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Ladies Auxiliary 60th International Convention
July 15 – 22, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Center City Hotel
“IN GOD WE TRUST”**

Sunday, July 15:

3:00 pm Arrival Supreme Board Members
Tbd Ladies Executive Board
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality, *Orchestra Room*

Monday, July 16:

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Men Executive Board, *Rhapsody*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Men Advisory Board, *Orchestra*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board, *Aria AB*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality, *Orchestra Room*

Tuesday, July 17:

Noon – 8:00 pm Registration, *Maestro AB*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Men Executive Board, *Rhapsody*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Men Advisory Board, *Concerto*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board, *Aria AB*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality, *Orchestra Room*

Wednesday, July 18:

8:30 am Memorial Mass, St. John the Evangelist, 21 S. 13th Street
6 blocks from hotel.
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration, *Maestro Room*
12:30 am – 5:00 pm Souvenir Sales, *Orchestra Room*
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Men Bus. Session, *Symphony*
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Bus. Session, *Ormandy*
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Cadets & Juniors, *Concerto*
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm Meet & Greet Officers/Delegates
Cocktails (6 pm), Light Dinner,
Party, Cash Bar (7:00 - 11:00)
Balcony area

Thursday, July 19:

7:30 am Morning Mass, *Aria AB Room*
8:30 am – 12:30 pm Registration, *Maestro Room*
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Souvenir Sales, *Orchestra Room*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Cadets, *Concerto A Room*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Juniors, *Concerto B Room*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Men Bus. Session, *Symphony*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Bus. Session, *Ormandy*
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hospitality, *Orchestra Room*

Friday, July 20:

7:30 am Morning Mass, *Aria AB Room*
9:00 am – noon Souvenir Sales, *Orchestra Room*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Cadets, *Concerto A Room*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Juniors, *Concerto B Room*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Men Bus. Session, *Symphony*
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Bus. Session, *Ormandy*
6:00 pm Cocktails, *Ormandy Ballroom*
7:00 pm – 11:30 pm Banquet & Ball, *Ormandy*

Saturday, July 21:

8:00 am – 3:00 pm Knights / Ladies Board Room
as needed, *Aria AB Room*
To be announced Basket Raffle Drawing
3:30 pm Loading of busses begins
4:15 pm First call to lineup
4:45 pm Procession to Church
5:00 pm Eucharistic Celebration,
St. Cyprian Church
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8:00 pm Farewell Dinner & Ball

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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Well, our Supreme Convention is rapidly approaching us. I wish to thank the Knights and Ladies for getting their room reservations in early, our Headquarters Hotel had granted us 100 more rooms than contracted to accommodate our members but that, too, has been filled. Thanks to the efforts of Gen. Tim Hoerst, we have available overflow hotels that are in the direct vicinity of the Headquarters Hotel; unfortunately, the cost is more than our negotiated price. Please review the article within this Journal for more information.

Next on the agenda is to get your reservations in for the events of the Convention. I want to remind the membership that our events, the Meet and Greet Party and the Banquet and Ball, are limited. You need to get your reservations in early to insure availability. The planned events are hosted for the membership to meet the Knights and Ladies from all around the world and have time to relax and enjoy the fellowship. Don't be left out of these joyous events, get your reservations in!

Unfortunately, we have experienced behavior unbecoming of a Knight in the past when registering, turning in your Credentials, etc., and in anticipation of a large volume of participation at this Convention, I find it imperative to inform the officers and members at this time, that this type of behavior will not be tolerated and the following guidelines will be imposed. For the first infraction by a member of members, their Grand Commanders will be suspended for one day; second infraction – two days; third infraction – three days. **So it be stated, so it be ordered.** We urge all officers and members that we must not allow the actions of a few to jeopardize the representa-

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

I picture myself standing between a meadow and forest at dusk. A fog is rolling in. I hold a lantern high and am searching for brothers to step forward and seek the mantle of those who lead this great Order.

Be it at the Local Commandery, Grand or Supreme level, there is nothing so disappointing than seeing that the Floor and Chair Nominating Committees have only one candidate for each post and they happen to be the same names. It is even more frustrating when no nominees come forward from the floor. When that continues to happen, you can begin to hear the "death knells" tolling for this great Order.

As a young man, I recall going to conventions filled with excitement for what was to prevail. We had a member who was going to run for higher office, and as his team, we were there to support him. Secret meetings, caucuses and plans to button-hole delegates were put into effect. I remember being assigned the task at one convention, to follow an opponent and report on everyone he spoke to. We were filled with a fervor for our candidate and for our organization as well. He was our candidate and even though we may have been a small group, he was going to be elected, because we would see to it. That wasn't often the case, and sometimes we returned home licking our wounds, but we vowed to return at the next election and be victorious. And, often times we were.

I look for that zeal in many of you younger brothers. Speak up. If you think you are up to the task, announce your candidacy. Don't be turned away by anyone. The Knights of St. John needs you. We need new and fresh ideas. We need to be vigorous during this 21st Century and most of us are running out of our "vigor". We look to you to share the fire glowing in your heart for this great brotherhood.

Is anybody there? Does anybody care?

Deus lo vult



SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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

Since my last message to you, we have celebrated the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter. These two seasons are always a reminder to us of our Lord's grace, mercy, and love. In a world filled with hatred, discord, anxiety and even anti-Catholicism, we who are disciples for Christ, must remain steadfast in being preachers and proclaimers of who Jesus Christ is and what He continues to do in and through us. We are Jesus' soldiers in faith. May we always be energized by what we say and do - in His name.

I also ask you to keep in prayer victims of violence and abuse. The tragedies that took place in a Nigerian parish, the on-going kidnaping of young girls by Boko Haram, and the gun violence in institutions of education is not of God's will and making. We must be vigilant in prayer to bring an end to these horrible crimes against innocent people. And if we can, to speak out against these crime against humanity.

Finally, in a month, we will gather again for our supreme convention. We will gather to renew friendships, make new friends, and focus on matters of our organization. I look forward to seeing you and welcoming you back to Philadelphia. May our convention energize us as Knights and Ladies of St. John International, and may it also remind us to remain true to our faith, Church, and organization.

Peace and blessing,

*Msgr, Federico A. Britto
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April 2018 to June 2018

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2018 CONVENTION RESERVATION SUMMARY

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Registration	_____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____	Meet & Greet	_____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____
Cadet Registration	_____ @ \$ 2.00	\$ _____	Banquet & Ball	_____ @ \$75.00	\$ _____
Junior Registration	_____ @ \$ 2.00	\$ _____	Farewell Dinner & Ball	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
			Total Amount Enclosed \$	_____	_____

Proposed Resolutions ~ 2018 Supreme Convention

The following proposed Constitutional Revisions were submitted to the Supreme Secretary as required by the Supreme Constitution. These as submitted, will appear in the March, 2018, and June, 2018, issues of the Knights Journal and be discussed and voted on at the Supreme Board Meeting and Supreme Convention, in Philadelphia, PA, in July, 2018.

The first proposal for consideration is prepared and submitted by the Supreme Constitution Committee after being approved by unanimous vote of the Supreme Executive Board at their meeting held in Philadelphia, PA in October, 2017.

It is captions with Resolutions running from #1 thru #8

PROPOSAL #1

BE IT RESOLVED - That the Supreme Commandery Restructure Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Constitution of the Knights of St. John, International. The purpose of these resolutions is to document the specific changes required for the creation of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors and Supreme Advisory Board of Directors, replacing the Supreme Board of Trustees as adopted at the Supreme International Convention held in Buffalo, NY in 2016. The resolutions will define the new boards and replace all references to the Board of Trustees with the Executive Board of Directors. They will also address the expansion of the Supreme Subordinate Commanderies from two (Ghana and Nigeria) to five (Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the United States.

TO WIT:

RESOLUTION 1:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Introduction

Constitution of the Knights of St. John

The paragraph saying:

“The Supreme Counsel, all Past Supreme Presidents and Supreme Spiritual Director and the Grand Presidents of each Grand Commandery shall constitute the Supreme Board of Trustees of said corporation and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and/or appointed and installed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said corporation.”

