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**GENERAL DANIEL R. VASKE**  
**March 16, 1947 – July 5, 2016**  
**Supreme President**  
**July 14, 2000 – July 23, 2004**

Dan was born in the City of Reading, Ohio, and lived in that city just north of Cincinnati his entire life. He went to elementary school at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and later moved to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, where he was active in many committees. He married Denise and raised three sons and two daughters, and was very proud of his 11 grandchildren. He was brother to 3. Dan's brother Bill and three sons are all KSJ members.

Although active in civic functions along with dedication to his parish, Dan was most active in the Knights of St. John. He served his local commandery as President at two different times, and as Treasurer for many years. He revived the local cadets, and several of them are now commandery officers. In 1978, he was instrumental in re-forming the commandery uniform rank, and was named its "Knight of the Year" in 1972. He was a Charter Officer of the Archbishop Bernardin Chevaliers in 1981.

Dan went on to lead the Cincinnati Grand Commandery as President before serving on the Supreme Board as Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and 1<sup>st</sup> VP for 12 years before becoming Supreme President. He was presented with the Jewel of Honor by the Supreme President Dale Gossiaux this year.

Dan chose a reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans for his funeral Mass, "for I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rest in peace Brother Dan.



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## SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Greetings!

As our Supreme Convention has closed, I wish to congratulate all the newly elected and re-elected officers of our Supreme Executive Board.

More importantly, I wish to congratulate the officers and delegates for having the strength and wisdom to support and pass the Restructuring of our great organization, and to move our order in a direction we have never traveled. Nobody can be more proud of you than the officers who spent hours upon hours trying to formulate a path for the future that was fair and just to all members. No member is left behind.

On September 30, 2016, your Supreme Executive Board of Directors will meet for the first time. And in working with our outside counsel, we must submit the passed draft of our Restructuring to the State of New York. An amendment to change the Certificate of Incorporation for our organization will be placed in front of the Legislature, seeking approval.

You may, or may not be aware that I have not filled certain positions as Advisors to the Supreme Executive Board of Directors or Committee appointments. I choose to wait until the first Supreme Board of Directors meeting so I may have the time to vet all perspective candidates. But I assure all the membership that I will fulfill my responsibilities and a complete list will be published in the Knights Journal.

Let's now move to the needs of our members. At the Supreme Convention, it was agreed to by committee, and passed by the body, to create three more Supreme Subordinate Commanderies. I was pleased with this action because I personally feel that no Commandery or Grand should stand alone. We are an organization that is united under one God and the

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## SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Well, the Supreme KSJI Convention-Buffalo is over and soon will be another memory. It had its "ups & downs", but, before you criticize, consider the sheer number of persons in attendance and the logistics of such an event. Could you handle that? I am sure the committee breathed a huge sigh of relief when it was over. Now comes the task of wrapping up the contractual loose ends.

Tom DeLuca, Jim Setlock and Bill Pocobello deserve orchids for the way the Credentials Committee was run. They set stringent rules that were advertised well in advance and followed these regulations to the letter. In this manner, we were assured that only the proper officers and delegates received their ballots and by everyone accepting the rules, as set forth, there was no pushing, or shoving, or near riots as we experienced in previous years. I am even embarrassed to mention the suggestion of such behavior because it is an insult to what the Knights of St. John represent. But, we did experience it.

While most everyone was a knightly gentleman, a few still reverted back to disgusting behavior in the halls outside the Conference Room during the Convention. The Supreme President sets the time of meetings and how long the breaks are to last, giving the men enough time to return to the Conference Room. After so long, he ordered the doors closed and those late-comers to be fined. (They were forewarned many times). When this occurred, the shouting, shoving & pushing outside the Conference was so disturbing that it required the Supreme President to leave the podium, and with his aide in attendance, go out to quell the commotion in the hall. This is not conduct becoming a knight. This should NEVER be the conduct of a knight. Those who played a role in this chaotic activity came within a hairsbreadth of being suspended from

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## SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### *To God be the Glory!*

It is hard to believe two months ago we gathered together for our bi-annual convention that was held in Buffalo, N.Y. We often hear the phrase: "time flies!" This statement cannot be more true. It was great seeing familiar faces and meeting new brothers and sisters in our Order. I trust that my joy, excitement, and enthusiasm was felt by all who attended the convention. I want to thank the local committee in Buffalo for all their hard work in organizing the convention, and the Cathedral staff for their welcoming spirit. As always, the Opening Mass that included remembering our deceased brothers and sisters in the Order was very moving and memorable. The closing Mass, presided over by the Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo and concelebrated by so many priests was awesome. I left Buffalo spiritually uplifted.

