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We welcome our Brothers and Sisters, Cadets and Juniors back to the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA for our International Convention, 2018. Although still forming, the host committee is being headed by the Supreme Executive Board of Officers. The DoubleTree Hotel will be the Official Headquarters for the Convention. **All Convention Meetings and Activities for everyone will be held at this hotel, except for possibly the Memorial Mass and Pontifical High Mass.**

If you participated in the 2008 Philadelphia Convention, you are well aware of the historical attractions, local museums, a multitude of area cafes, restaurants and entertainment options, and the overall ambiance of the City. We hope you will return next year, along with many new attendees. Philly is convenient to our overseas members along with the east coast commanderies through the train and subway connections.

The DoubleTree is a full service hotel with ample meeting room space. Amenities include a full restaurant and bar, rooftop atrium swimming pool & sundeck, high speed internet service, business center, skyline views and more. We have negotiated a discounted rate of \$139.00 per night (plus tax) for a 2 Queen bed guest room, or a 1 King bed guest room.

Make your plans to attend now. Make your hotel reservations early – 1-215-893-1600 (remember to advise that you are with the Knights of St. John Group). A dedicated website for our room reservations is now in operation: click on <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49363860>. Event Reservation forms will be included in the December Journal issue.

### **Important:**

- \* **Last day to reserve hotel rooms – June 15, 2018.**
- \* **There is no guarantee that any rooms will be available after that cut-off, at any rate.**
- \* **No transportation service will be provided to any other hotel while rooms remain at DoubleTree.**

**Get your delegation together and make your plans now. We hope to see you in Philly next year!**



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## SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the office of your Supreme President! In my last article, I stated that our 2018 Supreme Convention location was still eluding us. I am very pleased to inform the membership that through the dedicated work of Past Supreme President, Gen. Tim Hoerst, and Supreme Trustee Maj. Gen. Martin Bella, we have signed a contract with the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the week of July 15 – July 22, 2018, and we are presently attempting to organize the needed committees. I must remind the membership that the Supreme will be hosting the Convention. Some events may or may not be included, and with the Headquarters Hotel, costs may increase. The main objective of the Board will be to achieve the allotted number of room nights contracted and we need the sincere help from the membership on this issue. I look forward to seeing you all in Philly.

I am equally please to report that the new Supreme Subordinate Commanderies of Liberia and Sierra Leone are formed and have conducted their inaugural meetings. As of this writing, the Supreme Subordinate Commandery of the United States has formed and will conduct their inaugural meeting on September 15, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky. Having the Supreme Subordinate Commanderies in place and in time for our Supreme Board of Directors meeting in October, 2017 is a great advantage to our order. The Presidents can put forth issues and directly receive information from the Supreme Board of Directors, of which they now are member of, to assist in growth of not only the subordinates they represent, but our great organization.

This has been a very trying year. Although we have faced, and resolved, many issues brought before us, we still have growth and potentially troubling areas ahead of us. We must resolve the issues of uniting the Ladies Auxiliary with the

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## SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

This message is dedicated to the “Men who wear the Star’s. You have dedicated yourselves to the workings of our Order, climbed the ladder, and are now in an important position of authority. May God Bless you as you take the reins of your Supreme Subordinate or Grand Commanderies. That you may lead by your vision of what we are to be, and by the example you set for your brother knights.

With this authority comes responsibility. Much of which consists of speaking for your particular group and sharing with others your secrets of success, as well as your hurts and problems. You will undoubtedly find that they are not unique to you alone, and that others have the same dilemmas and problems to contend with. You need to be heard.

On September 16, 2017, the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-United States is having their first formational meeting, at St. John’s Place, Louisville, Kentucky. Grand Presidents, you need to be there. This is an important meeting that calls for your expertise and wisdom. Don’t disappoint your newly appointed officers by not being there.

October 13-14, 2017, the Supreme Executive Board will hold its third meeting. Supreme Officers and Supreme Subordinate Presidents, you need to be there. Are you aware that of the three meetings we’ve held, some members haven’t attended ANY of our meetings? When you run for an office, you need to accept the responsibilities of that office, and attendance at meetings is one of them. Very important matters crucial to our members all over the world are being discussed, and you need to be heard.

This one should be very exciting. It should be the largest ever, since our newly appointed Supreme Subordinate Presidents are expected to be there. Additionally, it will be held in the same venue where the 2018 Supreme Convention is to be held. What a great time to explore

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## SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary,

*May the grace and blessings of Our Loving Jesus Christ be with you!*

In the Gospel reading for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, we read the famous and inquisitive, question from Jesus Christ: “Who do you say I am?” Later in that Gospel passage we hear Peter’s profession of faith: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” We know, because of that profession, Peter was given great responsibility. That responsibility was to assist Jesus Christ in realizing His Kingdom on earth and leading all believers to Christ.

Every Sunday we profess our faith in Jesus Christ and to the Catholic Church. Our profession also leads us in assisting Christ, and the Catholic Church, to encourage others to come and know Jesus Christ. Pope Francis challenged us as well during the Year of Mercy.

I say this to each of you so that you will remember our purpose in life; our purpose as Christians; and our purpose as Knights and Ladies of St. John International: “For God, Church, and Country.”

Ask yourself: “Who do you say Jesus Christ is, and what role do you perform in fulfilling His mission on earth?” Also, ask yourself, every time you put on your Knight’s and Lady’s uniform and perform a Corporal and Spiritual Work of Mercy, of the mission of our Worthy Order.

Finally, it is with great joy that I welcome the Knights and Ladies of St. John International back to Philadelphia, Pa for our Convention. I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia in 2018.

May Our Loving Messiah continue to work in and through you as you assist in building up His Kingdom here on earth.