Shall be replaced by:

“The Supreme Executive Board of Directors of said corporation shall be composed of these elected officers, the Supreme Subordinate Presidents and all Supreme Past Presidents. The Supreme Counsel and Supreme Spiritual Director shall be considered Advisors to the Supreme Executive Board. They shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and/or appointed and installed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said corporation.

The Supreme Advisory Board of Directors of the corporation shall be composed of all Grand Commandery Presidents and Presidents of Unattached Commanderies. It will be chaired by the Immediate Past Supreme President or, if not available, a design-

ated representative assigned by the Supreme President. (non-voting except in the case of a tie vote). The Supreme Undersecretary for the Advisory Board will act as Secretary or, if not available, another member of the Supreme Secretariat as designated by the Supreme Secretary. (non-voting) and the Supreme Counsel, when available or upon request. (non-voting)

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors will meet four (4) times a year when there is sufficient business to warrant a meeting. Quorum for the Supreme Executive Board meetings will be one-half (½) of the voting members of the Executive Board

The Supreme Advisory Board meeting will be held bi-annually to coincide with a meeting of the Supreme Executive Board. Quorum for the Advisory Board meetings will be one-quarter (¼) of the voting members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will make recommendations only to the Executive Board. The recommendations will be presented by the Chair, Secretary or a designated member of the Advisory Board. Standing Committee Chairmen, such as Supreme Undersecretaries, Inspector General, Membership Committee Chairman, etc., may bring items to the Advisory Board for discussion and inclusion with those items brought to the Executive Board. The Chair of the Advisory Board meetings will be the Immediate Past Supreme President or, if not available, a designated representative assigned by the Supreme President. The Secretary for the Advisory Board meetings will be a member of the Supreme Secretariat assigned by the Supreme Secretary. These members will not have a vote except for the Chair, who will have a vote in case of a tie. The Supreme Counsel will attend the Advisory Board meeting if it does not conflict with the Executive Board meeting but will be available if needed. The Counsel will not have a vote within the proceedings.”

The paragraph saying:

There are hereby instituted by virtue of the powers granted in Section 1 of the aforesaid Special Acts, the following Subordinate Commanderies:

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies, Overseas

Shall be replaced by:

There are hereby instituted by virtue of the powers granted in Section 1 of the aforesaid Special Acts, the following Subordinate Commanderies:

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

RESOLUTION 2:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter I, Supreme Conventions

Section 1, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

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With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...
Section 4, lines J & K

Replace:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria

With:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents
(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries

Section 13, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...
Section 14, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...
Section 15, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

RESOLUTION 3:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

Section 1 – last paragraph

Replace:

Four or more Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Board for the transaction of business.

With:

Four or more elected Supreme Officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

Section 2, line 1

Replace:

The following appointments may be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

The following appointments shall be made by the Supreme President and approved by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 3, line 3

Replace:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Commandery and of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Commandery and of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 5, last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...
Section 6

Paragraph 1, line 8:

Replace:

unless in the opinion of the Supreme Board

With:

unless in the opinion of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Paragraph 4, line3:

Replace:

as the Supreme Board may approve

With:

as the Supreme Executive Board of Directors may approve

Paragraph 5:

Replace:

He shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees, and when requested by the Supreme Board of Trustees,

Until the Board of Trustees can fill such an office for the unexpired term.

With:

He shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors, and when requested by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors,

Until the Supreme Executive Board of Directors can fill such an office for the unexpired term.

Section 7

Paragraph 1:

Replace:

He shall render to the Supreme Board of Trustees a report of his receipts and disbursements semi-annually.

It shall be his duty to report to the Supreme President and likewise to the Supreme Board of Trustees any failure on the part of the Supreme Secretary to discharge his duties.

With:

He shall render to the Supreme Executive Board of Directors a report of his receipts and disbursements semi-annually.

It shall be his duty to report to the Supreme President and likewise to the Supreme Executive Board of Directors any failure on the part of the Supreme Secretary to discharge his duties.

Paragraph 2, line 3:

Replace:

Supreme Board of Trustees

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 8, line 1 & 2 and last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

...tribunal or body other than said Supreme Board of Trustees

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

...tribunal or body other than said Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 9, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 10, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 11, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 12, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With: **The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...**

Section 13, line 1 and last line

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 14, line 1

Replace:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 2

Replace:

No debt shall be incurred or contracted except on written order of the Board of Trustees ...

With:

No debt shall be incurred or contracted except on written order of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 17, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors...

Section 19, line 10 & last sentence

Replace:

... at meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

... at meetings of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 20, line 3 & last sentence

Replace:

... or the Supreme Board of Trustees.

... time to time by the Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

... or the Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

... time to time by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 20.5, C. line 4

Replace:

Supreme Board of Trustees.

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors.

Section 21, line 2

Replace:

... of the Supreme Board of Trustees,

With:

... of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors,

Section 23, line 11 & 14

Replace all instances:

Supreme Board

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Section 25, line 1 & 5

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 26, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

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With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 28, last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 29, line 13 & last sentence

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

RESOLUTION 4:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

CHAPTER III

Replace in heading:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies – Overseas

With:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

Section 1, line 1 & line 13:

Replace:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies – Overseas

With:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

RESOLUTION 5:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter IV – Grand Commanderies

Section 7, line 4

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 8, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 23, line 5

Replace:

Supreme President ...

With:

Supreme President or Supreme Subordinate President ...

Section 23, line 10

Replace:

Supreme Commandery ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter V – District Commanderies

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

RESOLUTION 6:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter VI – Local Commanderies

Section I:

Replace line 12:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Replace line 17:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 2, line 11:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 5, line 6:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 9, line 9:

Replace:

Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 14, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 15, line 20:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 17, line 4:

Replace in three places:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 18, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 41, line 9:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 61, #4, line 3:

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

RESOLUTION 7:

BE IT RESOLVED - That the following changes be made to the Knights of St. John, International Constitution as indicated.

Chapter VII – Cadet Commanderies

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Chapter VIII – Ladies Auxiliaries

NO CHANGES REQUIRED

Chapter IX – Widow and Orphan Department

Section 3, line 5:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter X – Death Benefit Fund Department

Section 2, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 3, line 1:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Officers ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 5, line 11 & 20:

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

RESOLUTION 8:

Chapter XI – Military

UNIFORMS – MARCHING UNIFORMS

Replace on line 1:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter XII – Funeral Ceremonies

Paragraph 1, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Paragraph 3, line 3

Replace:

The Supreme Board ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Chapter XIII – Amendments

Section 1, line 2

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

Section 2, line 1

Replace:

The Supreme Board of Trustees ...

With:

The Supreme Executive Board of Directors ...

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Chapter I, line 3

Replace:

Supreme Trustees

With:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors

Chapter III, Title

Replace:

Supreme Subordinates Commanderies – Ghana and Nigeria

With:

Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee.

Attested to by:

Supreme Constitution Revision Committee

Lt. Gen. Thomas J. DeLuca, Chairman

Gen. Timothy Hoerst

Maj. Gen. Aagon Tingba

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The second proposal for consideration is submitted for your consideration by the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-Ghana. It was received by the Supreme Secretariat a timely manner, in accordance with Constitutional Requirements. It is submitted in three Resolutions, divided into appropriate sections.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME CONSTITUTION BY SUPREME SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY -GHANA

RESOLUTION ¶1

The Supreme Constitution on page 16 to 17 which nowreads as follows:

CHAPTER II

Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 1

At each Supreme Convention, the following officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected:

A. *Supreme President, who by virtue of his office is Commander-in-Chief and ranks as General. He shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.*

B. *One Supreme First Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant-General.*

C. *One Supreme Second Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant-General. (See a. below)*

D. *One Supreme Secretary, who by virtue of his office shall be the Adjutant-General and rank as Lieutenant-General. He shall be elected for the first term and shall thereafter continue in office subject to removal for cause.*

E. *One Supreme Treasurer, who by virtue of his office shall be Paymaster-General and rank as Lieutenant-General.*

F. *Two Supreme Trustees, who by virtue of their office will rank as Major-General.*

a. *Only Knights of St. John who are residents of the United States of America shall be eligible for positions to offices of Supreme President, Supreme First Vice President, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer.*

Each elective officer of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected by ballot and all officers shall be elected separately by a majority of the votes cast.