During our time in Buffalo, many discussions took place and decisions made, including our new leadership for the Knights of St. John International. I call upon all Knights, and Ladies, to continue our petition through the intercession of St. John Baptist, Our Blessed Mother Mary, and the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our Noble Order into the future. May each Knight and Lady, continue to open oneself to the service of the Church, performing works of spiritual and corporal works of mercy and ongoing service for the good of our Order. Remember, what we do is not about us, but for God and Country.

Never forget, and always, represent the Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary. As always, I am grateful for your service, charity, and above all, your faith. Know that all of you remain in my prayers along with your special intentions.

*Peace and blessings,*

*Msgr. Federico A. Britto  
Supreme Spiritual Director*

*Welcome to our New Members*

**June, 2016 to September, 2016**

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I must thank the committees from various Commanderies of the Buffalo Grand who worked diligently to make this occasion memorable. This includes Commanderies 135, 204, 347, 377, 381, 382, 387, 391, 408, and 710. There were many more who aided our committees and I wish to thank each and every one. May God Bless each of you for all your help during our Convention.

*"Never give up on God's Mercy"*, was chosen as the theme for this Convention which proved to be well chosen as with God's help the committees made for a memorable Convention for all 1000 Delegate and attendees. God's Mercy always triumphs over any adversity and that is what it meant to me.

The friends and many new friends I met during this Convention will always remain with me forever. I hope and pray that all the attendees as they depart go with having a rewarding eventful experience and uplift securely in their mind. Have a safe journey home. May God Bless all my Brother Knights and Ladies, keeping them in good health and free from all adversity.

### Regimental Comments: Lt. Col. Allen Hammer

First of all I want to thank those members who attended the wake for Sgt. Horace DeLuca and Sgt. Leonard Murk. Both men were long time members of the Knights of St. John. May their souls and the souls of all departed Brother Knights, through God's Mercy, and Compassion rest in peace.



**St. Joseph's Cathedral, Pontifical Eucharistic Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Grosz, Deacon David Clabeaux, Msgr. Britto and Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca.**

To tag onto the letter for the Supreme Secretary and the Buffalo Grand Secretary's email about sending in the monthly reports in a timely fashion. These reports are important to maintain an up to date roaster with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. So whether you hold a meeting or not the reports must be submitted. Thank you.

Memorial Day turnout saw seventy two men in line or 27% of the regiment. This is a very small percentage of the regiment. We must keep in mind that this is the most important turnout we have. It is to honor all of our departed members. I hope next year will see a larger percentage of members.

By the time this is published the convention will be over. We now will have to wait for a report on the proceedings of the convention.

### Upcoming turnouts and meeting for the remainder of the year:

The Regimental Mass and Breakfast September 18<sup>th</sup>, Muster and Inspection October 15<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Grand Secretary Comments: Col. William Pocobello,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Knights from the Buffalo Grand and their wives and

the Ladies and Knights from other Grands that were a formidable energy in helping with all phases of this Supreme Convention.

A special thank you to: Col. Peter Ozemoyah, from Brampton Ontario Canada and Col. "CJ" Okafore from the Baltimore/Washington Grand for making the smooth transition of paper registration to computerization.

### Don't Forget Those Who are Ill of Recovering from Surgery:

Note: Let us know if a Brother Knight is ill or recovering from surgery. We have quite a few Knights and spouses that are ill or recovering from surgery. They have been faithful members for many years and now can use our support. If you know of a member who is ill or homebound, give them a call, see what you can do to help them. They would appreciate your prayers, so that they all may experience a speedy and a full recovery.

May the Heavenly Father bestow on them his healing power and give them, every grace and blessing in this life and everlasting joy in His presence.

