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## President's Address

**G**reetings to all my brother Knights around the world. I would like to dedicate this message to informing the membership as to the state of our organization during and after the pandemic. One of the most important issues is to keep an open line of communication between all factions of any organization. We must admit that we are blessed with the ability to utilize the internet, and we did so very efficiently during the pandemic. It even permitted us to meet virtually to conduct the most important business to keep moving our organization forward. Now that most of the restrictions of Covid have been removed, the time has come to return to the fellowship we were built on and meet face-to-face. Much of our order has already transformed to a post-Covid lifestyle, and I urge all of our membership that can safely do so to join in. Another line of communication that we are not making as useful as we can is the Knights Journal. This is your editorial and can only be as good and as informational as you make it. We all need to make an extra effort to submit articles to our Editor and Assistant Editor to make our Journal something we can all be proud of.

Another area I wish to report on is membership. This is truly one of the main backbones of our order. I congratulate the members that reached out to family and friends and made an extra effort to bring in new candidates. Although the numbers were not as steady as in the past years, that's understandable going through a pandemic. But already the indicators are showing much improvement, and we are on track to return to pre-pandemic numbers for new members. We must also remember that our responsibility doesn't end with initiating the candidate into our order. We must establish a bond with him and assist him in learning the ways of the Knights of St. John and our laws. Keeping a new member active means making him feel involved and showing him that



his opinions will be heard. Try to draw his family into His teachings and participation in events. As an isolated member is a member you may soon lose. Before I close out this message, there are a couple of issues I want to touch on. Recently I have received inquiries into the stability of our banking system. Through conversations within our Finance Committee, I can assure you that with our procedures in place, our funds are sound. That's not to say that we won't continue to monitor the banking system in the United States and abroad, and I have full faith in the dedication and experience of our Supreme Treasurer, Lieut. Gen. Terrence McCann. I have further been contacted by officers and members in regard to the 2024 Supreme Convention. I have reconvened the Supreme Convention Committee to discuss our path going forward as to where, when, and how the convention is to be held. With the cancellations of the previous conventions due to the pandemic, we are backlogged on resolutions, elections, etc. that we must constitutionally deal with while in session. Therefore, our focus will be on our business sessions and probably will have to scale back on some of the activities we are used to so a lot more time can be dedicated for us to conduct our

business. I will keep the membership informed as to the progress of our procedure. As I close out this message, and we move into our Easter Season, I ask that we say an extra prayer for all the sick, the needy, and those who have passed before us. We wish you all a Happy Easter, and that you enjoy this solemn season with your family. May God bless us with health, happiness, and peace on earth.

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



## *Interim Supreme Secretary*



**G**reetings to all members of the Knights of St. John International.

Let me begin by welcoming everyone into the new year. As time seems to move so quickly, we are heading to the 4th month of the year and we are currently well into the Lenten season heading toward the holiest of weeks beginning with Palm Sunday. I hope that this Lenten season we all had an opportunity to reflect on the various readings, fasting, charity, acts of kindness, commitment to be a changed and better version of ourselves. I specifically took a few themes away from the various Bible reading this Lenten season.

Humility, purity, and trust in the Lord are my key take home messages from this Lenten season. I propose that we all take time to reflect on these testimonies in the Bible to remind us that all is well and in the capable hands of God. Kindly indulge me in the following readings: Isaiah: 7 the story of Ahaz, Daniel:13 the story of Susanna and Daniel: 3 the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a great Easter season and hope we are all renewed by the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

We are excited to see that most of the Grands are scheduling their Grand Conventions. We are having discussions on the Supreme for the 2024 Supreme Convention and will have more communications on this.

We are constantly getting requests for new Grands, District and local Commanderies, highlighting the increased health of the organization post covid.

I am personally looking forward to seeing everyone in the future at the Convention.

Finally, I wish you and your families a Happy Easter and continued success in your endeavors.

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

## Supreme Spiritual Director



Dear Brother Knights,

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you!*

Two hundred and fifty years ago, the hymn “Amazing Grace” was written by an Englishman named John Newton. He wrote the words after he experienced a near tragedy on a ship. Eventually this hymn became known world-wide. To this day, this hymn is sung by many faith communities.

I mention this hymn as a reflection for us, especially as we come to the end of the Lenten season and await the Easter season. We reflect on what Jesus Christ did for us. His passion, death, and resurrection were an act of love for us. Even being captured in a sinful body, Jesus still went through His passion, death, and resurrection for us. “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.” Take a moment during your busy day

-- mercy upon us. Allow yourself some time to give praise and thanks to Jesus Christ for His amazing love for us.