All officers-elect shall be installed and assume office at the session at which they are elected.

All officers except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The Supreme Trustees shall be elected for four (4) years, except when filling an unexpired term. One third of the Supreme Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER II

Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

At each Supreme Convention, the following officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected:

A. Supreme President, who by virtue of his office is Commander-in-Chief and ranks as General. He shall not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

B. One Supreme First Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant-General.

C. One Supreme Second Vice President with the rank of Lieutenant-General.

D. One Supreme Secretary, who by virtue of his office shall be the Adjutant-General and rank as Lieutenant-General. He shall be elected for the first full term and shall thereafter continue in office for not more than four consecutive two year terms or upon attaining the age of eighty (80) years, whichever comes first. He may however be removed from office at any time for just cause.

E. One Supreme Treasurer, who by virtue of his office shall be Paymaster-General and rank as Lieutenant-General.

F. Two Supreme Trustees, who by virtue of their office will rank as Major-General.

SECTION 1A: Eligibility to hold Supreme Elective Office

Any member of Knights of St. John International who at the time of his election is of good standing, and has been exemplified into the Second and Third, the Fourth, and the Fifth Degrees of the Order and is attested to by his Grand President shall be eligible to hold any elective office of the Supreme Commandery.

SECTION 1B: Election, Installation and Term of Office

Each elective officer of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected by ballot and all officers shall be elected separately by a majority of the votes cast.

All officers-elect shall be installed and assume office at the session at which they are elected.

All officers except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The two Supreme Trustees shall be elected for four (4) years, except when filling an unexpired term. One third of the Supreme Executive Board, which shall include at least four (4) elected officers, shall constitute a quorum at any properly constituted meeting of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

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RESOLUTION #2

The Supreme Constitution Chapter II, Section 23, which now reads as follows:

SECTION 23

Any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, in case a vacancy occurs in any elective Supreme office, other than by the expiration of a term, the same shall be filled in the following manner: The Supreme First Vice-President shall succeed the Supreme President, the Second Vice-President shall succeed the First Vice-President, unless the Second Vice-President is not a resident of the United States of America at the time such vacancy occurs, in which event the office of Supreme First Vice-President shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by the Supreme Board. All other vacancies, including the office of Supreme Second Vice-President, shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by the Supreme Board. If at the time of the next Convention an office so filled by appointment has an unexpired term, the same shall be filled by election for the unexpired term.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 23 Vacancies – Supreme Officers

Any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, in case a vacancy occurs in any elective Supreme office, other than by expiration of a term, the same shall be filled in the following manner: The Supreme First Vice President shall succeed the Supreme President, The Supreme Second Vice President shall succeed the Supreme First Vice President. All other vacancies, including the office of the Supreme Second Vice President, shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by

the Supreme Board. If at the time of the next Convention an office so filled by appointment has an unexpired term, the same shall be filled by election for the unexpired term.

RESOLUTION #3

Insert the following in the Supreme Constitution to read:

SECTION 35 - Voting by Proxy

A proxy vote shall be allowed in a situation where prior notification on the issue to be voted upon has been published in the Knight of St. John Journal for assimilation by all members of the Knights of St. John International before the Supreme Convention where voting shall take place. Amendments to the Supreme Constitution are typical of this situation.

Procedures to Proxy Voting shall be as follows:

1. Only Officers and Delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have the right to cast proxy votes on behalf of other delegates not present at the Convention where voting is taking place.

2. All delegates requiring proxy votes must notify the Supreme Secretary at least thirty (30) clear days before commencement of the Convention on a duly filled prescribed Proxy Voter's Form to be issued by the Supreme Secretariat.

3. A Proxy voter must hold a copy of the duly filled Proxy Voter's Form together with the Credential form of the delegate requesting the proxy vote and a processing fee of Five U. S. Dollars (US\$ 5.00), to be presented to the Supreme Secretary at the Convention for authentication.

Cadet Organizers

**From: Supreme President
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.**

To: ALL KSJI Cadet Organizers

As a result of the Supreme Executive Board meeting, the Supreme Cadet Committee has been ordered to update all cadet information.

Please provide the following information:

1. Grand Affiliation
2. Commandery Number
3. Contact Information
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Telephone # (home & cell)
 - d. Email address
4. Number of Cadets

Please send all required information to:
Maj. Gen. F. Jerome Countiss, Jr.
fjcountiss2@yahoo.com

Cadet Organizers in the USA:

If you had training and were fingerprinted through your Diocese to work with children and received a certificate/card, please send a copy to the Supreme Secretary at supremesecretary@yahoo.com and the Supreme Cadet Committee at bruces1906@yahoo.com. If you have not had this training, you are being required to obtain the training at the earliest opportunity.

The deadline for submitting ALL the approved and documented training information was December 30, 2017.

As an Official Order of our Supreme President, Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr., this information MUST be turned in.

Fraternally,
Maj. Gen. F. Jerome Countiss, Jr.
Supreme Cadet Organizer

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 27 to 29, 2018 – Cheektowaga, New York

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Knights of St. John International Bowling Tournament was held in Buffalo, New York on April 27, 28 and 29, 2018.

The National Sports Committee would like to thank the local committee headed by Capt. John Ernst and the members from Commandery No. 135 for hosting the tournament this year. The committee would also like to thank all the members who participated in the tournament this year.

On Friday evening the Supreme Officer's match game was cancelled, hopefully this part of the tournament will return next year.

On Friday evening the local committee hosted a hospitality room at the hotel which was very well attended. All those that stopped in seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Saturday the Doubles and Singles event were held starting at 10:00AM, before bowling, Supreme President General Frank Waseleski welcomed everyone to Buffalo and thanked the local committee for all the hard work they did preparing for the weekend. The number of participants was up a little bit from last year.

The local committee held a Mass at 6:00PM at the hotel. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Richard Augustyn from the Buffalo area, which was well attended.

On Sunday the Team Event was held starting at 10:00AM, we had twenty-three teams participate in the event. After bowling both the men and women were present the winners of each event with their winning plaques and prize money.

We are still looking for someone to host the tournament in 2019, the dates of the tournament will be April 26, 27 and 28, 2019. If anyone is interested contact the chairman for information at 1-315-723-7585 if no answer please leave a message, or you can email the chairman at bgenjoe@gmail.com.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed your stay in Buffalo, and the each and everyone returned home safely, looking forward to seeing everyone in 2019.

*The National Sports Committee,
Joe Schmitt, Chairman, Ed Schmitt, George Schmitt and Dave Mishlanie, Assistants*

The Winners of this Year's Tournament:

Team Event – Good Times – Willie Griffin, Reginald Swann, John Ball and Anthony Brown from Maryland with a score of 1960 scratch plus 744 handicap for a total of 2704.

Doubles Event- Marcus Nunn and Aaron Taylor from Maryland with a score of 1263 scratch plus 165 handicap for a total of 1428.

Singles Event – (High Three w/HDCP – Mike Novak of New York with a score of 623 scratch plus 147 handicap for a total of 770.

High Single Game – (Actual Pins) – Marcus Nunn from Maryland and Jason Crandall of New York each with a score of 245. Both received a bowling ball.

High Three Games – Singles Event – (Actual Pins) – Jason Crandall from New York with a score of 653.