**Brothers, when contacted please turn out for Wakes & Funerals.**

Please visit our present web site at: [www.ksjibuffreg.com](http://www.ksjibuffreg.com)

## *Enugu Grand Commandery*

In addition to other scheduled activities like the Presidential visits to Holy Spirit Commandery 414 Enugu, 628 Uwani, 658 Emene, 580 Awgu, 659 Agbani, 765 Iwollo Oghe, and 585 Trans-Ekulu, the following activities that took place are summarized as follows:

### 1. Grand Commandery Bazaar

A bazaar Committee earlier set up during the first joint grand board meeting of the year on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 led by Bro John Mary Ozoilo organized a bazaar for the commandery. It was held in the two zones of Enugu and Abakaliki differently in order to bring the event nearer to local commanderies due to the large territorial area of Enugu grand commandery. Participation of brothers and sisters was impressive and proceeds from the events, each proceeded by Mass, was used mostly for charity.

### 2. Exemplification into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Investiture and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Initiation

Twenty Seven (27) brothers were exemplified into the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees and invested in their uniforms at ceremonies which took place from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 while twenty (20) aspirants were initiated into the ancient Order in ceremonies from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The ceremonies were presided over by the Grand President Brig.Gen. Peter Adimorah while the supreme subordinate and Enugu grand spiritual director Brig. Gen. Rev. Fr. Clement Obasi was in attendance to minister to the participants spiritually.

### 3. Outing Commandery 761, Abakaliki

Commandery 761 Abakaliki II performed its outing ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The chief celebrant at the outing Mass Rev. Fr. Cyprian Agina – a noble Knight fully initiated in 1987, centred his homily on activities of KSJI in the Church. He explained that Knighthood is an open **NOT** secret organization in the Catholic Church with members who evangelize, preach and defend the Catholic principles and articles



of faith. The ceremony which included march past was witnessed by Catholic faithful.

### 4. Feast of St. John the Baptist

The feast was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June by local commanderies but celebrated on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mulumba Catholic Church, New Haven, Enugu jointly by all within Enugu grand commandery. An event organized by the “Ways and Means” committee of the grand commandery, was very well attended by personalities including the executive Governor of Enugu State, Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi. The event included Awards to people who positively touched the lives of others especially the less privileged. Enugu grand gave cash and food items to five charity homes. The Mass was presided over by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Godfrey Igwebuike Onah Catholic Bishop of

Nsukka Diocese. He extolled KSJI and LAUX and implored them to be active in organizing the younger ones who will take over.

### 5. Knight of St. John International College, AGBA (KSJIC)

The entrance exams for new intakes into KSJIC was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The school got approval from Ebonyi State Ministry of Education to present candidates for Junior West African School Certificate Exams after giving a pass marks to the infrastructures in the school. Congratulations to the grand President, the board of governors and entire Knight and LAUX for their support to the only college founded by KSJI and LAUX anywhere in the world

*Col. Charles Nwakanma  
Enugu Grand Secretary*

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## Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

### Baltimore-Washington Grand Installs New Commandery

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery grew with the Installation of Our Lady of Sorrows Commandery #875 on May 14, 2016. This brings the total number of commanderies in The First Maryland Regiment to thirteen. The installation was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 1006 Larch Road, Takoma Park, Maryland. The Installation Ceremony began with the Processional, Order of Officers, Installation Meeting, Inspirational Reading and Scripture, Presentation of Flags/Salutations (Papal, Ghana and United States), Remarks and Officer Recognition by Supreme President-General Dale Gossiaux and by Baltimore-Washington Grand President-Brigadier General F. Jerome Countiss.

### Degree Exemption

As was reported by Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery in the June 2016 Issue of the Journal that the First Regiment of Washington exemplified the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree for the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery on April 16, 2016. Above is a picture of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree recipients with a supporting cast of officers and members. Congratulations Brothers.

### Events-Activities

Commandery #309 Knights participated in the Charles County Public School System Project Graduation Program for graduating seniors to celebrate their graduation in a supervised and safe environment. Support by the Knights in these annual events is greatly appreciated for their presence.

Members of Knight of St. John & Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, and Knights of St. Jerome served as Honor Guard for the Fortieth An-



nual Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Southern Maryland. The special Mass is held in remembrance of those interred in the Catholic Cemeteries of the counties in Southern Maryland.

The Commemoration Mass for the Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery was held on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the Church of the Incarnation in Washington, D.C.