*Peace and blessing,*


*Msgr. Federico A. Britto  
Supreme Spiritual Director*

**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT  
OF THE  
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL**

Under Section 803 of the  
Not-For-Profit Corporation Law

- I. The name of the corporation is KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL.
- II. An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Union of the Knights of St. John was passed on May 6, 1886. under Chapter 284 of the Laws of 1886.
- III. The corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a)(5) of section 102 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.
- IV. Section 5 of the Certificate of Incorporation regarding the composition of the Board is amended to read in its entirety as follows:  
  - §5. The Supreme President, Supreme First Vice President, Supreme Second Vice President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Trustees, Supreme Subordinate Presidents, and Past Supreme Presidents shall constitute the Supreme Executive Board of Directors of said corporation. Said officers, excluding the Past Supreme Presidents, shall be selected for that purpose by a Convention held in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and installed. The Supreme Spiritual Director and the Supreme Counsel shall participate in the Executive Board of Directors meetings as advisors, but shall not vote within the proceedings. The Knights of St. John International shall also consist of a Supreme Advisory Board, composed of all Grand Commandery Presidents and Presidents of unattached Commnderies who shall meet independently and make recommendations to the Executive Board of Directors. The immediate Past Supreme President, or a designated representative of the Supreme President, shall be Chairman of the Supreme Advisory Board, but shall only vote in the event of a tie. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall furnish a member of the Supreme Secretariat to act as Secretary, and the Supreme Counsel, when available, to the Supreme Advisory Board. The Secretariat and the Counsel shall not he permitted to vote on the said Board. The Supreme Advisory Board officers shall be selected by their Grand Commanderies and unattached Commanderies to represent them in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Knights of St. John International and shall hold office until their successors shall he elected and installed.
- V. The foregoing amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation was approved by a vote of a majority of the members at a meeting.
- VI. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as the agent of The corporation upon whom process against the corporation may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation served upon him or her is: c/o Thomas F. Zdanowicz, 238 Kerber Rd., Frankflort, NY 13340.

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## Abuja Grand Commandery

Since the last update dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, Abuja Grand Commandery, in its evangelization drive, had participated in and/or initiated a number of activities, prominent among which are:

**1. West African Summit:** The 6<sup>th</sup> West African Summit of Knights and Ladies of St. John International was held at the Grand Ibro Hotel, Abuja from 11 – 14 May, 2017. The highly successful event was attended by delegates from Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The event featured joint meetings of Brothers and Sisters as well as separate meetings culminating in a joint Communiqué which was issued at the end of the meetings. The host, Brig Gen. Jerome E. Nwokeji was on ground to ensure hitch-free logistics. He also took care of the social needs of members by organising two social events: a dinner and party sponsored by him in his house, and another by the Grand Commandery at the high brow Yar'Dua International Centre. The Abuja Grand Cultural troupe was also on hand to add colour to the event.

The Chief host, the Supreme Subordinate President (Nigeria) and Chairman of the occasion, Major Gen. Anselm Okafor was in his elements as he masterly conducted the proceedings of the Summit to a successful and happy end.

**2. Abuja Marian Procession:** The Abuja Grand Commandery led by the Grand President, Brig Gen Nwokeji trooped out en-mass on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 to participate in the event marking 100 years of the apparition of Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes. The event which was organized by the Abuja Catholic Archdiocese involved a procession, a march past and a Holy Mass by the Archbishop, John Cardinal Onaiyekan. Light entertainment was also provided

for all participants. The overwhelming presence of Knights/Ladies of St. John International was acknowledged and applauded by Cardinal Onaiyekan.

**3. Initiation/Exemplification/Investiture:** Abuja Grand Commandery has admitted 41 new members into its rank. The ceremony which lasted from 23 – 25 June, 2017 also saw the admission of 21 members into the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees of the Order. Speaking to the initiates during the occasion, the Grand President reminded them about the main objective of the Order and stressed the overall importance of discipline and compliance with the hierarchical demands of the Order.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Abuja Grand Board of Trustees (JGBOT) meeting for the year, was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. The meeting was presided over by the Grand President, Brig. Gen. Nwokeji. It was preceded by a Holy Mass conducted by Abuja Grand Spiritual Director, Brig. Gen. Ralph Madu (Rev. Fr.) in commemoration of the feast of our patron Saint, St. John the Baptist.

**Abuja Grand Benevolent Fund:** The Grand Commandery under Brig. Gen. Nwokeji set up a Benevolent Fund to assist needy members. So far, the

Fund has been able to assist members extensively. Disbursements included gratis to sick members and interest – free loan to members.

**Easter Charity:** Abuja Grand Commandery led by the Grand President extended its charity works to members of the public during the Lenten period through generous donations in cash and kind to St. Vincent d Paul of Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Pro Cathedral, Garki, Abuja.

**Other Activities;** Abuja Grand Commandery was also involved in many other activities during the period, including:

i. Production and distribution of the Summit Edition of *the Grand Gavel*, a quarterly magazine produced by the Grand Commandery;

ii. Full participation in the activities marking 100 years birthday celebration of late Dominic Cardinal Ekandem held at Our Lady Queen of Nigeria, Pro Cathedral, Garki on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*  
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## *Port Harcourt Grand Commandery*

### **Easter Charities**

Twenty three widows and two widowers benefitted from a five hundred thousand naira Easter Charities largesse from the Grand Commandery. Each sister and brother joyfully received ₦20,000

### **West African Summit May 11-14, 2017**

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery participated actively in the recently concluded 6<sup>th</sup> West African Summit held in Grand Ibro Hotels, Wuse 5, Abuja. Apart from the official delegates, port Harcourt Grand Commandery fielded 10 observers and contributed ₦80,000 to the charity purse for the Abuja Archdiocese.

### **First Tier Military Workshop May 26 – May 28, 2017**

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery runs an effective School of the Knight which runs a programme organized in tiers. New initiates go through our Young Brothers Workshop which consolidates the lessons of the rough road, and introduces the basics of the drill manual. The First Tier Military Workshop prepares Commanders in the area of the sword manual maneuvers and the colour party escort. 68 brothers and ten sisters took part in the 3-day programme.