2018 Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2018 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____

Last/Sur Name _____

Title, Officer, Delegate _____

Grand _____

Commandery or Auxiliary Number _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$30.00

Price of registration at Convention - \$40.00

Make checks payable to:

KSJI 2018 Convention Committee

Mail to: Convention Committee
28173 Eaton Dr.
Warren, MI 48092-5527

2018 Convention Knights of St. John International Hotel Reservations DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Center City Hotel 237 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107-5659

To reserve your accommodations, reservations
can be made on the internet or by phone.

On the internet go to:

<https://aws.passkey.com/e/49363860>

By phone call: (215) 893-1600 -or- (800) 222-8733
tell them you want to make reservations and you
want the **Knights of St. John special room rates**.

The special rate for the 2018 Knights of St. John
Convention is \$139.00 plus applicable taxes.

The absolute cut-off date to make reservations is:

June 15, 2018

2018 Officers & Delegates Meet and Greet Night

Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Admission (Advance) \$30.00

Admission (At Door) \$35.00

Light Dinner, Party, Cash Bar

First/Given Name _____

Last/Sur Name _____

Title, Officer, Delegate _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Make checks payable to:

KSJI 2018 Convention Committee

Mail to: Convention Committee
28173 Eaton Dr.
Warren, MI 48092-5527

2018 Convention Knights of St. John International Hotel Reservations

We have now filled our allotment of guest rooms at
the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, Center City, and
have also filled 100 additional room nights. If you
still need a hotel room for the Convention, we sug-
gest the following:

1. Call the DoubleTree Hotel to check if there
have been any cancellations or additional rooms
available – these may be at the contracted rate of
\$139.00 plus tax or higher. Phone – 1-215-893-
1600 or thru our DoubleTree website at [https://
aws.passkey.com/e/49363860](https://aws.passkey.com/e/49363860).

2. The Cambria Hotel Center City is located across
the street from the DoubleTree. Their advertised
internet price is \$189 for a standard room. Tele-
phone at 1-215-732-5500. Internet advertised for
\$155 plus tax at [www.booking.com/hotel/us/
cambria-suites-philadelphia-downtown](http://www.booking.com/hotel/us/cambria-suites-philadelphia-downtown).

3. Fairfield Inn by Marriott Center City is within
one block of the DoubleTree, and advertises a price
from \$199 plus tax and comes with a free break-
fast. Call 1-215-995-3994 or on the site
[www.booking.com/hotel/us/fairfield-inn-suites-by-
marriott-philadelphia](http://www.booking.com/hotel/us/fairfield-inn-suites-by-marriott-philadelphia).

2018 Cadet Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2018 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____
 Last/Sur Name _____
 Title, Officer, Delegate _____
 Cadet Number _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$2.00
 Price of Registration at Convention - \$3.00
 Make checks payable to:

KSJI 2018 Convention Committee

Mail to: Convention Committee
 28173 Eaton Dr.
 Warren, MI 48092-5527

2018 Junior Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2018 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____
 Last/Sur Name _____
 Title, Officer, Delegate _____
 Junior Auxiliary Number _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$2.00
 Price of Registration at Convention - \$3.00
 Make checks payable to:

KSJI 2018 Convention Committee

Mail to: Convention Committee
 28173 Eaton Dr.
 Warren, MI 48092-5527

2018 Supreme Convention Banquet & Ball

Please register me for the
2018 Supreme Convention Banquet & Ball

Friday, July 20, 2018

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
 Ball: 9:00 p.m.
 Dancing – Cash Bar

Amount enclosed \$ _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Country _____

Price of advanced registration - \$75.00 per person
 Price of registration at Convention - \$80.00
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2018 Supreme Convention Farewell Dinner & Ball

Please register me for the
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Saturday, July 21, 2018

Dinner: 8:00 p.m.
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**Dinner will be hosted by Commandery #615
 and St. Bridget Ladies Auxiliary #528**

Michigan Grand Commandery

Michigan's Commandery #239 welcomed another new member this past month from the ranks of those many who have never before heard of the Knights of St. John, let alone grown up with our order. Michigan's efforts to broaden the awareness of the Knights to new men continues, and with growing success. After a couple of years' work, we've found a few key things that, though they don't guarantee new members, are essential nonetheless.

Adding Members: How To

• Be Active.

Gone are the days of fraternal memberships for the sake of joining a club alone. Men today don't care to add their name to a roster of an organization that has no purpose, very much less playing an active role in that organization. The Knights are founded on charity, service, and brotherhood, three ideals whose popularity in general are growing. If your Commandery isn't actively charitable, serving, or advancing a brotherhood of Catholic men, and regularly, you aren't attractive to potential new members. Our local commanderies have made an effort to regularly volunteer, whether it be at our home parishes or at other service organizations like St. Vincent de Paul. Every little bit helps.

• Be Seen

The Knights don't announce our good works for pride alone. We talk about everything we do to be charitable, to serve the Church, and to grow our brotherhood so that others may find value in our works and participate, too. And there are easy, cheap ways to do this. Social media, when used properly, can be a powerful tool. Always remember with any online presence, though—if you don't keep your Facebook or Twitter account active and current, you may be sending the wrong message! In Michigan, we consolidate our online presence at the Michigan Grand level, so we have enough content to regularly update our followers. Individual Commanderies would not be able to add online content regularly enough to be effective.



The Michigan Grand Commandery's April Facebook post highlighting the 1880s uniform earned more than 1,100 views alone, showing the popularity among potential members of the Knights' most distinctive feature.

For more on how to do this well, talk to our Facebook manager, Doug Halleaux, at: dgossiau@umich.edu.

• Don't Underestimate the Uniform.

The Knights of St. John 1880 uniform is remarkably distinctive, classically solemn, and rooted in more than a century of tradition. It speaks volumes to those who have never before seen the Knights. We've found the uniform itself to be the single feature that captures the attention and imagination most of those who interact with the Knights. A cornerstone of our outreach and recruitment strategy focuses on the uniform, its meaning, and how proud our members are to wear it. To give you some perspective on its importance, most of the

Michigan Grand Commandery's Facebook posts earn 50 to 150 views, on average. Our post in April that highlighted the uniform was seen 1,100 times by itself. Never lose sight that the Knights are far more than the uniform, but don't neglect our order's most distinctive, attention-grabbing trait.

New members are out there, and the number of young men eager to be a part of something like the Knights continues to expand. Bringing these men into the fold of our order is contingent upon the efforts we make to show them what the Knights offer.

*Fraternally,
Gen. Dale Gossiaux*

Supreme Subordinate Commandery ~ Liberia

Liberia loses a stalwart Knight Thursday, April 26 was a day of shock and grief as the news of the death of Brig. General S. Alexander Sonpon spread within the Knights of St. John community in Liberia. He died at a local hospital after a brief illness.

BG Sonpon joined the Order as a member of St. Patrick Commandery #448. His hard work and dedication saw him rise in the ranks of #448 to the position of Worthy President. His astute leadership in #448 propelled him to positions in the then Liberia Grand Commandery (LGC) where he served as second and first Vice Grand President.

Upon his ascendancy to the Grand Presidency in 2004, BG Sonpon set out to reawaken the spirit of knighthood in Liberia. During his administration, he was instrumental in reactivating several dormant commanderies, especially those in the difficultly accessible southeastern region; establish several new ones in the rural parts of the country; established links with suppliers of KSJI uniforms in Ghana enabling brothers to acquire affordable uniforms. This was a welcome development as many brothers were now able to acquire the appropriate uniform. Within a short time, not only did the number of uniform brothers increase but also brothers could now effectively serve in the uniform ranks.

Realizing that a brigade district could no longer effectively manage the large number of Commanderies within the LGC, he sought permission to have the brigade dissolve and replaced by five districts consisting of a regimental district and four battalion districts. He also worked assiduously for the reactivation of the Bishop John Collins Chapter of Chevaliers #16 in 2007. The Chapter, established in 1988, was dormant during the 14 years of the civil war and up to its reactivation in 2007. BG Sonpon led the establishment of the Noble Temple in 2008 and served as its first Grand Master.

Regionally he forged close ties with brothers and sisters in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Togo. This relationship was essential in

Liberia knights acquiring knowledge of the rituals and practices of the Order due to the scarcity of older brothers to impart this due to the toll of the civil war and the establishment of the informal West African Summit.

