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A hand is shown from the wrist up, holding a bright, glowing cross. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with warm orange and yellow tones. The cross is the central focus, emitting a bright light.

*Let our hearts ascend with him*

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## President's Address

**M**y dear Brother Knights: I wish to drop you a short message to bring you up to speed as to the issues your Supreme board is presently undergoing. I realize that these are our summer months, and many of us will be traveling to spend time with our families and friends vacationing, or just spending time at home. I would urge all to utilize this time for your pleasure and to recoup the last two years we have experienced.

Probably the most pressing issue at this time would be the 2024 Supreme Convention. The Supreme Convention Committee is diligently working on securing a contract, and once this phase is complete, the Ladies Organization and the membership will be given all the pertinent information. Many would think that the hotels would be eager to secure a contract such as the size of ours, and they are but, at their prices and conditions, many of which are unacceptable to us.

I want to remind all the members, as I have stated in my previous articles, the 2024 Supreme Convention will be different, and our main focus will be on the workload that has built up with the cancellation of the past two conventions.

Some of the format used in the past must be altered to per-



mit more meeting time, possibly even meeting in the late sessions. Reports must be copied and distributed at the proper time and will not be permitted to be read on the floor in their entirety; a summarization will suffice. Speaking on the floor will be held in accordance with the Convention Rules.

These are some of the rules we should be following, and now we must reimplement them.

Another issue we are dealing with is the high influx of Charters, Commissions, etc. flowing into the office of the Supreme Secretary. I ask for patience from the membership and assure you that your requests, if feasible, will be acted upon in a timely fashion. We understand that this issue shows a positive progression to increasing membership and growing our order. I will do all in my power to ensure the Supreme Secretary will have all the tools needed to expedite his responsibilities.

In closing, I wish you all a prosperous and enjoyable summer, and pray for your health. May our Lord grant us world peace; may He look over the sick, the needy, and all of our souls.

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.

I will like to focus on PCT payments today. We have various outstanding PCT's and as I make adjustments to ensure the PCT reflects accurately the commandery strength, I urge all Supreme Subordinates/Grand and Commandery leaders to ensure that funds are remitted to the Supreme. We do understand that there are circumstances that could create challenges to remit funds.

Nevertheless, let us identify ways to get arrears payments cleared up. I also want to thank those Grand/Supreme Subordinates that have made efforts with making payments. We need to ensure all PCT is paid in full as soon as possible.

Another point to serve as a reminder is that reports are important for the Supreme Commandery to ensure we have up to date information and ability to calculate accurately PCT for the local commanderies. It is important to have these reports accurately submitted to the Grand

Secretary, to provide to the Supreme Subordinate Secretary to make sure we are current with all that is going on locally. It is critical to have these timely, as the Supreme Subordinate Secretaries must submit quarterly reports based on all the collated activities for that period.

Finally, I have been getting feedback on attendance at the various Grand conventions etc. I urge everyone to make an effort to register and attend the various conventions that may be scheduled for later this year in your area. This is our opportunity to fellowship and spend time with one another.

Most importantly the Supreme Executive Board has been working on identifying a location as well as logistics for the 2024 Supreme Convention. These plans are being finalized and a communication will be sent out in a few weeks once all details are solidified and ready.

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!*

**R**ecently, I have been reading several books, and articles, about universal churches and their church attendance, especially post the covid-19 pandemic. According to one poll, before the pandemic, 34% of people attended a religious institution. Post pandemic, about 30% of people attended some kind of religious institution. In other reports, it's 18% before the pandemic and 13% post pandemic church-going people. There are various reasons people have not returned to church, or mosque, or synagogue.

While churches have declined in attendance, we must not give up hope, and we must find innovative ways to attract people back to church.

Pope Francis has indicated that the Catholic Church of the future will be a smaller worshipping, church. If this is the case, we must find ways to be a vibrant, viable, visionary, and viable Church. And we must continue to encourage people to return to Church, where they will be strengthened by God's word, and nourished

in the Holy Eucharist.