There was a good representation of Knights and Ladies' at the annual celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Mass celebrated in the Chapel of St. Peter Julian Eymard/Body of Christ Farm in Waldorf, Maryland. Fr. Anthony Schueller from Cleveland Ohio was the main celebrant of the Mass and Fr. Robert Pittman, Pastor and Brother Knight concelebrated.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, Divine Mercy Commandery #615 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania celebrated its 10th-year anniversary. The celebration concluded after the Mass on August 14.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, BWG Knights and Ladies participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Assumption Catholic Church in Washington, D.C.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the BWG (Host - Commandery #287) participated in

the annual Wedding of the Sea celebration in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This is an annual event in Atlantic City with the Bishop or Priest throwing a wreath of flowers and a ring from a boat symbolizing the union of the city and the sea.

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, First Maryland Regiment held its annual First Maryland Regiment Cookout. A festive fun time was enjoyed by Knights, Ladies, their families, children, friends, and many from the community.

Recently, Comandery 283 received a letter of appreciation from The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in recognition of their donation of school notebooks for the Huntington Community Center and the children of Old Bowie. Also, they received a letter of appreciation from the Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund. It is a community-based social services program providing emergency food, financial assistance and other resources referrals to those in Bowie and Prince George's County. In addition, the knights were recognized for their continued and generous support of the pantry with donated food items. This effort has made a difference in the lives of all those who come to the pantry for food assistance.

### Good of the Order

Hopefully, the blazing heat wave had a minimum impact on you. Please remember to keep in mind those who are ill or confined to their residence or to a private nursing home. They will appreciate your telephone calls, any help to them, personal visits or cards to show that they are not forgotten. But most of all keep them in your prayers.

*Respectfully submitted*  
William B. Young, Jr., Historian  
Sacred Heart Commandery #309





## Owerri Grand Commandery

### Cadets/Juniors Workshop

Thursday, 26 May, 2016 Owerri Grand hall, Cadets/Juniors Workshop was held to create a synergy among the cadet/Junior Commanderies across the Grand.

In the workshop papers were presented among which is “courtship – a catholic perspective” by Sis. Berna Nnadi. The paper is a veritable guide for our cadets and juniors in courtship. She directs that courtship time should be spent conscientiously for gaining skills and material resources to help them fulfill their roles in marriage effectively.

Amb. Blais Okezie presented his paper, “cadet commanderies as veritable bulwark for protecting and arming our children against the scourge of negative modernism, materialism and violent ant-social behaviour”. In the paper, bro Blais posits that cadet commanderies have a great need for attitudinal and ethical reorientation in shaping the minds of young cadets and juniors. Cadet/junior commanderies equally have the great role to play in helping the cadets and juniors achieve their potentials.

Sis (Dr.) Osorochi Patricia Obi, in her paper “creativity of cadet/junior organizers in their approach to designing and coordinating holiday programmes”, urged commanderies to organize holiday programmes for their cadets/juniors. She reminds Knights/Ladies the onus is on us to raise a generation that fear God and reverence him.

Local comanderies and auxiliaries without cadet/junior commandery were mandated to get one on ground.

### Table Officers Workshop

The annual table officers workshop was held 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, Grand hall Owerri. In the workshop, Grand President, Brig. Gen. E.A. Ihionu, addressed Worthy Presidents as the Pivots of the their local commanderies. He reminds the worthy presidents that they are elected by brothers and therefore shall be accountable to those who have elected them.

He admonishes them to be self – respecting, have great charity and



to carry the entire commandery along, never to balkanize it. To be of a great charity means as worthy presidents they should treat all brothers as brothers and not command the commandery in such a way that they appear like slave diner drivers.

Grand Secretary’s paper, “the administrative duties of the R/C Secretary” ex-rays the duties of the R/C Secretary as prescribed in section 30 of chapter 6 of KSJI constitution as amended. He summed up the duties under General administration, correspondences, record keeping, building history, making returns etc.

Others who presented papers include: Brig. Gen. Eugene Emenalo – “Cultivating and sustaining the culture of discipline at commandery level”, Bro Steve Ibe - “record keeping at the local commandery level”.

Other are N/bro. A.U. Akagha “recruiting and preparing aspirants for 1<sup>st</sup> degree initiation”, Bro. Remigus Ifeobu “Safeguarding the finances of the commandery”.

Exemplification into 2<sup>nd</sup> And 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees:

55 brothers were exemplified into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees of the order in an impressive turn – out at Grand hall.

Grand president, advised the exemplified brothers to cherish their elevation and use it to protect the order.

### In the spirit of charity

Let us remember our sick brothers and sisters; give them a call, a prayer, and a support above all forgive one another.

*Lieut. Vincent Azubuike  
Under Secretary, Owerri 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, new procedures are 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 MAXIMUN.**

Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 7) will be included on a space available basis.