### **Second Quarter Joint Grand Board and Grand Board Meetings – June 10, 2017**

A well-attended Joint Grand Board of Trustees Meeting was held on June

10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Catholic Institute of West Africa, CIWA. The Board reviewed the progress so far made this year on the targeted objects of the Grand Commandery notably evangelization of the rural parishes, the Death Benefit Scheme enrollments and disbursements, and the financial position of Commanderies. The Board also received and reviewed reports on the Cadet Commandery/Junior Auxiliary Holiday Programme, the Grand Commandery’s annual retreat being planned for July 28 - 30, 2017 and on the state of the project assigned to us by the Bishop (rebuilding a Catholic School Laboratory Science block de-roofed by a storm).

### **Launching for Sacred Heart Seminary, June 23, 2017**

The Rector of the Junior Seminary in the Diocese invited Knights of St John International to lead a launching for the renovation of the Seminary Chapel. The launching was held on the Feast Day of Sacred Heart of Jesus. Twenty five Knights and fifteen Ladies were in attendance and the Grand President, Brig. Gen. George Ikioumoton was the Chairman of the occasion. Over five million naira was raised with the Knights contributing nearly one million five hundred thousand naira only. About four hundred thousand naira was cash.

### **June 24<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Many Local Commanderies organized a celebration to mark the birth

of our Patron saint – St John the Baptist. Mater Misericordiae Commandery #800, for example, organized outdoor parade for their Cadet; Our Lady of Lourdes, Creek Road, had a love feast.

But, the Grand Commandery used the occasion to honour some brothers and sisters who had achieved recognition in their places of work and so were elevated to high positions of responsibility. Six brothers in all and a sister were so honoured.

### **The College of Knights of Port Harcourt Diocese**

The Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese constituted the College of Knights of Port Harcourt Diocese, comprising Knights of St. John International and Knights of St. Mulumba. This Organization has the fundamental assignment of assisting the Bishop in the Spiritual, financial and developmental activities of the Diocese. In the College of Knights during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, various Committees were working on Catechesis in the Diocese, reconciliation of families and groups, and on rebuilding of Catholic Secondary Schools de-roofed by storms etc. KSJI has put in over two million naira in such projects.

*Col. Dan Onuoha  
Port Harcourt Grand Secretary*

## Awka Grand Commandery

The weather has been very clement to us. We thank the good Lord for the rain and the intermitent break we are recording. Soon, we shall witness the gradually coming to an end of the rainy season which we believe is a significant pointer to our Grand Commandery's leadership. The Awka Grand Commandery Charter Officers will in a few months handover the mantle of leadership to new leaders who will continue in the footsteps of their predecessors with regard to the good works of building, sustaining and stabilizing the Grand Commandery. The committee on our 2017 Grand Convention was recently inaugurated and had commenced work. The 2017 Grand Convention Committee is headed by the Second Vice Grand President, Col. Tony Okeke.

In anticipation of a successful Convention and election, the Grand Commandery had its annual retreat which reflected on good leadership, good family and good members of the Church. The retreat was attended by all Grand Officers, Regimental and District Officers, presidents and secretaries of all the Local Commanderies. The retreat, 7 - 9 July, 2017, was moderated by Rev. Fr. Melchizadek Obi. The retreat moderator was very emphatic



about the quality of leadership the Church, family and KSJI will expect from us as members. He encouraged all to utilize all opportunities presented to us by God to serve him.

Before the retreat, the Grand had celebrated the feast of the Patron Saint of the Order, St. John the Baptist. Every Commandery within the Grand celebrated the feast in their various parishes while the Grand Officers joined Commandery #434 in their celebration. The Mass for the day was celebrated by the Bishop of Ahiara Diocese, Bishop Peter Okpaleke. He extolled the life of the Saint and appealed to all members to continue to emulate such life.

In the same way, the Grand Commandery is preparing a workshop/training for all Grand Officers, Table Officers of the Local Commanderies, Regi-

mental and District Officers. The workshop will draw facilitators from the Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Nigeria, and other members of the Order who have adorned themselves with many years of meritorious wealth of experiences in the military department of the Order. The workshop/training will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

The last part of the Presidential visit to Commanderies is on going, the Regiment and districts will soon follow.

We continue to appreciate the works and efforts of the Supreme Secretary and his Undersecretary/Journal for the opportunity given to all members to get their news to other members.

*Col. Peter C. Egwui  
Awka Charter Grand Secretary*

## Cincinnati Grand Commandery

### Comm. #98 Columbus, OH

Several members from Commandery 98 participated in the 24th annual Appalachia Project. This program consists of approximately 50 high school and college age youth from Christ the King and St. Catharine parishes and from several high schools in the Columbus area. During the last week of June, these youth along with an experienced adult staff, journey to Scioto County to do home repairs for the needy in Southern Ohio. Roofing, siding, flooring, painting, bath and kitchen repairs, and cutting firewood for heating are only a few of the jobs taken on each year. This summer 10 families benefitted from this program. All supplies are either donated or purchased using money from a stock sale where parishioners invest in the youth, fully knowing where and how their donations are being used. This project is one of Commanderies #97 and #98's biggest charities with approximately \$20,000.00 and 5,500 man hours donated.

### Comm. #313 Maria Stein, OH

The 30th Annual Maria Stein Country Fest was held June 23-25, 2017. The festival included music for all ages throughout the weekend, and plenty of food to satisfy anyone's palate, plus a petting zoo, games of chance, rides, and fun for all with free parking, free admission, and free entertainment.

The Maria Stein Country Fest is held on the beautiful grounds of the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. Members of KSJI Commandery 313 and Auxillary 288 make up part of the committee that is in charge of the Maria Stein



### The 83rd Pilgrimage Procession

Country Fest and is one of the Commandery's biggest fundraisers.