Missionary Discipleship is the key words in many Church discussions. I encourage all our Commanderies to create a "Think Tank" on how we can become a Missionary Disciple, and how we can attract people back to the Church.

As a Catholic organization, founded on the principles to defend the faith and be in service of humanity, may we take the time to reflect, and then act on how we can do our part to keep our Churches alive, vibrant, visible, viable, and visionary. This task not only will aid our universal Church, but it will also aid our beloved Knights of St. John International order.

I am grateful for the many Commanderies who continue to be of service to the Church, their charitable events, and demonstrating Disciples in Mission.

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, pray for us.

Peace and Blessings,

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

## *Supreme Subordinate Commandery – USA*

Maj. Gen. Brian F. Stehlin - President

*It's that time again*

# **2023 USA - SUPREME SUBORDINATE CONVENTION**

**Where:** Columbus, OH

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

Mark your calendar and plan to attend 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.



Maj. Gen. Brian F. Stehlin

***Food for thought!***

**Let us be messengers and share our knowledge  
of the Knights of St. John to others.**

# Supreme Subordinate Commandery – USA

## 2023 USA - SUPREME SUBORDINATE CONVENTION



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### Convention registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title, Officer, Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Commandery #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Price of advance registration: \$65\*

Price of registration at convention: \$85

Make checks payable to Knights of St. John

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To reserve your room, call **800-362-2779** no later than August 18, 2023. Please identify yourself as a member of the Knights of St. John International, and mention the group code **STJ**.

**Check-in time: 4 pm**

**Check-out time: 12 noon**

Visit hotel web page to make reservation online.

\$144 for all rooms which includes breakfast and the Hotel's Evening Manager's Reception.

The rate does not include state and local taxes, currently 17.5%.

**The \$65\* registration fee covers the banquet on Saturday evening.  
Extra banquet reservations are \$55 per person.**



# Knights of St. John International

DEPARTMENT OF RITUALS

## 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION ORDER OF CAVALIERS

*"In God We Trust"*



**To: All Grand Commanderies, Districts, Regiments, Secretaries,  
Worthy Presidents, and Commanders of Local Commanderies**

Fraternal Greetings:

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:

Primary Celebrants: Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D, Grand Chaplain, NY Grand Commandery  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Team, New York Grand Noble Temple

Following up on the Supreme Subordinate USA approval to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in the two zones of America i.e., Eastern and Western Zones, and following up on the directives received from the Supreme Secretary, it is hereby directed that all candidates in the Eastern Zone who wish to be exemplified should please follow the undermentioned guidelines:

1. To qualify for this investiture, all candidates must take group photographs in their military uniforms with swords, certified and approved by the Commander and Worthy President of the Commandery after inspection and forward same with their full names to the Coordinator below.
2. All candidates must have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees.
3. All candidates must be in good financial standing with their Commanderies.

It is only on the above conditions that the Application Forms will be mailed to you to complete and appropriate fees for the exemplification will be furnished, followed by exemplification date.

Submission Deadline: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## In Memoriam

### *Brig. Gen. Emmanuel N. Toe*

**Supreme Subordinate Commandery, USA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

*Requiesce  
In Pace*



*Sunrise,  
June 27, 1950 -  
Sunset,  
May 27, 2023*

On the faithful day of March 27, 2023, the Supreme subordinate commandery of the United States of America was silenced by the untimely death of its Second vice president Brig. Gen. Emmanuel N. Toe. Barely, two months ago, on March 17, 2023, Brig. Gen. Toe participated in the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, USA first quarter 2023 meeting.

At that meeting, Emmanuel made a presentation on behalf of the Supreme Subordinate, USA convention committee for the convention scheduled to be held in September this year in Columbus, Ohio.