*Thank you for your assistance.*

## New York Grand Commandery

### Delegates & Business Meetings:

The Second Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery which was to be hosted by Commandery 680, Newark, NJ on June 26, 2016 was deferred to enable the celebration of the Annual Feast of St. John the Baptist which conflicted with that date. Apparently, the Feast was not celebrated as a joint venture as earlier resolved by the District. The Commanderies in their various locations honored the Patron Saint with Eucharistic Masses and private dancing parties with their parishioners respectively.

### New York Grand Officers and Delegates Meeting:

New York Grand Annual Grand Delegates & Officers Meeting was held at the Commandery 41 Club House, Utica New York, on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Officers and Delegates from all the Commanderies in New York including District 4 participated in this Grand Meeting. Progress Reports were presented from all Cabinet Officers and the Grand Committees including the Membership and Cadet Organizing Divisions.

### Commandery News:

In their continued efforts to promote the good of the Noble Order and work in the Church, during the just concluded Supreme Convention in Buffalo New York, in a colorful ceremony, Commandery #385 Officers made a presentation of a complete set of Hand Carved Stations of the Cross for St. Anthony of Padua Church in Utica NY, home parish of Commandery #385 to Rev. Fr. Diamuid Sheehan.



**Rev. Father Diamuid Sheehan (middle) receiving the carving from Tom Zdanowicz, with Nik Piperata, Lou Parrotta, and Richard Morse.**

### Commandery #680:

This was a busy period for Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592. On July 9, 2016, they processed and mounted guard of honor for the Most Rev. John Walter Flessey, STD, from the Archdiocese of Newark who officiated the confirmation ceremony of the children at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark NJ.

Also on July 17, 2016, members of Commandery 680 processed and mounted a guard of honor for Archbishop Anthony Obinna of the Ecclesiastical Province of Owerri Nigeria who visited and worshiped at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark, NJ.

### Burial of a Knight:

Blessed Sacrament Commandery #680 received a request to perform the Knightly burial rites for late Capt. Nabwe, Past President of Sacred Heart Commandery #366, Monrovia, Liberia, who died in New-

ark, NJ, while visiting his family. The Funeral Mass took place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey on Saturday, June 25, 2016. May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed through His infinite mercies rest in peace.

### Supreme Convention 2016, in Buffalo, New York

Supreme convention 2016 has come and gone and we had a joyful experience.

Participants were drawn from all parts of the world with concentration in Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo and the United States. Among the highlights was the election to various supreme offices. General Frank Waseleski, Sr. was elected as Supreme President and Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca as the Supreme First Vice President.

For a full documentary of the 2016 Supreme Convention please go to: <http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand> and click on Photos.

### Upcoming Events:

September 10, 2016: New York Grand Pilgrimage 2016, Day of Recollection - Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mt. Poconos, PA

October 16, 2016: 2016 St. John The Baptist Prayer Breakfast honoring John A. Russo with the Lifetime Achievement Award - Club Monarch, Yorkville, NY.



**General Frank Waseleski being sworn in by General Timothy Hoerst (past Supreme President).**

*Fraternally submitted:  
Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu  
Media and Information Officer*

## *Liberia Grand Commandery*

### **Knights of St. John-Liberia Donates To C.H. Rennie Hospital**

The St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery and Grand Ladies Auxiliary and the Monrovia Grand Commandery and Grand Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John in Liberia made a joint donation of assorted food and non-food items to the Charles Henry Rennie Memorial Hospital in Kakata City, Margibi County.

The donation which was made on Friday, June 24, 2016, to the government run hospital in Kakata, Margibi County, was in commemoration St. John Feast Day celebration.

Making brief remarks while turning over the assorted food and non-food items to the hospital, the Grand President of the St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery, Brigadier General Richard Hne Walker, highlighted the action by KSJI as predicated on the tireless sacrificial services the hospital continues to render the sick in the wake of limited budgetary support and financial constraints.

For his part, Capt. Ebenezer Gibson, Chairman of the Joint Feast Day Committee, pointed out that the gesture of the Knight of St. John goes beyond religious bonds. He furthered averred that the donation of food and non-food items at the C.H. Rennie Hospital is a clear manifestation of the Catholic Church vision to serve humanity regardless of social, political and religious affiliation.