This year's Pilgrimage, held on Sunday, June 25, 2017 was the 83rd procession, led by Commandery 313 Knights of St. John, with the local clergy also consisted of members of the American Legion, the KofC, Boy and Girl Scouts, and local area residents. The Rosary and other prayers are said as all walk from St. Johns Catholic church in Maria Stein to the Relic chapel grounds and ends with Benediction. Just as an interesting side note, it has never rained while the procession and Rosary has been underway.

*Respectfully Submitted  
Brig. Gen. Jim Schafhausen  
Cincinnati Grand Past President*



## Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

### Knights Received The Noble Degree

The Noble Degree was conferred on 28 Knights on April 29, at the Church of the Incarnation in Washington D.C.

### Baltimore-Washington Grand Holds 53<sup>rd</sup> Grand Convention

Baltimore-Washington Grand Knights and Ladies' Auxiliary held its 53<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Clinton, Maryland on May 20 & 21, 2017. The theme of the convention was "Working Together in Unity through Brotherhood and Sisterhood". On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Knights and Ladies assembled at the Church of St. John The Evangelist and attended the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass, celebrated by Pastor, Rev. Jaime Hernandez. Knights in full dress and Ladies in white, in pairs, processed into the Church. Pastor Hernandez comments included the support that the Knights and Ladies provide to the Church. At the end of Mass Pastor Hernandez blessed the convention. On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, all gathered for breakfast and remarks by Brig. Gen. Jerome Countiss, President and Ms. Janette Bell, President. After breakfast, Knights and Ladies assembled for their business sessions. The order of business proceeded and included the election and installation of officers. The new Grand officers are as follows: Grand President-Russell M. Hall, Grand First Vice President-James Stevenson, Grand Second Vice President-Santos Chase, Grand Secretary-P. Thomas Dahn, Grand Financial Secretary-Eric Gay, Grand Treasurer-Ronald Scott, Judge Advocate-William Young, Grand Messenger-Willie D. Griffin, Grand Sergeant-at-Arms - James Holley, Grand Guard-William Wilson, and Grand Trustees, Theodore J. Short-Chairman, Samuel Okyne, Vincent Jordan, Benjamin Otoo, and Joseph Johnson. Under Good of the Order, outgoing officers were thanked for their two years of service to the Grand. The convention was successful.

### Events-Activities

\*Commandery #309 installed Rev. Gill, Pastor of St. Catherine Church of Alexandria Parish, Port Tobacco, Maryland, as one of the Commandery's Spiritual Advisors.

\*In celebrating the joy of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima in Charles County, Maryland, St. Catherine Church of Alexandria Parish hosted an outside celebration with Commandery #309 Knights assisting with parking for those who attended.

\*First Maryland Regiment held its annual picnic at Gilbert Run Park, in Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

\*Knights of Commandery #309 and Ladies' of Auxiliary #301 participated in the Catholic Charities Program "Meals of Hope" and prepared meals for people in the community. A letter of thanks followed this effort:

*"Hello Mr. Countiss, It was a pleasure meeting you at Sacred Heart. I wanted to thank you for being a partner in our Meals of Hope Mobile Truck and let you know the spaghetti and meatballs were a huge success. We served 95 with your meal.*

*I would truly like to speak with you to see if we can expand our partnership and help our community together...*

*With respect,  
Brenda DiCarlo, Director,  
Southern Maryland Food Bank and Outreach Services"*

### Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, named Reverend Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Largo, Maryland, as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington. The appointment was announced in Washington on March 8. Father Campbell, 69, was born and grew up in Southern Maryland, and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington in 2007.

Father Campbell's first parish assignment was as a parochial vicar at St. Augustine Parish in Washington from



**Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr.**

2007 to 2008, while also taking care of the sacramental needs of Immaculate Conception Parish also in Washington for six months. He was appointed pastor of Assumption Catholic Church in Washington in 2008, where he became a member of Good Shepherd Commandery 302. In 2010 he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Largo.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, ordained Father Campbell, Jr. as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington at a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington on April 21, 2017. The First Regiment of Washington unanimously voted to give Bishop Campbell a monetary donation to help with his transition. Good of the Order

Brothers, please remember that when we gather to meet or to socialize keep in mind those Brothers and Sisters 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*



## Buffalo Grand Commandery

I wish to take this time on behalf of the newly elected Buffalo Grand Commandery Board of Directors and myself to thank all the Knights of the Buffalo Grand Commandery for their trust and confidence in electing us to our posts. The 2017-2019 Buffalo Grand Commandery elected and installed Board of Directors are Maj. Gen. James M. Gibbons II – Grand President, Most Reverend Bishop Richard Malone, BGen. – Spiritual Advisor, Col. Peter Ozemoyah – Grand 1st Vice Pres., Col. Ronald A. Wendel – Grand 2nd Vice Pres., Col. William E. Bauer – Grand Secretary, Lt. Col. William Patterson – Grand Treasurer, Lt. Gen. Thomas J. DeLuca – Judge Advocate, Maj. Ronald Slawinowski – Grand Messenger, 2nd Lt. Joseph Janca – Sgt. At Arms, Capt. Robert A. Schuke-Guard, Lt. Gen. Terrance W. McCann – Trustee, Capt. Anthony K. Stang - Trustee and S.K. Joseph Simon – Trustee. Maj. Joseph Miller and 1st Lt. Timothy Redinger accepted appointments to continue to serve as the Membership Committee Chairmen. I appointed Capt. Vincent Binder as my aide and he accepted the post as Buffalo Grand Commandery Ritual Director. Vince is best known for working with Rev. Thomas Quinlivan in authoring the KSJI “Armor of God Blessing & Investiture Ceremony”.