He had planned providing an update for the scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting on June 17, 2023 after the next commandery meeting on April 21, 2023. He will sadly not be available to make his report. He will, however, be present in Spirit.

During the last convention, Emmanuel was also actively involved with the organizing committee. Emmanuel had highly anticipated to be nominated for the Knight of the year award. Emmanuel was just 72 years old when he passed.

Brig. Gen. Toe played a very active role in the Cincinnati Grand Commandery, his local commandery, commandery 97, and his local parish Holy Rosary in Columbus Ohio. Emmanuel served in multiple words with his commandery as past Worthy President, current commander of the commandery and past grand president of the Cincinnati grand commandery.

Prior to his arrival in the United States, Emmanuel N. Toe was active in his former parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Duala, Bushrod Island, Montserrado County, Liberia, his former commandery 448 and the erstwhile Liberian commandery where he served as Worthy President of his commandery and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion commander of the then Liberian grand commandery.

In his private life, Emmanuel worked with Allied Security in Colum-

bus, Ohio. Back in Liberia, Emmanuel was former Police and Immigration officer. He served as Immigration Inspector director at the Roberts International Airport, commonly called Robertfield located in Harbel, Liberia, West Africa. Emmanuel represented Liberia immigration officers when he came for training at the Security institute in North Carolina.

Former inspector Toe also went for study tour in Geneva, Switzerland, Amsterdam in the Netherlands and Toledo, Ohio. Emmanuel was inducted into the International Association of chiefs of Police with headquarters in Maryland, USA in 1980.

Emmanuel was born On June 27, 1950 in Sasstown, Grand Kru County, in the republic of Liberia. Our departed brother was married to Martha Toquie who joined him in Columbus and they both resided together until his untimely demise. Funeral is being arranged by his family in collaboration with commandery and the church. He will be buried in Columbus, Ohio, USA

The Knights of St. John's international, the Supreme subordinate commandery, USA, the Cincinnati grand and commandery 97 has lost a dedicated and faithful member.

Emmanuel was a gentle in the true sense of the word. He was very respectful and soft spoken, but firm and committed to his word. We will miss a loyal friend and a brother. We pray for his wife whom he left broken with grief, his family, and his brother knights who mourn his lost.

May his soul and the souls of all our departed brother Knights rest in peace. We ask our mother Mary and our Patron saint St. John the Baptist to pray and intercede for his soul.

Faithfully Submitted,  
**Brig. Gen. Francis B. Kollie**  
Secretary

Supreme Subordinate Commandery, USA



## In Memoriam

*An emotional day at the funeral service for the late Brother Al Gbi Toe, Sr., ex-Worthy President of Commandery 960 in Newark, NJ on July 1, 2023*



Among the many Knights and Ladies at the Funeral Mass were from L-R Supreme Trustee Maj. Gen. Martin Mahn Bella, U.S. Supreme Subordinate Secretary Brig. Gen. Francis Kollie, New York Grand President Charles Abiakwe and U.S. Supreme Subordinate Treasurer Brig. Gen. Titus Brown Osuagwu.



Photo: Brig. Gen. Titus Brown Osuagwu



## In Memoriam

### *Sister Patricia Jackson,*

**Respected President Auxiliary 116 in Atlantic City, NJ**



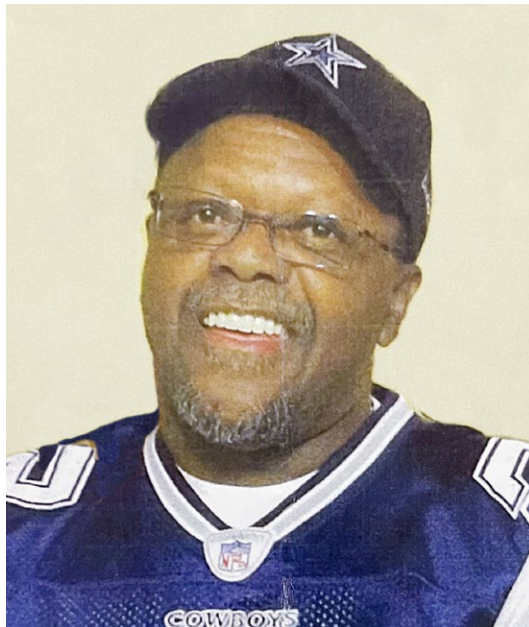
Brig. Gen. Francis Kollie joined Knights of Commandery 287, including Worthy President Bernard Reynolds, and Ladies Auxiliary 116, in offering a final farewell to Respected President Sister Patricia Jackson at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Atlantic City, NJ, in June.