In brief remarks, the Grand President of Monrovia Grand Commandery, Brig. Gen. Michael B. Suah, explained



**Photo caption: Brig. Gen. Walker turning over the assorted food items to Dr. Johnson of the C.H. Rennie hospital.**

that the donation was made possible through the contributions of meager resources of members of the organization who thought it wise to give back to people caring for humanity”.

Receiving the food and non-food items, the Medical Director of the C.H. Rennie Hospital, Dr. Kumblytee L. Johnson, lauded the religious fraternity group for the kind gesture to the hospital. He stressed the relevance of the Church in the county and outlined the numerous support the Church has provided to the destitute, marginalized and underprivileged people in Liberia.

In closing, the hospital Administrator, Mr. Raymond R. Cassell joined Dr. Johnson in thanking the Knights of John for its generosity.

*By Brother Gregory H. Stemm, Deputy Grand Secretary for Press Publication and Propaganda*

### **KSJ Celebrate Feast Day**

Members of the Knights of St. John International on Saturday, June 25 celebrated the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist as part of their annual activities commemorating the feast of their Patron Saint.

The program began with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish in Monrovia, which brought together members of Monrovia and St. Paul River Bank Grand Commanderies and Ladies Auxiliaries.

Following the Eucharistic celebrations at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, members of the organization then laid wreaths on the grave of their founder Bishop Carolle and the late Arch Bishop of Monrovia Michael Kpakala Francis as a way of paying tributes to the deceased for their services rendered and support given to the Knights of St. John in Liberia since its establishment.

Members of the Knights of St John International then paraded through the principle streets of Monrovia.

Brig/General Richard Hne Walker, Grand Worthy President of the St. Paul River Bank Grand Commandery called on members of the Knight of St. John to work for the church and charity as the patron Saint did.

Also speaking the Grand President of Monrovia Grand Commandery, Brig/Gen. Michael Suah commended the Knights of St. John of Liberia for the hard work they have done for the church and humanity.

*By K. ZoquayBeysolow-Konneh and Gregory H. Stemm*



## Awka Grand Commandery

The Supreme Convention has come and gone, we thank the good Lord for its success and for the fruitful deliberations. We know that God would have led all delegates and observers home safely. Appreciation to all our members in Buffalo and for the well organized Convention. The reward for such successful work is more work so please when you are called upon do not hesitate to give your helping hands. We are happy to be part of the Convention and we want to thank all our members who made the journey and meetings despite the economic situation. Many thanks to all members who were not able to attend but supported us with their prayers. The Supreme Convention now over, we are back home to put into action all deliberations for the good of the Order.

To prepare for the Supreme Convention, the Grand had a 3-day rewarding Retreat for all Grand Officers, Regimental and District Officers and Local Commandery Officers. The Grand realizing that it is only in silence and quiet that the devoted soul can make progress in life, chose the serene environment of the Benedictine Monastery. The



**The Grand President with some the Nobles and Bishop Peter Okpaleke of Ahiara Diocese**

spiritual exercise started with Awka Diocesan All Knights Day, a spiritual reunion with the Diocesan Bishop. The Knights Day began with the Holy Mass, spiritual reflections and questions and answers. This year's meeting with the Bishop witnessed 98.7% attendance from our Grand thereby constituting 87.1% of the total attendance to the Knights Day.

We are happy to announce that officers of District #28 who were elected for the second term running

were installed in the month of June. After their installation, the District Commander, Major Clement Odinye on behalf of his officers promised that they will make all efforts to double their achievements this time. The Grand participated in the Diocesan celebration of the Year of Mercy which was declared by His Holiness. The Grand President led all members of the Grand through the Rosary procession into the Church following the Mercy Door. The Diocesan Year of Mercy ended with the Holy Mass while the Grand President concluded the Year of Mercy's celebration with a visit to Commandery #434 Awka domiciled within the Cathedral.

The Grand is preparing seriously for the inauguration of a new Local and Cadet Commanderies and installation of their officers. The Charters are expected from the Supreme as members return home. The New Commanderies will increase the number of the Local Commanderies from 11 to 12, while the Cadet Commandery will increase from 3 to 5. The Presidential visit will soon come to an end while the workshop for all Secretaries across the echelon will come in the month of September. The month of October will witness the Exemplification of old members and initiation of news ones.

We wish to appreciate all the editorial members of our KSJI News Journal for all their efforts and wishing you all God's blessings.