His work was not only limited to the Order. He was also a dedicated member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The interment of the body of BG S. Alexander Sonpon will be on May 26, 2018 after Mass of the Resurrection at his parish.

Col. Lewis R. Kaidjuway to receive the Jewel of Honor

Noble Knight Col. Lewis R. Kaidjuway of Sacred Heart Commandery #366 on Sunday, May 6, 2018 will make history when he will become the first Knight in Liberia to receive the Jewel of Honor (non-military). Initiated on January 20, 1976, he has served faithfully in the Order holding several positions not only within his Commandery, where he still serves as chairman of the visitation committee, but also in the erstwhile Liberia Grand Commandery and one of its successors, the Monrovia Grand. He was the first cadet organizer in Liberia.

Col. Kaidjuway is a staunch member of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish in Monrovia where he served as a member of the St. Cecelia Choir from 1975 to 2008 when failing eyesight caused him to retire. In appreciation of his services to Holy Mother the Church, the late Holy Father; St. John Paul II awarded him the Benemerenti Medal in 1999.

55 Brothers receive the Fourth Degree

On Friday, April 27, 2018, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Monrovia, the Bishop John Collins Chapter of Chevalier #16 admitted 55 brothers after their exemplification into the Fourth Degree. Over the past three weeks, the brother candidates underwent a series of preparations including workshops, inspections, retreats and lectures. Topics covered in the lectures included: *A True Christian Knight, The Operational and Hierarchical*



Col. Lewis R. Kaidjuway

Structure of the Knights of St. John International, Defenders of the Faith, and Military Drill, Etiquette and Courtesy.

Of the 55 candidates, 30 were from St. Paul River Bank Grand while the rest, 25, were from the Monrovia Grand. Among those exemplified were: MG Aagon Tingba, Supreme Counsel; BG Moenti E. Young, Supreme Subordinate 1st Vice; BG Kofi Theo d'Almeida, Grand President, St. Paul River Bank; and Rev. Fr. Phillip Tickey, Jr. Speaking at the Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, April 29th, the Grand Master of the Chapter, Col. Ignatius B. Wisseh, Jr. congratulated the brothers on their achievements and cautioned them to see the Chapter as a sign of unity of the Order in Liberia since it serves under all three of the Grand Commanderies.

The activities climaxed with a dinner ball at the Millennium Guest House and Suites during which the Supreme Subordinate President, MG Charles G. Kpan, presented certificates to the exemplified brothers.

*Fraternally,
Brig. Gen. Michael A. Clarke, Sr.
Supreme Subordinate Secretary*

Kentucky Grand Commandery

Knight of St. John's annual Easter Egg hunt. After a long week of nothing but rain Saturday March 31, 2018 morning turned out to be beautiful. 20 Kids showed up to the hunt for the eggs in the field.

Commandery #103 just recently received a letter from Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville, accepting the invitation of membership in the Knights of St. John. His address is 3940 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, Ky. 40213-1463. The Uniform Rank of Commandery #103 had our annual Card Party April 8, 2018 and was very successful. The St. John feast day Mass at Incarnation Church is scheduled for June 24, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. We will also be working in our usual Bacon/Sausage Booth at the St. Joseph's Children's Home in August. This is something that our commandery has worked at for probably 70 years or so.

Fraternally,

*Tony Tabler
Kentucky Grand Secretary*



2018 SUPREME CONVENTION THEME BASKET RAFFLE

The beautiful city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be the site for the 2018 Supreme Convention for the Knights of St John International and Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International. The "Theme Basket Raffle" has been a very successful endeavor during our past conventions. It was recommended that the "Theme Basket Raffle" once again be held during the 2018 convention. The profits from this fundraiser will help to defer expenses for the convention.

The Committee is encouraging and inviting all Commanderies and Auxiliaries to participate in this effort and to donate at least one "Theme Basket" for this project. The cost of each basket should not be more than \$40.00 to \$50.00. The goal is to make your basket attractive enough to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. We are also welcoming monetary donations in lieu of "Theme Baskets". Please make checks payable to: 2018 Convention Committee and mail to 28173 Eaton Dr., Warren, MI 48092-5527. All baskets should be delivered to the convention by Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

The following is a list of suggestions for your "Theme Baskets":

- ◆ Bath and Body Basket
 - ◆ Snack Basket
 - ◆ Sport Snack Basket
 - ◆ State/Country Basket
 - ◆ Game Basket
 - ◆ Romance Basket
 - ◆ Wine and Cheese Basket
 - ◆ Assorted Chocolates Basket
 - ◆ Religious Basket
 - ◆ Candle Basket
 - ◆ Imported Beers Basket
 - ◆ Hair Products
 - ◆ NFL/NBA Theme Baskets
 - ◆ Coffee/Tea Basket
- (Assortment of Adult or Children games)

The baskets will be displayed at the convention and the raffle tickets will be sold during the week of the convention. Each ticket will cost \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. Drawings will be held Saturday afternoon and winning numbers posted to aid winners in picking up baskets. The winning ticket numbers will be displayed throughout the convention center.

Let's work together to make our "2018 Theme Basket Raffle" another huge success!

To obtain a "Theme Basket" commitment form, or have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

Sister Sheila Marshall – email: sheilamarshall622@verizon.net

Owerri Grand Commandery

Saturday, 10 April, 2018, OWGC Hall: 1st Quarter, JGBOT was held with the Grand President Brig. Gen. Anthony Eukeme presiding. It was a full hall as he read his address, unveiling his roadmap towards sustaining OWGC on the developmental strides of the immediate past Grand, Brig. Gen. E. A. Ihionu. Grand sounded grand in his vision but tough on brother knights, urging them not to lag in their financial responsibilities in the knight-hood.

Grand President constituted three boards: Grand Hostel Board: with bro Ukanyirioha as chairman, N/bro Theo Okwoli, N/sis prof Rose Ndimele, bro Chibueze Okorie as members.

Grand Death Benefit Scheme with bro Donatus Onyenanu as chairman/bro Vin Agu, sis Carol Nwachukwu members. The Elders Council Board with N/bro EA Ihionu chairman, N/bro BLC Okoro secretary, N/bro Pascal Okorie, N/bro GE Shiweobi, N/bro PC Onumajulu members. The Grand directed all Districts and Regiments to muster all commentaries under them for the 2018 muster and inspection following OWGC program of activities for this year. Districts 8, 13 on the 3 March, Districts 9, 11, 14 on the 24 March 2018.

Saturday 14 April, 2018, OWGC held a workshop for organizers of cadets/juniors from various local commentaries/laux in Owerri Grand. Ag. Grand Cadets organiser, Lieut Austine Achu, unveiled his program for the year: holiday program, regular workshops, constituting OWGC Cadets/Juniors Board and chartering new ones.



In Memorim:

6 April 2018, my friend and squad mate, seat of wisdom squad, bro Felix Atulomah was buried in Umuopara Umuahia after a requiem Mass at Maria Asumpta umuopara. OWGC 1st Vice, Maj. Remy Uche, 12 April, buried his mother Ezinne Cyrina Adanma Uche at umuezeala ogwara after a funeral Mass at St. Michel Catholic Parish Umuezeala. May their souls and souls of others rest in peace.

In the Spirit of Charity:

OWGC donated #135000 to this year's cathedraticum. We haven't lived today until we've done something to someone who can't repay us. Don't look at the masses as your responsibility but look at one individual, love him/her at a time, feed only one person, just one, one, one. Remember our sick bros/sis give them a call, visit, support, prayer, above all forgive one another.

*Lieut. Vincent Azubuiké
OWGC*

Local Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, Districts, and Regiments, send your articles to be printed in the Knight of St. John Journal to:

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**SIGN UP
A
NEW
MEMBER
TODAY**

Buffalo Grand Commandery

The Buffalo Grand Commandery will be conducting a Noble Degree Exemplification Sat. Oct. 20th, 2018 11:00 am, St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo NY. The Most Reverend Richard Malone, Bishop of Buffalo will be presiding. More information will be released in late May.