Photos:  
Brig. Gen Francis Kollie



## In Memoriam



### Brother James Leroy Neale Sr.

#### Commandery 309

**B**rother Knight, James Leroy Neale of Our Lady Help of Christian Catholic Church, Waldorf, MD, was called to his eternal rest on May 3, 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 St. 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,

**Major Bernard Savoy, President**

*Submitted by Colonel J. Short*

## In Memoriam

January – June, 2023

Grand	City/ State	Name
SSC-USA 2nd Vice Pres.	Cincinnati, OH	Emmanuel Toe
296	Washington, DC	Anthony Johnson
286	Washington, DC	Vincent Matthews
59	Reading, OH	Chris Schoenberger
94	Covington, KY	Clarence Dickman
391	Blasdell, NY	Anthony Sermak
335	Evansville, IN	Gerald ( Jerry) Foster
431	Accra East, Ghana	Paul Kwasi Tandoh
609	Accra East, Ghana	Anthony Fesu (Snr)
758	Accra East, Ghana	Emmanuel Nii Adjei Marley
798	Accra East, Ghana	Kwabena Osei Manu
482	Accra West, Ghana	Eshun John Benjamin
482	Accra West, Ghana	Tobil Roland
618	Accra West, Ghana	Samuel Allotey
374	Koforidua-Ho, Ghana	Anthony Mattie Komla
403	Koforidua-Ho, Ghana	John Akodi
403	Koforidua-Ho, Ghana	Paul Blay
368	Kumasi, Ghana	John Yaw Boamah
933	Kumasi, Ghana	John Owusu-Ayirebi
443	Tamale, Ghana	Constancio Dery
906	Tamale, Ghana	Fidelis Atanga
446	Abakaliki, Nigeria	Mathew Nwogbo
446	Abakaliki, Nigeria	Simon Chukwukaelo
541	Abuja, Nigeria	Andrew Umoru
472	Abuja, Nigeria	Aor Tar Mark

Grand	City/ State	Name
653	Abuja, Nigeria	Godwin Okenujenye
712	Awka, Nigeria	Augustine Okoli
712	Awka, Nigeria	Anthony Okoye
733	Benin, Nigeria	Lawrence N. Morgan
553	Benin, Nigeria	Wuvalla Elijias
823	Enugu, Nigeria	Godwin Onwuemesi
638	Enugu, Nigeria	Michael Anaedu
571	Makurdi, Nigeria	Joseph Best Gyor
651	Makurdi, Nigeria	John Omninyi Ogbuja
486	Makurdi, Nigeria	Alexander Igbazenda
591	Makurdi, Nigeria	Clement Tsetse
821	Nnewi, Nigeria	Eugene Izelu
803	Nnewi, Nigeria	Joseph Egwuh
582	Nsukka, Nigeria	Christopher Chidi
587	Onitsha, Nigeria	Emmanuel Ibekwe
438	Onitsha, Nigeria	Anthony Egwudo
422	Owerri, Nigeria	Njoku Cyprian
422	Owerri, Nigeria	Ekechukwu Paul O.
422	Owerri, Nigeria	Egbuobi Michael
445	Owerri, Nigeria	Theo C. Okwoli
539	Owerri, Nigeria	Peter Ahaotu
534	Owerri, Nigeria	Aloysius Okonkwo
563	Owerri, Nigeria	Christian Iwuagwu
469	Owerri, Nigeria	Philip Umeh
699	Uyo, Nigeria	Francis Etim Marcel
699	Uyo, Nigeria	Peter Paul Udon