When we celebrate Easter Sunday, may we do it with joy, happiness, and true faith in Him who loved us so much as to die and raise for us - out of love.

On Easter Sunday, remember this prayer: “Risen Lord Jesus, we praise your holy name, for you have overcome death and the grave for us all. Surprise us every day with your amazing grace, hope and joy. Amen.”

Please rest assured of my on-going prayers.

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter.

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

## *In Memoriam*



### *Brother Joseph Carl Thomas*

Commandery #386

**B**rother Knight, Joseph Carl Thomas of Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville, MD, Commandery #386, was called to his eternal rest on February 10, 2023. All members of the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery mourn the loss of a true and loyal Knight, a respected servant, and friend. He was a faithful Knight and consistently exemplified these ideals in service to his church, family, community and the Knights of Saint John International. Our Charter and Colors will be draped for six consecutive meetings, after interment, as a mark of respect and we pray that the All-Merciful Lord will give him a befitting place among His Angels and Saints.

Respectfully,  
Brig. Gen. Thomas Dodson

Note: Knights of commandery #309 stood guard over the casket and Sir Knight Ernest Baker, also of commandery #309, performed "Taps" as ceremonial bugler at burial.

*Submitted by Col. Jerome Short*

## Owerri and Orlu Grand Commanderies

**I**nauguration Of the Supreme Subordinate Military Committee, KSJI Nigeria.

Owerri Grand started the year by hosting the brand-new military committee of Supreme Subordinate Commandery Nigeria for both Owerri and Orlu grands.

The program involved two days of training that targeted Supreme Subordinate, Grand, Regiments, Districts, and Local commanderies' military departments.

In a paper, "Military Discipline" presented by the Supreme Subordinate Legal Counsel Brig. Gen. CIC Chikwendu, defined military discipline as "training that makes people more willing to obey or more able to control themselves often in the form of rules, and punishments if these are broken or the behavior produced by this training."

A disciplined military man is one who at all times is:

- \*Willing to obey lawful superior orders and rules.

- \*Able to control himself, his ego, attitudes, prejudices, and appetites.

- \*Willing to take the prescribed punishment for any infraction by him of the rules or disobedience of any superior orders.

The exercise was to right the wrongs in the military department of KSJI Nigeria.



## Owerri Grand president now a septuagenarian

**T**he hallmark of the inauguration was the cutting of the birthday cake for Owerri Grand President Brig. Gen. Dr. Moses Ajeka, who turned 70 in January. The Supreme Subordinate President Major General Prof. Remy Uche and his officers, organized a birthday cake for Brig. Gen. Ajeka.

He joined KSJI in 2004 and have served in various positions, today he is Grand President, Owerri Grand.

Happy Birthday, Sir.

In the Spirit of Charity: remember our sick ,aged brothers and sisters, give them a call, visit them and above all pray for them.

Submitted by:

**Lieut. Vincent Chukwuemeka Azubuike**

*Editor, Supreme Journal Owerri Grand*





**Knights and Ladies of Nsukka Grand Commandery Going for Stations of the Cross**

## *Nsukka Grand Commandery*

**N**sukka Grand Commandery Knights of St. John International and their ladies auxiliary held their 2023 Annual Lenten Retreat at the St. Theresa Commandery 430 hall UNN, from Friday March 24 to Sunday March 26.

The theme of the retreat was improving our spirituality, discipline, charity, and fraternity.

Over 70 knights and ladies participated in the spiritual rejuvenation and stock taking that comprised Holy Mass, stations of the cross, rosary prayers and songs. The grand spiritual director Rev. Fr. Dr. Jude Emeka Odoh delivered a talk on spirituality and heard confessions. Msgr. Thaddeo Onoyima spoke on charity while Noble sister Doris Egonu discussed discipline, and the immediate past grand president, Brig. Gen. C A Nwokocha spoke on fraternity. In his opening remarks, the grand president, Brig. Gen. Innocent Diyoke thanked members for attending the retreat in their numbers and urged them to take advantage of the retreat to review their spiritual life and concentrate on prayer, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving.

Rev. Fr. Jude in his presentation opined that to be spiritual knights and ladies should exhibit the following characteristics: loyalty, kindness, humility, purity, honesty, excellence, integrity,

perseverance, servant leadership and self-discipline. He defined spirituality as more than being human, in being in the divine nature of God and involves love, self-love, compassion, life after death, wisdom and truth. In concluding, the grand spiritual director, admonished knights, who he said are special in the Catholic Church, to curb moral decadence among them, show the way, light up the space and be good examples to elicit change.