Buffalo Grand staff and I were honored by the Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo, to attend and participate in the dedication of St. Mary of the Angels RCC in Olean, NY as a Minor Basilica by his Holiness Pope Francis. View the dedication ceremony and extensive work that transformed this beautiful Basilica at <https://www.smaolean.org/>. Before the dedication we received a heartfelt welcome by our Brothers, the Knights of Columbus, Western New York Chapter. We pledged to each other a continued strengthening of our relationship and efforts in supporting our Bishop. After the dedication I had an opportunity to speak with Bishop Malone and asked that he continue as the Buffalo Grand Commandery Spiritual Advisor. Bishop Malone wholeheartedly accepted the post and pledged continued support of the Knights. Bishop Malone supported the KSJI by providing his “Nihil Obstat” for the “Ar-



**The newly elected Bufflo Grand Officers (Seated L to R): Col. Peter Ozemoyah, Brig.Gen. James Setlock, Maj.Gen. James Gibbons, Col. Ronald Wendel, Col. William Bauer, (Standing L to R): Lt.Gen. Thomas DeLuca, Lt .Col. William Patterson, Capt. Anthony Stand, Maj. Ronald Slawinowski, and Lt. Gen. Terrance McCann.**

mor of God Blessing & Investiture Ceremony”. The ceremony approved by the KSJI provides a Local Commandery Commander the opportunity to provide a timely explanation of the KSJI uniform to a newly uniformed Knight within a prayer service that includes exposition and benediction.

Going forward the Buffalo Grand Commandery will meet four times annually. These meetings will incorporate periods of instruction to be known as “School of the Grand Commandery” for Civil and Military elected officers. Civil Officers will receive instructions on governing their Commands. Military Officers will receive instructions on military formations, parades and conducting liturgical turn outs. They will be provided information for obtaining uniform and accoutrements from the KSJI 1880 Military Uniform USA Authorized Vendors. Turn over files for duties and responsibilities will be provided to officers along with all the necessary KSJI forms.

Commandery No. 382’s, Cpl. John Africano Jr., wishes to extend a thank you to all the Knights, family and friends who attended his wife, Kelly’s Mass of Christian Burial on Sat., July 8<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King RCC in Williamsville, NY. Kelly fought a four year battle with an aggressive form of ovarian cancer. We pray for Kelly and the Africano and McGuire families.

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, NY celebrated its annual Venerable Nelson Baker Mass. The Pastor, Rev. Msgr. Paul Burkard served as celebrant with Buffalo Grand Commandery Knights with Knights of Columbus providing a processional honor guard. The Mass remembers the tremendous efforts of Rev.Msgr. Nelson Baker building the Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Infant Home, Orphanage and Maternity Hospital. The Venerable Baker was a Knight of St. John and participated as a celebrant during the Mass to dedicate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment “Parade Rest” Monument in Cheektowaga, NY. The parish congregation, Brother Knights and the entire Western New York faithful pray for Venerable Baker’s canonization.

I wish to thank Maj. Ronald Slawinowski, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Commander for organizing the liturgical processional turn out on August 13<sup>th</sup> for the Erie County Fair Veterans Day Mass and Celebration. Rev. Fabian Maryanski celebrated the Mass. Thank you to all the Knights that turned out to honor our Veterans.

*Fraternal Blessings,  
Maj. Gen. James M. Gibbons II,  
OC, NK, JOH  
Buffalo Grand Commandery  
President*

## *Enugu Grand Commandery*

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KSJI in Nigeria**

This Supreme Subordinate Commandery and Auxiliary Nigeria event took place from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Divine Love Retreat and Conference Centre (DRACC) Emene, Enugu. The location for the event being Enugu, we participated and hosted other brothers and sisters. The event whose theme was KSJI NIGERIA... HARVEST OF FAITH AND CHARITY was very successful during which the "Ground breaking of the Centre of Excellence" was performed and a fund raising ceremony for the project was launched.

### **6<sup>th</sup> West African Summit in Abuja**

This summit held from 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at GRAND IBRO HOTEL, ABUJA, NIGERIA was attended by Knights and Ladies Auxiliary (LAUX) from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and host country Nigeria. Enugu Grand Commandery participated fully in all activities. All in all it was very well organised by Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Nigeria.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Knights of St. John International College (KSJIC) AGBA**

This only college owned by Knights and LAUX of St. John anywhere in the world held her fourth year anniversary of opening its doors to students, both boys and girls, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017. It was also an open day to all invites to see facilities provided by the proprietors to give children quality and solid



academic, social and spiritual foundation in their lives. The occasion served to highlight some challenges such as laboratory equipments for chemistry, physics, biology and technical education. The need for more infrastructure and materials such as electricity transformers, school bus, ICT internet enablement, farm equipments was stressed. Guest donated cash and pledged to erect building. Infact two blocks of building promised are in their advanced stages of completion. Kudos to brother and sisters for their wonderful works of charity and evangelization in the college and surroundings

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

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 12 brothers presented themselves for exemplification and investiture into the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree of the Order. The ceremony which included drills, fatigue and written examination was performed on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 dur-

ing a Holy Mass by the Enugu Grand Spiritual Director, Brig. Gen. Rev. Father Clement Obasi at the temple.

The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification and investiture saw the arrival of 42 aspirants for initiation into the 1<sup>st</sup> degree of the Order. The ceremony which started on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 ended on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Abakakili zone of the grand commandery comprising 10 Local Commanderies presented 20 aspirants of the number. This is a pleasant departure from the past. They were trying to beef up their nominal roll to meet one of the requirements to forming themselves into a grand commandery. Their effort is appreciated.

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

Local commanderies were advised to celebrate the feast within their parishes and visit the less privileged with gifts. This was done as exemplified by the visit of commandery 764 New Haven to a home as shown in the photo attached.

### **Presidential Visits**

In April 2017, the grand president Brig. Gen. Peter Adimorah visited commanderies 414, 638 and 658 to monitor their meeting procedures and make corrections where necessary. It was the turn of commanderies 583 and 764 in May while commaderies 708 and 660 were visited in June.