## New York Grand Commandery's Convention

More than 150 Knights and Ladies of the New York Grand Commandery gathered at the Crowne Plaza Princeton in early May in New Jersey to fellowship after a two-year hiatus, thanks to Covid. But they were there also to conduct more than a little business, including selecting leaders to lead and guide over the next two years.



First ever Town Hall meeting that featured L-R Supreme Secretary Emeritus Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz, Supreme President Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr., Brig. Gen. Richard Richard Morse, Under Secretary for Ritual and outgoing New York Grand President, and Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, the New York Commandery Grand Chaplain.



The newly-elected Grand Respected President Julieth Ezeigbo and Grand President Brig. Gen. Charles Abiakwke.



Captain Rudolph A. Weedor, #676 Worthy President. is addressing those gathered at the end of the closing Mass.

Photos: Brother Lawrence Ibe

## New Members

January – June, 2023

Grand	City/ State	Name
382	West Seneca, NY	Most Rev. Richard J. Malone
382	West Seneca, NY	Rev. Joseph Tokasz
59	Cincinnati, OH	Tom Madsen
59	Cincinnati, OH	Luke Dilbert
31	Greenburg, IN	Jason Kramer
31	Greenburg, IN	Phil Nobbe
282	Wadesville, IN	Daton Elpers
282	Wadesville, IN	Korey Mauck
960	Newark, NJ	Sidoine Tivoli
960	Newark, NJ	Seaka Saygbachee
981	Valley Stream, NY	Ohy Christian
413	Accra East, Ghana	Kelly Quarshie
413	Accra East, Ghana	Frank Boama Odoom
413	Accra East, Ghana	Daniel Torto
413	Accra East, Ghana	Saint Anthony Pappoe
609	Accra East, Ghana	Pius Modzaka

Grand	City/ State	Name
630	Accra East, Ghana	Dominic Dery
630	Accra East, Ghana	Emil Kwabena Atiemo
630	Accra East, Ghana	Cosmos Kumedzina
630	Accra East, Ghana	Elvis Kpoglo
758	Accra East, Ghana	Emmanuel Abane
758	Accra East, Ghana	Benedictus Abane
758	Accra East, Ghana	Samuel Lartey
758	Accra East, Ghana	Richard Aikins
758	Accra East, Ghana	Piesie Abraham John Lincoln
799	Accra East, Ghana	Samuel Kwaku Amoasi
898	Accra East, Ghana	Ozuomba Aloysius David
898	Accra East, Ghana	Nayo Divine Kweku
898	Accra East, Ghana	Mensah Christian Sewordor
482	Accra West, Ghana	Richard Fordjour
619	Accra West, Ghana	Derick Brikorang Kwofie
619	Accra West, Ghana	Godwin Kwadwo Awudi