*Brig. Gen G. N. Muotolu  
Awka Grand President*



**The Grand inspecting members of Commandery #613**

*(Supreme President from page 4)*

purposes of our God given rights is to practice our principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. We must stand by these principles as Knights of St. John, and in doing so, lies a great responsibility for all members who are elected to any position within their Commandery, all the way to a Supreme Officer, to protect the integrity of the membership and the needs of the newer members so they may grow to a fuller understanding of Knighthood. Show them the light, and they will find their own way.

In closing, I wish to thank all my brother Knights for the support you have given me. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Our work has just started, and as we cross each valley or mountain, let us do it with the Lord and united.

God Bless you all.

*Fraternally,  
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.  
Supreme President*

*(Supreme Secretary from page 4)*

the Order by the Supreme President.

A lot was accomplished during these meetings and the structure of the Knights of St. John International was completely changed. With a separate Executive Board, an Advisory Board and the creation of three new Supreme Subordinate Commanderies we are off and flying to some new adventures.

As you read this, we are attending the first meeting of the Supreme Executive Board in Erie, PA and are hard at work in setting our goals for much progress in the years ahead. My sincere best wishes to General Frank Waseleski, Sr. who has seen fit to pick up the mantle of Supreme President for a second time and begin the challenge of reshaping our Great Order.

*"God Wills It"*

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz  
Supreme Secretary*

## In Memoriam

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**June, 2016 to September, 2016**

# MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 15, 2017

(OFFICIAL)

September 1, 2016

General Order No. 1

To: Major General James M. Gibbons II, KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General.

You are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies. Said Muster & Inspection to be held not later than January 15, 2017.

You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than July 1, 2017.

By Command of General Frank Waseleski, Sr., KSJI, Supreme Commandery, President.

Attest: Lt.Gen. Thomas Zdanowicz, KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Adjutant General.

## **Knights of St. John International**

Military Department

Office of the Inspector General

76 Sunset Creek Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224, USA

September 1, 2016

To: All Supreme Subordinate Presidents, Grand Presidents, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion, District Commanders and Unattached Local Commandery Presidents:

In compliance with General Order No. 1, issued by General Frank Waseleski, Sr., dated September 1, 2016; you are hereby respectfully commanded to order a Muster & Inspection of all Local Commanderies within your jurisdiction to be held no later than January 15, 2017. Said Muster & Inspection to be conducted as prescribed in the official Knights of St. John International Drill Regulations (Reprinted, June 2008), Sections 486-496. KSJI Muster & Inspection Report Forms 1 & 2 (KSJI MIR Forms 1 & 2) will be sent to you and you will send two copies of KSJI MIR Form 1 to each Local Commandery Commander, within your jurisdiction, to prepare the muster roll for their Local Commandery. The Local Commandery Commanders will present the two KSJI MIR Forms 1 to the Muster and Inspecting Officer(s). The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will complete the Muster Roll for each Local Commandery annotating on the two KSJI Forms 1 those members present or absent. The Muster and Inspecting Officer(s) will then complete the Inspection of each Local Commandery annotating on the two KSJI MIR Forms 1 the inspection of uniform items. One completed KSJI MIR Form 1 will be retained by the Local Commandery Commander for future reference and one sent to each District Commander, or in Brigades to the Colonel of each Regiment. As soon as these reports are received from all Local Commanderies, the Colonel or District Commander will transfer the information contained therein to the KSJI MIR Forms 2. When the KSJI MIR Forms 2 is complete, the Colonel or District Commander will have a number of copies made. The Colonel or District Commander will submit the KSJI MIR Forms 2 to their Supreme Subordinate Commandery or Grand Commandery who will compile all of their subordinate commands KSJI MIR Forms 2 for follow on submission to the KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General no later than January 15, 2017. The Colonel or District Commander will send one copy of the KSJI MIR Forms 2 to each Local Commandery Commander, within the reporting officer's jurisdiction, with the instruction that same is to be read to the members of the Local Commandery in order that they may know how their Local Commandery compares with the other Local Commanderies within their command. An additional copy will be sent to the Colonel or District Commander's Supreme Subordinate President, Grand President, Brigade, Regiment, Battalion and District Commanders. KSJI, Unattached Local Commanderies will submit the KSJI MIR Forms 1 & 2 to the KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General not later than January 15, 2017.

By Command of Major General James M. Gibbons II,  
KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General.