*Col. Charles Nwakanma  
Enugu Grand Secretary.*

## Jos Grand Commandery

### Report of Jos Grand Commandery Sept. 2016 to Jan. 2017

The following were activities of the Grand Board:

1. The Grand Board out of its regular scheduled meetings, called an emergency meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2016 to organize and plan for the following: **A.)** The forth coming December Initiation/ Exemplification and Investiture. **B.)** Financial obligation to the Supreme Subordinate Commandery. **C.)** Our Spiritual Director, Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Fazing 25<sup>th</sup> Years Thanksgiving Anniversary on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016.

Discussion was made on all these issues, highlighted and far reaching decision were taken for execution.

2. The Grand President Brig. Gen. Paul C. Nsofor, his Grand Secretary Col. Peter Dadieng and his Treasurer Maj. Augustine C. Udoji embarked on visits to the following commanderies as a mural booster and way of supervision, these are St. Theresa Comm. 687, Jos, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016, Holy Cross Comm. 776, Pankshin, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016, St John's Comm. 506, Bauchi, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016, Sacred Heart Comm. 452 Jos, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016, and St. Monica Comm. 688, Jos, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016.

3. The Grand Board hared her initiation, Exemplification and Investiture Programme as scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016. It was successful .

4. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Ordination and installation of the Bishop of Shendam Diocese Monsignor Philip Dung as successor to Late Bishop John Doaman was made. The Grand Commandery and her local Commanderies, represented as well in this occasion .

### Activities from Jos Grand Commandery, 2017

#### 1. Cathedraticum (Bishop Day) Celebration

The Grand Commandery has consistently and religiously continued to carry out its programmes of activities to the delight of the provincial seat of Jos Arch diocese. These include the physical participation and contributions of Brothers and Sisters of various cathedraticum (Bishops Day) celebrations with Christmas along others functions in the province.

#### 2. Grand Pastoral Visit

The Grand Commandery visited the following Commanderies to encourage them in their spiritual and physical developments. This include Comm.



507 Yola (March 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2017), Comm. 687 Jos (April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017), Comm. 477 Maiduguri (April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2107) Comm. 577 Jalingo (May 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017), Comm. 568 Bukuru (June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017) and Comm. 688 St. Monica (July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017). Note: The Grand Commandery is making effort towards restoring Mubi Comm. 644 which was displaced by the Boko Haram Insurgent.

#### 3. Supreme Subordinate Functions

The Grand Commandery also attended all functions of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery including meetings, organized by it successfully. These include the 40<sup>th</sup> KSJI, Nigeria, anniversary celebrations held at DRACC, Emene in Enugu State with the theme: KSJI ..... Harvest of Faith and Charity. We are proud to have contributed financially and morally to this laudable project that shall stand the test of time in the Order.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 the Grand President Brig. General Paul .C. Nsofor and his Grand Secretary attended the Supreme Subordinate Board meeting where decisions were arrived at to enhance the growth of the Order especially as to the directive of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) on tenure of officers to all laity Organization in the church.

#### 4. Lenten Retreat

The Grand Commandery directed all the Commanderies and Laux to have Lenten retreat towards the Easter programme. This is to refreshing the spiritual and moral mind-set of brothers and sisters for their development. While this was done, charity works were also extended to those in needs e.g. IDP Camps, Prisons, Hospitals and Institutions such as the women Catechist School - Kwall.

There were outing Masses held all over the Grand Commanderies to mark

the feast of our patron saint, St. John the Baptist, birthday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

#### 5. The Sixth West African Summit

The 6<sup>th</sup> West African summit of the knight's of St. John International was held here in Nigeria with the Theme "Globalization, the Church and Restructuring of the Knight of St. John International". This was presided by the Supreme Subordinate President of Nigeria, Major General A. I. Okafor. We from Jos Grand Commandery Nigeria participated fully. We encourage the leadership of the summit to keep up the good works it has started and continue to proffer new experiences and developmental strategies from our Catholic faith in the region and to maintain efforts towards intensifying membership drive both English and French speaking countries in the region, with a view to strengthening our fraternity.

#### 6. Initiation

The Grand Commandery held her second and third degree initiation ceremonies, with the Theme: "Mary the Handmaid of the Lord". Ten new members were added to the commandery.

#### 6. Conclusion

The commandery is grateful to God for the spiritual and physical progress of her members both in health, mind and body. We also thank God for the successful journeys we do embark always. Our greatest challenge however, has been the fact that our terrain is a difficult one such that we sometimes take 8 hours drive to a commandery distance. With the insecurity bedeviling our region, we always seek your prayers.

*Brig. Gen. P.C. Nsofor  
Jos Grand President  
Col. Peter Dadieng  
Jos Grand Secretary*

## New York Grand Commandery

### District 4 Delegates & Business Meetings

The Second Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery 680, Newark, NJ, on June 3, 2017. At this meeting the District Delegates and Officers resolved to implement the New York Grand Commandery's directives for the District to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees' Exemplification of qualified candidates in District Four. A three-man committee made up of the three commanders of the commanderies in the district were appointed to go and work out the modus operandi for this exemplification in accordance with the KSJI Supreme guidelines.

### Feast of St. John the Baptist

All the Commanderies in the District honored the Feast of Patron Saint John the Baptist with Eucharistic Masses and private dancing parties in their various locations with their priests and parishioners respectively on June 25, 2017. Field reports indicate that every Commandery had a joyful celebration.

### New York Grand Convention 2017

New York Grand Commandery and Ladies Auxiliary Bi-Annual Convention was hosted by Commandery 41 in Utica New York, from Friday May, 5, to Sunday, May 7, 2017. The theme of the Convention was "We are many Parts, We are all One Body". Members of the Knights and Ladies from all the Commanderies in New York participated in this Bi-Annual Convention. Progress Reports were presented from all Cabinet Officers and the Field Officers of the New York Grand Commandery. The Convention featured election of officers and Trustees. Brig. Gen. John R. Russo, Sr, was reelected as New York Grand President for the term 2017 – 2019. There was memorial Mass and lighting of candles in honor of the dead. Memorial Mass was conducted by the New York Grand Spiritual Director – Col. Monsignor Anselm Nwaorgu and he was assisted by Rev. Fr. Erasmus Okere, Commandery 680 Chaplain. The Convention was rounded off with a Eucharistic Mass and Parade at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church, Utica New York on Sunday May 7th. The



**Conventioneers after the Memorial Mass.**

Parade was commanded by Lt. Gen. Thom Zdanowicz, Supreme Secretary. Goodwill messages were received from the Bishop of Syracuse, Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham and the Oneida County. All participants went home happy and fulfilled. Congratulations to the Officers and Organizing Committee of Commandery 41 for hosting a successful convention.