# New Members

January – June, 2023

Grand	City/ State	Name
747	Accra West, Ghana	Ekow Arthur-Aidoo
747	Accra West, Ghana	Peter Ampomah
747	Accra West, Ghana	Stephen Johnson
747	Accra West, Ghana	Linus Tioh
835	Accra West, Ghana	Ebenezer Ashong Dotse
851	Accra West, Ghana	Patrick Vug Nanke (I)
851	Accra West, Ghana	Philip K. Ackumey (I)
851	Accra West, Ghana	George Kissi Larbi (I)
851	Accra West, Ghana	Philip Nanor Amu
873	Accra West, Ghana	Prince Nana Ansah Jr.
911	Accra West, Ghana	Dr. Okyere Dankwa Kontor
911	Accra West, Ghana	Moses Gbessey
911	Accra West, Ghana	Selali Tefe
911	Accra West, Ghana	Rudolf Forson
911	Accra West, Ghana	Gabriel Apatewen Ankasiba
429	Cape Coast, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Charles Kwofie
429	Cape Coast, Ghana	Bernard Sam
429	Cape Coast, Ghana	Eric Mensah
436	Cape Coast, Ghana	Patrick Wilson
436	Cape Coast, Ghana	Francis Nketsiah
436	Cape Coast, Ghana	Ebenezer Adjei
436	Cape Coast, Ghana	Thomas Duku Darpah
436	Cape Coast, Ghana	Anthony Kuu Davies
881	Cape Coast, Ghana	Patrick Wilson
881	Cape Coast, Ghana	Francis Nketsiah
881	Cape Coast, Ghana	Ebenezer Adjei
881	Cape Coast, Ghana	Thomas Duku Darpah
881	Cape Coast, Ghana	Anthony Kuu Davies
374	Koforidua-Ho, Ghana	Peter Mattie
810	Koforidua-Ho, Ghana	Justice Dzaba Elikem
810	Koforidua-Ho, Ghana	Simon Avorgbedor
617	Kumasi, Ghana	Benjamin Ninnoni
617	Kumasi, Ghana	Pascal Zini
757	Kumasi, Ghana	Mark Yaw Kwei
757	Kumasi, Ghana	Dr. Richard Adinkra-Kyeremeh
757	Kumasi, Ghana	Aloysius Wanzam
757	Kumasi, Ghana	Stephen Boadu Atta Snr.
901	Kumasi, Ghana	Andrew Ansah Acheampong
392	Tamale, Ghana	Francis Awiah
443	Tamale, Ghana	Raphael Ayine
443	Tamale, Ghana	Adien Salia
443	Tamale, Ghana	Elead Faalong
443	Tamale, Ghana	Herbert Asunsua
443	Tamale, Ghana	Raymond Aniah
443	Tamale, Ghana	Damian Kurug
443	Tamale, Ghana	Jonathan Asampana
443	Tamale, Ghana	Edwin Nsoh
443	Tamale, Ghana	Stephen Tobiga
443	Tamale, Ghana	Rexford Alubanafor
443	Tamale, Ghana	Joshua Apana
443	Tamale, Ghana	Ernest Averu
443	Tamale, Ghana	Prosper Dakurah
491	Tamale, Ghana	Eugene Agamasere
491	Tamale, Ghana	Abraham Anampasa
683	Tamale, Ghana	Rev. Bro. Denis Kuusele
683	Tamale, Ghana	Ernest Adison Addae
683	Tamale, Ghana	Michael Akwatajie
909	Tamale, Ghana	David Mumuni
909	Tamale, Ghana	Vincent N. Salifu
909	Tamale, Ghana	Charles Iddrisu