A KSJI Amor of God Blessing & Investiture Ceremony was conducted by Capt. Vince Binder, Commandery No. 382 Commander and Buffalo Grand Commandery Ritual Director on March 14th at Queen of Heaven RCC. The Celebrant was Queen of Heaven RCC Pastor Gregory Faulhaber. Six Knights participated in the ceremony from Commanderies 382 & 391. After the blessing and investiture of Knights the ceremony concluded with Exposition and Benediction. Thank you, Vince, for nurturing the spiritual aspect of our Knights.

Congratulations to Capt. Vincent Binder for being awarded the Buffalo Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting Bronze Pelican Award by Bishop Malone. Vince was recognized for outstanding service to the spiritual development of catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America associated with his mentorship for ten years to Cub Scout Pack 416 and Boy Scout Troop 416. I would have to encourage the KSJI Supreme Cadet Committee to research and facilitate the praypub.org Roman Catholic programs within our own KSJI Cadet Program.

I wish to take this time and thank all the Knights who turned out on Sun., March 18th for the United Irish America Association, St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade. 35 Knights turned out to provide a processional and recessional for the Mass presided by Bishop Malone. The Parade detail consisted of a Color Guard commanded by Sgt. Maj. Weber, 28 Knight Marching Detail commanded by myself, a St. Patrick's theme float constructed by Commandery No. 382 BK Paul Gilmour and his team and FSgt. Josh Burkhardt riding "Jenny". The Grand was awarded the UIAA 1st Place trophy for "Best Marching Men's Detail". Grand Secretary,

Col. Bauer received the award during a UIAA ceremony at the Irish Center on April 8th.

Thank you to all the Commanderies that presented their KSJI Per Capita Tax payments on time. Unfortunately, there is still a Commandery that cannot perform simple administrative tasks. This is a reminder to those Commandery Elected Officers that fail to fulfill the responsibilities of their office in not submitting monthly reports, year end reports and per capita tax. The consequence of failing to fulfill these requests will be your Commandery suspension from the Buffalo Grand Commandery Assembly and your Knights not being in good standing within the Order. Roman Catholic Gentlemen do not make excuses for their failings, we ask for forgiveness and right the wrong.

The Buffalo Grand Commandery has launched its website at www.ksjibuffalogrand.com. The website will be used as a platform to educate men interested in joining the Order, information about our Brother, the Venerable Nelson Baker, inform Knights of upcoming events and provide Knights a page to download KSJI forms and training tutorials that will assist in executing KSJI Drill.

The Buffalo Grand's next quarterly meeting will be Sat. June 9th,



Noon-3pm at Queen of Heaven RCC, Church Hall. The Degree Exemplification Team will meet following the meeting.

*Fraternal Blessings,
Maj. Gen. James M. Gibbons II
President, Buffalo Grand*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Due to the ever-growing number of members who submit articles and photos to be printed in the Knight of St. John Journal and an endless number of computer programs available, **THIS** is the procedure now being used.

All articles submitted via email should be saved in a **Microsoft Word format (WITHOUT PHOTOS)** 12 point TimesRoman.

All photos should be of highest resolution possible and **attached** to an email. **DO NOT embed photos in Word files**; captions may be included at the end of the submitted article or in the email message.

PLEASE LIMIT ENTRIES TO ONE (1) PAGE MAXIMUM.

Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 19) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery

St. Paul River Banks Holds 3rd Biennial Convention...Elects New Corp Of Officers

The St. Paul River Banks Grand Commandery and Grand Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John International recently held its 3rd Biennial Convention under the theme: "Renewing the Spirit of Unity and Forgiveness."

During the 3rd Biennial Convention in Tubmanburg City, Bomi County officers were elected to steer the affairs of the St. Paul River Banks for two years.

The program marking the activities of the 3rd Biennial Convention took place at the St. Dominic Catholic Church with a special election and turning over ceremony from Friday, 16 February to Sunday, 18 February 2018.

Those elected were Brig. Gen. Theo K. D'almeida, Grand President; 1st Vice President, Schealpor R. Dunbar; 2nd Vice President Lorenzo S. Nimely; Grand Secretary, Jenkins Pelenah; Grand Financial Secretary, William Tamba, Grand Treasurer, Henry Wolokollie; Isaac Williams, Sr., Judge Advocate; Dominic Wreh, Trustee.



Others are Sir Knight Dominic M. Peters, Trustee; Col. Arthur Geh, Trustee; Sir Knight Gregory H. Stemn, Trustee; Sir Knight C. Kaye Winter, Trustee; Brother Juwel Jones, Sergeant-at-Arms and Sir Knight Alexander W. Daniels, Messenger.

Speaking during the thanksgiving Mass, the Priest of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Tubmanburg urged that members of the St. Paul River Grand Commandery to improve their moral, mental and social conditions because according to him it is their duty to provide charity to the less privileged.

Priest George Geayon told knights to continue providing aid, assist and support members and their families in case of want, sickness and death.

The St. Dominic Catholic Church Priest encouraged the newly elected leadership to promote a more generous and filial respect for the spiritual authority of the Catholic Church; stating that without unity the organization cannot form brotherhood.

The Knights of St. John International was established to create and foster a feeling of fraternity and fellowship among the various commanderies and auxiliaries.

Meanwhile, speaking during the turning over ceremony the immediate past President Brig. Gen. Richard Hne Walker, I lauded his brothers and sisters for the peaceful conduct of the election thereby calling on them to remain respectful to each other.

Submitted By:
Sir Knight Gregory H. Stemn,
Trustee

TOGO GRAND COMMANDERY INAUGURATION OF THE NEW COMMANDERY CRISTO RISORTO N° 913 HEDZRANAWOE LOME

The preparations for the formal inauguration of the new commandery Cristo Risorto N° 913 Hedzranawoe started with a Tridium from the 24th to the 26th January 2018 at Cristo Risorto's Parish. All brothers and sisters of other commanderies and auxiliaries fully participated.

The ceremonies for the installation of officers took place on Saturday the 27th January at the parish hall of Cristo Risorto. By 2 pm, our brothers of the various commanderies assembled at the parish since this ceremony was going to be first for many years past. With the arrival of the grand officers the ceremony started at 3pm with a mass concelebrated by the spiritual adviser Rev. Father Michel AFOMALE the parish priest and Rev. Father Robert AKOUE member.

On Sunday the 28th January 2018, the young Commandery was formally "outdoored" at a special thanks giving service the mass was preceded by a big parade organized by Grand Commandery during the special mass; the charter was presented to the president of the New local commandery by Togo Grand President Brig. Gen. Edward Aristide AGBODJAN.

THE OFFICERS OF THE NEW COMMANDERY ARE:

Spiritual adviser Rev. Father Michel AFOMALE chaplain, Rev. Father Pascal DJADOU; President: S/K Augustin AKITANI; 1st vice president: Ernest TEKO; 2nd vice president: Isaac KOUSSOUGBO secretary: Bertrand KOUBALKOTA; Financial secretary: Miche ADAMA; Treasurer: Vincent GBOGBO; Messenger: Paterne HOR Sgt at arms: Robert AKITANI; 1st Trustee: Jean EKU; 2nd Trustee Emile ADONSOU; 3rd Trustee: Cyrille AVULETEY; Gard: Epiphane DOUHADJI

Brig. Gen. Edward Aristide AGBODJAN
GRAND PRESIDENT

Asst. Editor's Note: The Togo Grand submitted their article in the form of a photo, therefore, after numerous requests for a MicroSoft Word file, it was placed as a photo - not as text.

Indiana Grand Commandery

On the rainy weekend of March 23rd, 24th, and 25th Haubstadt Commandery 345 hosted the 115th Indiana Grand Convention. Friday evening was registration at the hall and a fish dinner from 5pm to 7pm. Later that evening at Franklin Lanes in Evansville 25 to 30 bowlers competed for prizes and the traveling trophy. It was a late night but fun for all.