Msgr. Onoyima, in his own lecture, defined charity as love and unconquerable goodwill for others. He commended knights for their charitable works and advised that they must do more. Monsignor emphasized that whether people are grateful or not charity must be done as misers die miserly. He further enjoined the knights and ladies to see God in the needy and those suffering as Saint Theresa of Calcutta did. According to him, opportunities for charity abound in the church, in villages and in the society.

In his talk on fraternity, Brig. Gen Nwokocha reminded knights and ladies to improve their relationship with God and with humanity as a veritable road map. He said that Love of God and neighbour was very important and that charity is the greatest social commandment.



L-R New Worthy President- Brother Charles Gbarre and outgoing WP Brother Al Gbi Toe

## *Election in Commandery #960, Newark*

Only the second slate of Knights of St. John in Newark NJ in Commandery 960 took charge in January.

The newly installed brothers included Worthy President Charles T. Gbarre, First Vice President Benneth Wreh, Second Vice President James Karuiki, among others.

The event which started with a Mass, followed by a reception and entertainment of guests that graced the occasion, some of whom are from the Supreme, the Supreme Subordinate, the New York Grand and other Commanderies,

including Commandery #680 (Blessed Sacrament, Newark), Commandery 626, New York and Commandery 676, Trenton.

Some of the officers that graced the event included Brig. Gen. Titus Brown Osuagwu (Chairman Supreme Board Cadet and Treasurer Supreme Subordinate, USA), Brig. Gen. Francis B. Kollie (Supreme Subordinate Secretary, USA), Col. Dave B. Wilson Sr. (New York Grand Secretary), and Capt. Rudolph Weedor (Worthy of Commandery 676 in Trenton, N.J.)



## Kentucky Grand Commandery



**Commandery #94 at Bishop John Curtis Iffert's 1st anniversary party as bishop of the Covington diocese**

### Commandery #94 Covington, Kentucky

- Sponsored the Annual Diocesan Nativity at Edgewood. The Knights set up the nativity stable and creche, then hosted hundreds of people at the live nativity the week before Christmas. The live nativity consisted for live animals and people to play the Holy Family.
- \*Sponsored Commandery Golf Outing at Boone County Golf Course. The Commandery raised \$2,000 that was donated to the Diocesan Children's Home.
- \*The Commandery also attended Bishop John Curtis Iffert's 1st anniversary party, as bishop of the Covington diocese, and provided 60 pounds of potato salad for the event

### \*Commandery #103 Louisville

- The 71st Annual Living Rosary was held on October 23rd at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish.
- Organized their annual December Christmas food basket drive for the needy.



**Commandery #94's live Christmas creche**





## ***First Forum of Priests, Men and Women from Religious Communities, Members of the Order of the Knights of Saint John International and Ladies' Auxiliary of Togo***

**A** First Forum gathered this February 15, 2023 at Saint Kisito Parish, Tokoin Doumessesse of Lomé, all the Priests, Men and Women from Religious Communities who are members of the Knights of Saint John International and Ladies' Auxiliary of Togo around their bishops, Monsignor Benoît ALOWONOU, Bishop of Kpalimé and President of the Conference of Bishops of Togo, Monsignor Isaac Jogues GAGLO, Bishop of Aného (both Knights) and Monsignor Nicodème Anani BARRIGAH BENISSAN, Metropolitan Archbishop of Lomé.

The event kicked off around 8:00 am with the opening prayer said by Monsignor Benoît ALOWONOU, followed by the goodwill address from the Grand President said by Brig. Gen. Dr. Victor VOVOR. The latter expressed his warm welcome and his gratitude to all those present and recalled the context of the said forum, i.e. offering a framework of reflection intending to enabling priests and men and women from religious communities to integrate effectively into the life of the Order in Togo. This special category of membership that they constitute is a real wealth worth safeguarding, he specified.

After these words and the goodwill address by the National Chaplain, the assembly invoked the Holy Spirit before hearing the official opening speech by the Archbishop of Lomé. His Excellency Monsignor Nicodème BARRIGAH BENISSAN is singularly delighted to hold such a meeting on the archdiocesan territory and overwhelmingly urged his "lifelong friends" to continue their mission of consolidating Christian

commitment and the sense of belonging to the Church.

This speech is followed by the presentation of three conferences-debates successively themed:

- "I will give you pastors according to my heart" (Jeremiah 3, 15) presented by His Excellency Monsignor Isaac GAGLO;
- "Vocation and Mission of Chaplains and Brother Priests in the Order" presented by His Excellency Monsignor Benoît ALOWONOU;
- "International Order of Saint John: Organization, Functioning and Status of Priests, Men and Women from Religious Communities" presented by the Noble Lt. Professor Blaise AMEYAPOH.

