year. This was attended by members and officers of KSJI as well as the Staff and students of the St. Victor's Major Seminary.

During the commissioning of the project, Brig. Gen. (Professor) Anthony Amalba, the Tamale Grand President, stated that the gesture was to ease the accommodation challenges facing the Seminary in the face of the increasing intake of young men for priestly formation. He said it was also to fulfill one of the cardinal pillars of the Knights of St. John International in supporting Mother Church, adding that the Knights of St John International have supported Bishops in the formation of seminarians over the years. He expressed optimism that the renovated dormitory block will provide a conducive environment for learning.

behalf of the Order.

The Dean of Students, Mr. Titus Maaseg, on behalf of his colleagues, also thanked members of KSJI for the gesture, pledging their prayerful support for the growth and development of the Order.

Scores of officers were present at the ceremony. They included Brig. Gen. Sir Joseph Charles Osei, Supreme Subordinate 1st Vice President, Brig. Gen. Anthony Baissana, Technical Advisor of the Project, Brig. Gen. Nana Ernest Konadu, Past Grand President, Noble Sisters Mary Dan Braimah, Grand Respected President and Lucy Awuni, Supreme Subordinate Trustee, among others

> Submitted by Capt. Frederick Yenbaar Nuuri-Teg Tamale Grand Commander

the Respected Grand 1st Vice

President, Noble Sis. Magdalene

Akeriwe received the citation on



Commissioning of dormitory block by Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas Anamooh (left), Rector of St Victor's Major Seminary; Noble Sister Mary Dan Braimah, Tamale Grand Auxiliary President (middle) and Brig. Gen. (Prof) Anthony Amalba, Tamale Grand **Commandery President** 



Presentation of Citation to the Knights of St John International and Ladies Auxiliary by St Victor's Major Seminary

# **Commandery 309**



The Knights of Commandery #309 proudly escorted his Eminence, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, D.C. during The National Black Catholic History Month. Celebration was at St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church in St. Inigoes, Maryland on Saturday, November 26, 2022. Cardinal Gregory blessed the Enslaved Memorial Plaque at the cemetery in remembrance of the enslaved.

Submitted by Colonel Theodore J. Short

December 2022



# **Commandery 974**



Some 20 members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Commandery 974 in Ontario, California, were exemplified in the 2nd and 3rd degree on November 29th at the church. Brig. Gen. Paul Amuchie, USA Supreme Subordinate 1st Vice President, was the installing officer.



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