For full photo documentary of the Convention please visit the New York Grand Website: <http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand>

### Monsignor Nwaorgu's Silver Jubilee Anniversary

The Spiritual Director of the New York Grand Commandery, Col. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Ph.D, celebrated his 25 years ordination to the priesthood on Friday, June 30, 2017. The Eucharistic Mass was held at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark, NJ followed by a banquet at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place, Newark. Commandery 680 Knights and Ladies Auxiliary (the home Parish of Msgr. Nwaorgu) processed and mounted a guard in his honor.

### Commandery News

Commandery 680 had School of the Knights on Sunday, June 25, 2017. During the workshop, Rev. Fr. Erasmus Okere, the Chaplain, presented a paper on "The Role of Knights in Catholic Church". Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu, the Commander, gave an overview of the Military in the Knights of St. John and presented a paper titled "The Armor of God". Major Charles Abiakwe,

former District 4 Commander, spoke on the Rituals in the Order of Knights of John. Four new members were initiated into the Order of KSJI during the regular business meeting of Commandery 680 on that day and were blessed by the Chaplain during their outing service in the Eucharistic Mass. The new initiates are Emmanuel Ibe, Lawrence Ibe, Emmanuel Owowo and Francis Njoku.

### Good of the Order

Our hearty congratulations to the following brothers from District 4 who were appointed to serve in the interim administration of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery United States: Brig. Gen. Francis Kollie – Supreme Subordinate Secretary, and Col. Bruce Stowers – Supreme Subordinate Trustee. We wish them God's guidance and strength to discharge their duties with decorum and high sense of responsibilities.

### Upcoming Events

**September 30, 2017:** New York Grand Pilgrimage 2017, Day of Reflection - Villa of Our Lay Retreat House, Mt. Poconos, PA .

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees:** Exemplification in the 4<sup>th</sup> District - TBD.

**4<sup>th</sup> District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting:** Commandery 626 New York (TBD).

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

## Togo Grand Commandery

L'Ordre de Saint Jean International au Togo a été très actif ces dernières semaines.

D'abord, le samedi 12 novembre 2016, à la Paroisse Notre Dame de la Rédemption de Bè-Klikamé, s'est tenue une messe de requiem pour le repos de l'âme des défunts de l'Ordre des Chevaliers de Saint Jean International.

Sous la présidence du RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, Colonel et Aumônier diocésain de l'Ordre de Saint Jean International au Togo, et du RP Achille d'ALMEIDA, Premier Lieutenant et Aumônier paroissial de Saint Esprit de Totsi.

C'est une occasion pour les membres de Saint Jean International au Togo de raviver leur espérance face à la mort tout en priant pour «les frères et sœurs défunts ; ce sont ceux là qui ont vécu avec eux et avec lesquels ils ont fait la route ensemble. Selon le RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, tous les morts méritent la prière car c'est un passage. Dieu qui est fidèle et juste les ressuscitera car ils ont servi l'Eglise et répondu à l'appel du Seigneur.

Ensuite, le dimanche 20 novembre 2016, les Chevaliers et Dames Auxiliaires avec les Juniors et Cadets se sont retrouvés à la Paroisse Saint Esprit de Totsi pour la remise de la charte de la nouvelle Commanderie Saint Esprit N°878 de Totsi avant de rejoindre Bè Klikame le 27 novembre 2016 et Adidogomé le 04 décembre 2016 pour respectivement les Commanderies Notre Dame de la Rédemption N°879 de Bè Klikamé et Marie Mère du Rédempteur N°880 d'Adidogomé. Toutes les cérémonies ont été présidées par RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, Colonel et Aumônier diocésain de l'Ordre de Saint Jean International au Togo et assisté par les RP Achille d'ALMEIDA, Nestor YEDENA et l'Abbé Florentin TOKOU à Totsi ; Emmanuel MAWUSSI et Maxime HONFO à Klikamé ; Elias AFOLA à Adidogomé. Le RP Sébastien BOCCOVI a profité pour demander aux fidèles de s'engager dans l'Ordre RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, Colonel et Aumônier diocésain de l'Ordre de Saint Jean International



au Togo. Pour lui, les membres de l'Ordre doivent être fiers de l'Eglise, fiers d'eux-mêmes. Ils doivent défendre l'Eglise, vivre avec elle, avoir le sens de l'Eglise. Les membres de l'Ordre doivent être témoins du Christ.

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The Knights of St. John International in Togo has been very active in recent weeks.

At first, on Saturday, November 12th, 2016, in the Parish Notre-Dame of the Redemption of Bè-Klikamé, is kept a requiem for the rest of the soul of the deceased of the Knights of St. John International in Togo.

Under the chair of the RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, Colonel and diocesan Chaplain of the Order of Saint John International in Togo, and of the RP Achille d'ALMEIDA, First Lieutenant and parochial Chaplain of Saint Esprit de Totsi.

It is an opportunity for the members of St. John International in Togo to revive their hope in the face of the death while praying for "the dead brothers and the sisters; are the ones there who lived with them and with whom they made the road together. According to the RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, every deaths deserves the prayer because it is a passage. God who is faithful and just will resuscitate them because they served the Church and answered to the appeal of the Lord.