Grand	City/ State	Name
909	Tamale, Ghana	John Zakaria
909	Tamale, Ghana	Victor Abudu
909	Tamale, Ghana	Ernest N. Napari
909	Tamale, Ghana	Daniel Isiani
909	Tamale, Ghana	Anthonio F. Amin
965	Tamale, Ghana	Titus Yifaa
965	Tamale, Ghana	Elvis Y. Boronsum
965	Tamale, Ghana	Jonathan Vinkpenebe
972	Tamale, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Augustine Adam
972	Tamale, Ghana	Moses Apisuah
972	Tamale, Ghana	Louise Nabarese
595	Abuja, Nigeria	Obiajulu Emmanuel
595	Abuja, Nigeria	Onyeabor Joseph
649	Abuja, Nigeria	Udoh Sennen Kevin
649	Abuja, Nigeria	Uzoma Edward Danlami
649	Abuja, Nigeria	Anaje Emmanuel Emenike
652	Abuja, Nigeria	Timothy Adidi Dokpesi
678	Abuja, Nigeria	Kenneth Tochukwu Akubuo
653	Abuja, Nigeria	Elomba Christopher Emeka
653	Abuja, Nigeria	Ojone Onate
653	Abuja, Nigeria	Okoye Celestine
653	Abuja, Nigeria	Asika Patrick Chukwuka
653	Abuja, Nigeria	Onwuliri Kennnamdi Charles
670	Abuja, Nigeria	Valentine Obiajulu
670	Abuja, Nigeria	Christopher Chime
670	Abuja, Nigeria	Mario Umeakuana
670	Abuja, Nigeria	15 Kenneth Nnamani
670	Abuja, Nigeria	Kenneth Nnamani
671	Abuja, Nigeria	Okereke Ignatius Ugochukwu
671	Abuja, Nigeria	Orji David
696	Abuja, Nigeria	Igwe Onyeka Michael
696	Abuja, Nigeria	Chinedu Iloeyosi
696	Abuja, Nigeria	Ndubuisi Emmanuel Okezie
697	Abuja, Nigeria	Okrie Innocent Chamberlin
697	Abuja, Nigeria	Owolabi Micheal
697	Abuja, Nigeria	Mouemeke Raymond
805	Abuja, Nigeria	Opara Leonard
805	Abuja, Nigeria	Opara George
805	Abuja, Nigeria	Ikpe Augustine
877	Abuja, Nigeria	Rev. Fr. Tyolumun kinga Upaa
934	Abuja, Nigeria	Bamidele kayoed
934	Abuja, Nigeria	Idaboh Ukadike Kingsley
934	Abuja, Nigeria	Ekwe Simon Chekwubechukwu
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Opara Kelechi Maximus
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Nwegwu Charles
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Njoku Anthony Uzosike
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Chukwu JohnPaul
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Igbokwe Nonso Sylvester
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Umehukwu Chidiebere
577	Onitsha, Nigeria	Agbai Innocent E.
438	Onitsha, Nigeria	Arinze Martin
438	Onitsha, Nigeria	Ezeanochie Patrick
438	Onitsha, Nigeria	Onuora Christopher
752	Onitsha, Nigeria	Nnalue Ekene Anthony
711	Onitsha, Nigeria	Emengini Emmanuel O.
711	Onitsha, Nigeria	Nriagu Kinsley C.
576	Onitsha, Nigeria	Achi Vitalis Ikenna
576	Onitsha, Nigeria	Okwunugbo Osita
576	Onitsha, Nigeria	Onuigbo Christian Okwudili





## Owerri Grand Commandery initiates 74 members

Some 74 new members who applied to join the Ancient and Noble Order of Knights of St John International were initiated, drawn from the Local Commanderies that make up the Owerri Grand.

The newly initiated members who are now brother knights received the admonition from the Grand President Brigadier General Moses Ajeka who reminded them that the sole purpose of joining the Order is to make heaven. Making

heaven is strictly based on avoidance of sins, and occasions leading to sin.

He further told them to thrive as knights, embracing their 3 “ts” --: time, talent and treasure must count.

Noble Brother Msgr. Father John Iheanyi Obilor, in his homily, reminded the new knights that change is inevitable in every facet of their lives henceforth, beginning from their homes.

## In Memoriam

### The Life of Col.Theodore Chiaza Okwoli:

January 7,1947 -- February 13, 2023

The Noble Brother Col. Theodore Chiaza Okwoli, born January 7,1947 in Lagos, Nigeria,was initiated September 22,1995 into the 1st degree of the Noble Order in Commandery #445, Aba, belonging to the Resurrection Squad.

He climbed all levels of the Order notably 2nd and 3rd degrees,4th degree and finally the Noble Degree.

At the Commandery, he held the positions of: Recording/Corresponding Secretary 2010-2012, 2nd Vice President 2012-2014, and President 2014-2018. And at the Grand,4th Trustee 2018-2022, and 2nd Vice Grand President, starting in 2022.