Saturday morning at 7:45am there was formation in front of Sts. Peter and Paul Church with Mass at 8:00am by Father Tony Ernst for the departed members of the Knights of St John and Auxiliary. The deceased members names were read with a candle lit for each Commandery that recorded a death through the year.

Breakfast followed, with the formal opening of the business meeting at 10:00 am. After roll call the rules were read and the delegates were assigned to a committee. Lunch was served at 12:00pm but not before all delegates reported to their appointed committees.

Business resumed at 1pm with roll call of delegates and report of the committees. Supreme President General Frank Waseleski attended our meeting and gave us some insight of what is

going on in our organization. It is encouraging to see our Supreme Officers join us at our Convention. The afternoon session closed at 2:30pm.

The Banquet was held at the Haubstadt Knights of St John home at 6:30 pm with happy hour starting at 5:30 pm. After a great fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings, the bowling awards were given to the top men and women bowlers and the traveling trophy went to the 6th District.

The Special Needs Children's Report was given with donations of over \$13,000 raised between the 5th and 6th districts.

The Knight of the Year award was presented to an outstanding Knight for deeds done for his Church, Community and Commandery. James Koester was the proud recipient of this award. He has been President of the St. Wendel Commandery 282 for the last six years.

The evening ended with an enjoyable and fun auction with most of the proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Sunday began with formation at Sts. Peter and Paul Church of uniform delegates and lady auxiliary members. Mass was celebrated by Fr Tony Ernst who expressed his thanks for the good



Indiana Grand President Mark Elpers on the right presents the State Knight of the Year Award to James Koester.

the Knights of St John do for the community. Following Mass a breakfast was served at the Knights Home. Before everyone departed Haubstadt was thanked for their great food and hospitality. We knew without many hours of volunteer work this would not have been possible. Thanks for a great Convention.

Let us keep our sick and deceased members in our prayers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Colonel Jerry Knapp
Indiana Grand 1st Vice President*

Nsukka Grand Commandery

Following the election of officers conducted by the Grand Spiritual adviser, Rev. Fr. Jude Odoh during the December, 2017 Convention, the following Grand Officers were elected and installed.

Noble Brig. Gen. Andrew C. Nwokocha, President; Col. Innocent Diyoke, 1st Vice President; Lt. Col. Sule Udoma, 2nd Vice President; Col. Boniface Onyemachi Anyaka Secretary; Capt. Ignatius Alilu Osuman, Treasurer; Capt. Godwin Odo, Financial Secretary; Major Stephen Onyeabo, Sgt-at-Arms; Capt. Peter Ejeh, Messenger; Lt. Col. Anthony Onovo, Judge Advocate; Capt. Paul N. Okeke, Grand 1st Trustee.

Elections also were held in the Regiment, Districts and Local Commanderies. The Elected officers have all been installed.

Activities done within the 1st quarter of 2018:

1. 2018 Lenten Retreat was organized between 23rd – 25th of March, 2018 at Holy Retreat Conference Centre, Nsukka; 2. Workshop/ Drill Practice were organized for the local commanderies; 3. The 2018 Diocesan Catechism was well attended; 4. Grand Board/Joint Grand Board Meetings.

*Col. Boniface O. Anyaka, Grand Secretary
Nsukka Grand Commandery*



New York Grand Commandery

From District 4, News and Events from Feb. 1, to April 30, 2018.

Officers and members of the District have continued to make great sacrifices in the service of humanity and mankind which are the principal attribute of the Noble Order. This was a beautiful season as we transitioned from winter to spring even though we have continued to experience cold weather. Brother Knights and Sisters with their families participated actively in several activities which were conducted during the period under review.

National Bowling Tournament:

The 68th Annual Knights of St. John International and 66th Annual Ladies Auxiliary Bowling Tournament successfully concluded in Buffalo, New York April 27 – 29, 2018 at the Transit Lanes, 7850 Transit Road, Williamsville, New York. Congratulations to Brig. Gen. Joseph Schmitt, Chairman of the Supreme National Sports Commission and his team for organizing a successful event. Photo documentary of the 2018 Bowling Event will be found at the New York Grand Website: <http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand>

District 4 Delegates Meetings:

The First Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery 680, Newark, New Jersey, at the Blessed Sacrament Church Auditorium, 610 Clinton Avenue, Newark on Saturday, April 21st, 2018. By order of the Grand and Supreme, the Acting Commander/ Administrator of the District, Col. Bruce Stowers conducted the District 4 Elections which were previously annulled due to irregularities. He was assisted by the three Commanders of the Commanderies of the District who formed the Chairman's Electoral Nomination Committee while the three Worthy Presidents formed the Floor Nomination Committee. Prior to the nominations, there was roll call and inspections were conducted on the uniformed members and Commandery Delegates of the District. After the conclusion of the nominations, the elections produced the following results:



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin with the Knights of St. John Int'l at the Men's Conference.

Commander: Charles Igwebuikwe #626 New York; 1st Vice Commander: Ben Onwuegbu #680 Newark; 2nd Vice Commander: Rudolph Weedor #676 Trenton; Inspector: Martin Ukeje #626 NY; Paymaster: Cyril Amadiogwu #680 Newark; Adjutant: Oliver Nnadi #676 Trenton; Quartermaster: Anthony Anijah #626 NY.

The elections were very peaceful and all were happy with the conduct and results of the elections. The elected officers were installed into office immediately by Maj. Charles Abiakwe, former District 4 Commander, and Col. Bruce Stowers – NY Grand 2nd Vice President. The vacant offices of the District Messenger and Sergeant at Arms were left to be filled by the new administration.

Commandery 676 Trenton:

On March 24th, Brig. Gen. Francis Kolie, US Supreme Subordinate Secretary, was installed as president of the Liberian Community Association of Central New Jersey and the Metro Areas covering six of New Jersey Counties comprising, Mercer, Burlington, Ocean, Monmouth, Middlesex, Ocean, and Somerset as well as past of Bucks County in Eastern Pennsylvania. The occasion was graced by the Deputy Minority leader of the New Jersey State Assembly, Reed Gusciora, Deputy Clerk of the Mercer County New Jersey, Walker Wor-

thy and the Mercer County Freeholder at Large Samuel A. Frisby. Assemblyman Red Gusciora served as Chief installing officer while Deputy Clerk Walkers Worthy served as Co-installing officer. Congratulations Brig. Gen. Francis Kolie on this recognition and installation by the Liberian Community. We are proud of your accomplishments.

Commandery 680:

Brothers of Commandery 680 participated in the Archdiocese of Newark Men's Conference which was held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. This is a day of reflection for men. The conference featured workshop with inspiring and challenging discussions. Over five thousand men participated in the Conference. They were drawn from the Catholic Communities and Parishes under the Archdiocese of Newark. The conference concluded with confessions and Eucharistic Celebration with the Archbishop of Newark Archdiocese, His Eminence, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, as the Chief Celebrant. Knights of St. John Int'l. provided a guard of honor during the occasion.