Then, on Sunday, November 20th, 2016, the Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries with the Juniors found themselves in the Parish Saint Esprit of Totsi for the delivery of the charter of new Commandery Saint Esprit No. 878 de Totsi before joining Bè Klikame on November 27, 2016 and Adidogomé on December 4, 2016 for respectively Commanderies Notre Dame de la Rédemption N°879 of Bè Klikamé and Marie Mère du Rédempteur N°880 d'Adidogomé.

All the ceremonies were chaired by RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, Colonel and diocesan Chaplain of the order of St. John International in Togo and assisted by the RP Achille d'ALMEIDA, Nestor YEDENA and Abbot Florentin TOKOU over Totsi; Emmanuel MAWUSSI and Maxime HONFO to Klikamé; Elias AFOLA to Adidogomé. The RP Sébastien BOCCOVI took advantage to ask the believers to make a commitment in the Order RP Sébastien BOCCOVI, Colonel and diocesan Chaplain of the St. John International in Togo. For him, the members of the Order must be proud of the Church, proud of themselves. They have to defend the Church, live with her, have a sense of the Church. The members of the Order have to witness the Christ.

*Jules Anani AMU  
#364 Saint Augustin d'Amutivé*



*(Supreme President from page 4)*

State of New York Laws, finalize our aggressive balanced budget, stabilize our relations with the Bishops Conference in Nigeria, promote growth, continue to unite the membership with the leadership of our order, etc., all while hosting a Convention. None of what has been done could have been accomplished without the oversight of our Lord, and the trust established between myself, our leadership, and, most importantly, our membership. I had promised to move our organization into the future by recognizing that the words of all members shall be heard, leadership and membership working together is the true formula for success, and the maintaining of our principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity will guide us to the resolve of anything placed in front of us. I renew my promise to all the membership of the Knights of St. John International to fulfill my responsibility of protecting our organization, not only because the constitution demands me to, but because in my heart, soul and mind, it is the morally right thing to do. May God bless us all and may He continue to allow us to do His work.

*Respectfully,  
Gen. Frank Waseleski  
Supreme President*

*(Supreme Secretary from page 4)*

the area and its sights while you are in the City of Brotherly Love.

Looking to the future, the Supreme Convention will be held July 18-21, 2018. Time to start promoting it to all your Commanderies. On July 16-17, 2018 the Supreme Advisory Board will meet for the very first time. Wouldn't it be great if ALL of our Grand Presidents could be present? The Supreme Executive Board will also be meeting at the very same time, and I am sure that we will all be there.

*We pray for our brothers In Sierra Leone, that they and their families are unaffected by this terrible catastrophe in their homeland.*

*God Bless and Protect us all,  
Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz  
Supreme Secretary*

## In Memoriam

Commandery:

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 172 Richmond, IN                        | Joe Fuller                      |
| 281 Lorain, OH                          | James Grasso, Sr.               |
| 200 Ft. Laramie, OH                     | Richard Wehrman                 |
| 282 St. Wendel, IN                      | Raymond Stratton                |
| 282 St. Wendel, IN                      | Norbert Yelling                 |
| 313 Maria Stein, OH                     | Roman Hausfekd                  |
| 313 Maria Stein, OH                     | Bernard Hoying                  |
| 345 Haubstadt, IN                       | Gene Pohl                       |
| 368 Kumasi, Ghana                       | F.K. Boakye                     |
| 368 Kumasi, Ghana                       | Peter Antwi                     |
| 391 Lackawanna, NY                      | Rev. Fr. Robert McArtney        |
| 411 Wa, Ghana                           | Theotine Dakyie                 |
| 419 Odumase-Krobo, Ghana                | Rev. Anthony Djimatey           |
| 422 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria                | Marcellinus M. Akuneme          |
| 430 Nsukka, Enugu, Nigeria              | Simon Olijj                     |
| 430 Nsukka, Enugu, Nigeria              | Edmund I. Iwueke                |
| 431 Adabraka, Ghana                     | Joseph Eddie Lamptey            |
| 433 Orlu, Imo, Nigeria                  | Gilbert Nnebuo                  |
| 445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria                  | Lawrence Chukwuemeka Nwanya     |
| 445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria                  | Sylvanus Anyadike Nwosu         |
| 445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria                  | Dr. Clement Obineze Maduako     |
| 460 Pt. Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria       | Joseph Okwara                   |
| 460 Atali-Pt. Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria | Cletus Njoku                    |
| 469 Owerri, Imo, Nigeria                | Sylvester Ibe                   |
| 480 Kwahu-Tafo, Ghana                   | Emmanuel Afari                  |
| 482 Abeka-Accra, Ghana                  | Jacob Kojo Magbo                |
| 482 Abeka-Accra, Ghana                  | Doncia Yinamyah                 |
| 561 NguruMbaise, Imo, Nigeria           | Festus Anyanwu                  |
| 564 IsialaMbano, Imo, Nigeria           | Lazarus Ekejiuba                |
| 564 IsialaMbano, Imo, Nigeria           | Francis Duru                    |
| 633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria             | Leonard Emeka Onah              |
| 633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria             | Ohanachom Alphonsus Chukwuemeka |
| 676 Trenton, NJ                         | Kojo Amponsah                   |
| 740 Adoagyir, Eastern Reg., Ghana       | Charles Dominick Akligo         |
| 745 Kaleo, Ghana                        | Patrick Daanaah                 |
| 843 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria      | Benedict Jones Ogowo            |

**June, 2017 to September, 2017**

### ~ 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 MAXIMUM.**

Articles submitted after the deadline (see page 6) will be included on a space available basis.

*Thank you for your assistance.*

## MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 15, 2018

(OFFICIAL)

September 1, 2017

General Order No. 1

To: Major General Sean Dey, 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, 2018.

You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than January 15, 2018.

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  
21515 Military, Dearborn, MI 48124, USA  
September 1, 2017

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, 2017; 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, 2018. 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, 2018. 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, 2018.

By Command of Major General Sean Dey,  
KSJI, Supreme Commandery, Inspector General.