He was the Vice Chairman Parish Council of St Anthony of Padua Parish Umueze Aba, of the Catholic Diocese of Aba.

Noble Brother Theo Okwoli passed away February 13, 2023 at a good Christian age of 76 years.

Lord grant him eternal rest and let perpetual light shine on him without decline. Amen!

### In the Spirit of Charity:

Remember our sick brothers and sisters. Give them a call. Pay them a visit. Above all pray for them.

**Lieut Vincent Azubuike Chukwuemeka**

*Editor Supreme Journal  
Owerri Grand.*





## Buffalo Commandery 381, West Seneca, New York

The Commandery elected the following new officers for 2023:

President, **C/Sgt. Philip Steffan**,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Capt. Thomas Fischer**,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Capt. Michael Kelly**,  
Secretary, **Brig. Gen. James Setlock**,  
Treasurer, **C/Sgt. Philip Steffan**,  
Messenger, **S.K. Donald Schneller**,  
Trustees, **Capt. Eugene Poltowicz**,  
and **S.K. Joseph Morreal**, and  
Commander, **Capt. Thomas Fischer**.  
May God Bless them in all their endeavors for  
Commandery 381 throughout the year.

In addition: First Holy Communion at St. John XXIII on Sunday, April 30, 2023 was a very fulfilling and successful turn-out for commandery members and our parish. We were honored by having Supreme Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, Commandery 381 Brig. Gen. James Setlock, Regimental Paymaster Lt. Col. William Patterson, as well as other officers of the Regiment all in attendance honoring the First Communion children.

Father John Stanton Pastor of St. John XXIII Parish and advisor to our Commandery applauded our Knights of St. John for their attendance during the Communion service today and the work that we do for our Parish during the Christmas holidays and other supporting projects. The parishioners showed their acceptance and appreciation.

Submitted by  
**Brig. Gen. James Setlock**







## *St. Alphonsus Commandery #742*

Accra, Ghana



The Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary (911 & 782), titled The Yonkofa Project, donated medical supplies to St. Andrew Catholic Hospital, Kordiabie, in Accra, Ghana, as part of their anniversary celebrations. The items included drugs, orthopedic aids, and detergents valued at \$8,000. The project supports healthcare delivery and wellness in Catholic medical facilities.

Submitted by  
**B/K Emmanuel Adomako Barfi**  
*St. Thomas Aquinas Commandery #911, Legon.*



## Minnesota Commandery #742

Commandery #742 in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, launched the new Kristen Neenah Ejimadu Science Scholarship fund named for the deceased daughter of Noble Knight Col. Evaritus Ejimadu. Two checks, for \$500 each, were presented to the principal of St. Alphonsus Catholic School in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.



Noble Knight Col. Evaritus Ejimadu, Trustee (father of child the scholarship fund is named in honor) presents checks to the Principal of St. Alphonsus Catholic School (for 2 students with highest averages in academic 2023/24 school year) while Ejimadu's spouse looks on. 06/02/2023



L-r Noble Knight Col. Joseph N. Seibure II, Worthy President Commandery #742; Brother Knight Emmanuel Sudue, former Recording & Corresponding Secretary Commandery #742, Spouse of Col. Ejimadu; Noble Knight Col. Evaritus Ejimadu, Trustee; Noble Knight Col. Vincent Iteghete Chairman of Board of Trustees, Principal of St. Alphonsus Catholic School and Brother Knight Theo-wiaph A. Giple I Recording & Corresponding Secretary Commandery #742. 06/02/2023



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## THE 2024 SUPREME CONVENTION

When the 2024 Supreme Convention Committee makes a final decision on the venue for the historic gathering, the first with the cancellation of the past two conventions, expect to receive via email and on our website a Special Edition of the Knight of St. John Journal detailing all of the particulars.

Please be certain to read Gen. Frank Waseleski's address on page 4 on the essential work of the conference.