Immediately after a well-fitted lunch, the attendees are gathered into various committees to:

- Propose a code of ethics for a member of the Order;
- Propose the main lines of training for members;
- Propose an organization and a structuring of the national chaplaincy and the diocesan chaplaincies;
- Propose ways and means to strengthen relations between priests, men and women from religious communities on the one hand between priests, men and women from religious communities and Knights and Ladies on the other hand.

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This ever First Forum ended around 8:30 p.m. after a pontifical mass presided over by the Archbishop of Lomé, Mgr. Nicodème Anani BARRIGA BENEISSAN.

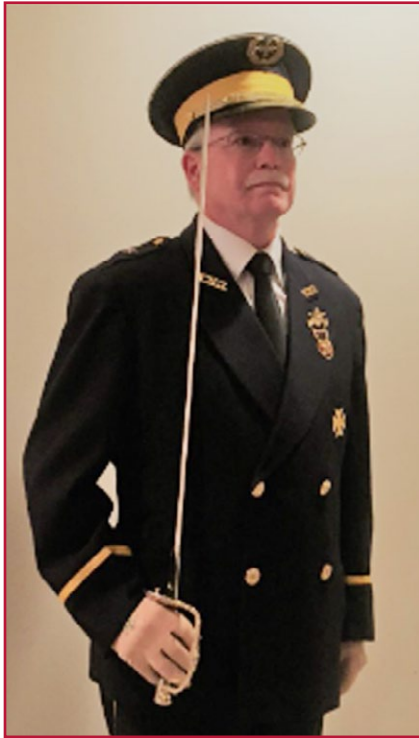
Noteworthy to underline that major decisions have been taken not only for the revitalization of the Order in Togo but also for the strengthening of the active participation of priests, men and women from religious communities in chivalrous life.

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# Supreme Subordinate Commandery – USA

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*It's that time again*

## 2023 USA - SUPREME SUBORDINATE CONVENTION

**Where:** Columbus, OH

**When:** Friday Sept. 8th & Saturday Sept. 9th

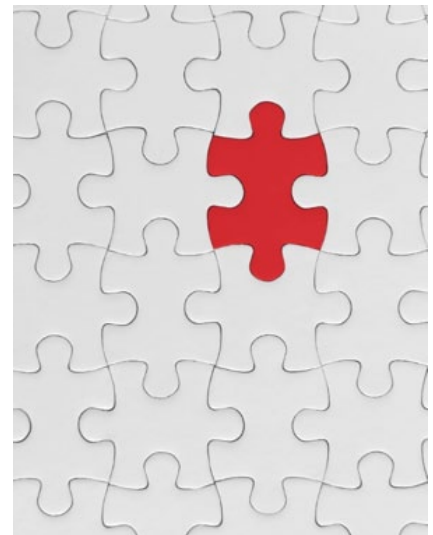
Additional information will be coming soon from the Columbus Convention Committee.

### *Food for thought!*

**Don't be the missing puzzle piece.** Plan on attending the convention. Meet members from other commandries throughout the USA and be part of the group that will work to form the future of the Knights of St. John.

**Remember:** The following members were elected by their commandry to attend the convention: Grand Presidents, Grand Secretaries, District Commanders, Delegates, Local Commandry Presidents, Commander of the Local Commandry, Grand Cadet Organizer (must have registered cadets to qualify), Local Cadet Organizer (must have registered cadets to qualify) and SSC – USA Officers.

The more attendees the better the convention.







Newly elected officers

## *Election and Installation of District 4, New York Grand Commandery Officers*

The quarterly meeting and elections were held late January at the Blessed Sacrament-St. Charles Borromeo Church in Newark, New Jersey.

The newly elected officers are: Major Don Anigbogu (Commander), Captain Andrew Mowenn (1st Vice Commander), Captain Kenneth Uchendu (2nd Vice Commander), 1st Lt. Marcel Njoku (Adjutant), 2nd Lt. Francis Emedoh (Inspector), 2nd Lt. Emmanuel Ibe (Quartermaster), 1st Lt. Chukwu Akalegbere (Paymaster).

The outgoing officers in attendance were: Major Charles Igwebuike (Commander), Captain Rudolph Weedor (2nd Vice Commander), 1st Lt. Lawrence Ibe (Adjutant), 2nd Lt. Cyril Ama-diegwu (Paymaster), Captain Anthony Anijah (Quartermaster).



Outgoing Adjutant 1st Lt. Lawrence Ibe and newly elected Adjutant 1st Lt. Marcel Njoku



Newly elected Commander Major Don Anigbogu

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