Fraternally submitted:
Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu
Media and Information Officer
District 4, New York Grand

	Member-ship 1/1/14	Uniform 1/1/14	Member-ship 1/1/16	Uniform 1/1/16
656 Ehime, Mbano, Nig.	28	26	29	26
705 Umuacha, Abia, Nig.	27	18	27	20
777 Uratta, Imo, Nig.	24	16	29	17
778 Onyea, Imo, Nig.	19	14	22	14
780 Ezi, East -Maise, Imo, Nig. ..	30	21	27	20
781 Ekwereazu-Abiasu, Imo, Nig.	16	9	14	7
824 AttahIkeduru, Imo, Nig.	33	22	33	27
Total	1510	1199	1259	971

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

460 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig.	125	75	122 *	98 *
535 Yenogoa, Rivers, Nig.	39	25	46 *	29 *
558 Elele, Nig.	29	25	28 *	24 *
633 Oyigbo, Nig.	47	45	43	42
634 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. .	56	51	50	45
635 Bodo, Gokana, Nig.	26	24	33	4
713 Bonny, Rivers, Nig.	16	10	22 *	12 *
779 Woji, Rivers, Nig.	42	27	46	40
800 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. .	35	20	47	39
801 Rumueme, Rivers, Nig.	56	31	40	40
802 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. .	18	6	19	18
804 Bori, Rivers, Nig.	15	11	22	7
806 Kaima, Bayelsa, Nig.	14	4	19	13
807 Igbogene, Bayelsa	15	8	18	9
837 Omoku, Rivers, Nig.	16	0	16 *	0 *
843 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. .	10	1	32 *	18 *
844 Ahoada, Rivers, Nig.	12	3	8	4
845 UnuaturuEtche, Nig.	18	6	24	14
857 Rumuokoro, Rivers, Nig.	19 *	0 *	26	21
858 Diobu, Rivers, Nig.	18 *	0 *	15 *	4 *
918 Tere-Ama, Pt. Harcourt Rivers, Nig.	--	--	9	6
919 Umuebulu, Rivers, Nig.	--	--	15	8
920 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nig. .	--	--	14	9
921 Ogbogoro, Rivers, Nig.	--	--	17	4
Total	678	372	731	508

Togo Grand Commandery

364 Lome, Togo	45	26	52	28
376 Sokode, Togo	11	5	11	4
398 Kplalime, Togo	13	3	13	3
407 Tesvie, Togo	25	15	22	13
410 Lome, Togo	28	23	43	15
421 Aneho, Togo	13	7	16	7
464 Atakpame, Togo	18	8	18	8
465 Lome, Togo	32	20	35	22
501 Lome, Togo	32	15	24	14
502 Lome, Togo	28	15	30	18
503 Kpalime, Togo	11	4	9	4
504 Kioto, Togo	9	2	9	2
513 Lome, Togo	15 *	-- *	25	19
514 Lome, Togo	29	13	49	22
522 Kara, Togo	19	2	8	5
523 Kpeme Lacs, Togo	13	6	13	6
542 Lome, Togo	10	7	11	8
574 Atakpame, Togo	17 *	3 *	15	5
575 Vogan, Togo	9 *	-- *	13	6
625 Lome, Togo	22 *	6 *	25	4
627 Lome, Togo	17	8	23	15
768 Agoe, Togo	18 *	0 *	12	0
78 Lome, Togo	--	--	16	4
879 Lome, Togo	--	--	22	10
880 Lome, Togo	--	--	27	5
913 Hedzranawoe-Lome, Togo	--	--	17 *	0 *
925 KegueKeleggougan, Togo	--	--	17 *	0 *
Total	434	188	575	247

Trinidad and Tobago Grand Commandery

202 Port of Spain, W.I.	5	0	XX	XX
261 Arima, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
301 San Fernando, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
312 San Juan, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
323 Carapichaima, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
327 Sangre Grande, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
333 Carapichaima, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
342 Port of Spain, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
353 Thnapuna, W.I.	XX	XX	XX	XX
Total	5	0	0	0

Gbarnga-Cape Palmas Grand Commandery

371 Grand Cess, Grand Kru, Lib.	18 *	2 *	20 *	1 *
394 Harper, Maryland, Lib.	16 *	6 *	28	4
404 Yekepa, Lib.	17	0	16	1
432 Saniquelle, Nimba, Lib.	38	8	33	8
466 Pleebo, Maryland, Lib.	25	3	34	3
467 Zwedru Grand Gedeh, Lib.	31	2	26	2
468 Gbarnga, Bong, Lib.	48	10	50	7
611 Gant City, Nimba, Lib.	36 *	6 *	50	8
612 Voinjama, Lofa, Lib.	18	0	11	1
620 Tappita, Nimba, Lib.	26	2	24	1
662 Barrekan, Maryland, Lib.	21 *	0 *	21 *	0 *
796 Foya, Lafa, Lib.	18 *	0 *	12	0
808 Gbarnga, Bong, Lib.	22 *	0 *	22 *	0 *
831 Greenville, Somde, Lib.	17 *	0 *	17 *	0 *
889 Saclepea City, Nimba, Lib.	--	--	16	0
890 Salaia City, Bong, Lib.	--	--	16 *	0 *
891 Gbarnga, Bong, Lib.	--	--	11	0
922 Fishtown, River Gee, Lib.	--	--	15	0
Total	351	39	422	36

Monrovia Grand Commandery

366 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	95	54	118	45
442 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	72	51	96	58
449 Kakata, Margibi, Lib.	14 *	5 *	16 *	6 *
451 Unification Town, Margibi, Lib.	15	5	15	4
473 Buchanan, Brand Bassa, Lib.	33 *	10 *	54	9
475 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	49	26	63 *	31 *
519 Harbel, Margibi, Lib.	39 *	4 *	42	5
525 West Point, Monrovia, Lib. ...	41	13	40 *	12 *
526 New Matadi, Monrovia, Lib.	27	7	24	11
578 Lac, Grand Bassa, Lib.	24	8	23 *	8 *
607 Paynesville, Montserrado, Lib.	27	18	29	17
661 Claratown, Monrovia, Lib. ...	18	5	21	5
894 Dolo's Town, Monrovia, Lib. ...	--	--	18	0
Total	454	206	559	211

St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery

435 Gardnersville, Montserrado, Lib.	88	22	79	23
441 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	154	26	156	32
448 Duala, Monrovia, Lib.	87	31	85 *	31 *
470 Logantown, Monrovia, Lib. .	30	0	27	9
524 Barnersville, Montserrado, Lib.	71	27	69	28
605 Paynesville City, Monrovia, Lib.	43	11	38	16
606 Caldwell, Montserrado, Lib.	35	0	29	10
621 Virginia, Montserrado, Lib. .	34	0	28 *	3 *
622 Tubmanburg, Bomi, Lib.	39	0	26	1
809 Bopulu District, Gbarpolu, Lib.	23	0	23	0
910 Monrovia, Montserrado, Lib.	--	--	19	0
Total	604	117	579	153

* No Report
XX Disbanded

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

January 1, 2016	18,645
New Members 2016& 2017	2,411
Total	21,056

Deaths	666
Disbanded	25
Resignations	214
Expulsions	954
Loss Totals	1,859

Total Membership - January 1, 2018 19,197
(net increase of 552 members)

Uniform Members - January 1, 2016 10,163
Uniform Members - January 1, 2018 10,122
(net decrease of 41 members)

PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY

The following equipment is to be found in the office of the Supreme Secretary for the operation of the Supreme Secretariat:
(2) KSJI Seals, (1) Steel Fireproof Safe Cabinet, (1) Swivel Office Chair, (3) Steel Filing Cabinets, (1) Hewlett Packard Pavilion (A450) Computer w/programs, (1) Acer Monitor, (1) Hewlett Packard Keyboard w/Mouse, (1) Hewlett Packard Deskjet Printer (1120C), (1) Hewlett Packard Office Pro 8600 (4 in 1 printer/scanner/fax/copier), (1) Olympus Wireless Tape Recorder, (1) Sony Wireless Tape Recorder, (1) Sharp AR M162 Office Copier (takes paper up to 11" X17" (purchased in 1994, can no longer purchase parts for full office operation), (1) Galaxy Computer Desk (model #SP1049-ID), (1) High-Speed Staples Paper Shredder (#703283), (1) Coleman Powermate #8750 Power Generator

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tion of all. I have great faith in our membership, and I am in hopes that this type of action will never be imposed at this Convention. Please remember that there are so few volunteers serving so many members.

In closing, we look forward to seeing you at the Supreme Convention. Although we have much work to do, we have a schedule that allows for events and downtime to enjoy Philadelphia. We want this to be a memorable event for our membership.

May God protect us all in our journey to and from the Convention, may He grant us the wisdom to make the proper decisions in guiding our membership to a brighter and more prosperous future of the Knights of St. John International.

Fraternally,

*Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.
Supreme President*

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