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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings my dear Brothers. Another year has just about passed, and we continue to push to progress and move our great organization forward. I wish to thank all the officers and, most importantly, the members that understood the direction I have attempted to lead our order. As much as we have progressed to be capable of sustaining the changes needed to survive and prosper in the 21st Century, we still have much more work ahead of us. Fighting within has never resolved any problems and we need to emphasize that every member has the constitutional right to express their opinion. We may agree, but if we don't, we should discuss a common ground for the betterment of our organization, just as the Lord taught us by His own actions. We will discuss some of these issues as we move forward in the New Year.

At this time I personally, and on behalf of your entire Supreme Executive Board of Directors, wish all of our members and their families, a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. This holiday season should be a time that we thank our Lord for what he has given us, but more importantly, what we can give to those in need. As I sit down with my family to enjoy our dinner for the holidays, I can't help but think of so many that do not have a meal, clothing, shelter, and more so, those with no family or support in life. We will continue to reach out to those in need as a family, and we pray that you and your families will join us. May God Bless you all, and again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Lord grant us the health and strength to practice the faith of our order ~ FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

*General Frank Waseleski, Sr.
Supreme President*



SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Usually I never worry about what I will be putting down in this quarterly message to you. Somehow, somehow, through divine intervention I am inspired and I have a topic worthy of your time.

This time I have drawn a blank and the only thing on my mind is preparing for the onslaught of Year-End Reports I will be receiving from every local commandery in this Great Order. Right?

By the time you read this, those report forms will have made it to your local president, and your esteemed secretaries will be completing them once your December elections have been decided. If any of you do not have the forms, I suggest that you contact your Grand Secretary and/or your Supreme Subordinate Secretary to report the omission and request the forms.

While this is not new, I repeat that it is vital that they be completed and received by my office no later than January 15, 2019. The data that you provide me is critical to the preparation of your Per Capita Tax Invoices, which I am sure you are all anxious to receive. If you have any confusion regarding how to complete these forms, call and ask for help from your Grand President/Secretary. They will oblige you. Be sure to include a copy of your current roster along with that report.

The Password for 2019 has also been sent to your Local President. He has been directed to share it with you at your January 2019 meeting and not sooner.

I am counting on all of you to complete these reports and send a copy, along with your current roster, to both your Grand Secretary and Supreme Subordinate Secretary as soon as possible. Let's make an effort to get them in and experience a year where no local commandery is fined for not being in compliance.

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

May Jesus Christ, who is always present to our every need, be with you!

One of the themes that resonates in scripture is faith. If we live our lives based on faith, so much can happen and even our spiritual lives can deepen. Maintaining faith in our lives can lead us to the fulfillment of eternal life. Praying with sincere faith can also make a change on our life journey.

There have been many events that occurred in our areas. Those events include government elections, on-going wars, violence, sickness, and personal issues. Some of these events are beyond our control, while others can be resolved through prayer, faith, and action. Let us use our faith, and prayer, to make a change in these areas for the good.

We will be entering two wonderful seasons of grace where faith, hope, and action will engage us to participate in. The seasons of Advent and Christmas will call us to deepen our faith in God, and to put our faith into action. Be open to what these seasons of grace can do for us and everyone around us.

Always ask God to increase your faith, then put it into action. Do this to glorify him and to mark our place in the eternal kingdom.

You remain in my prayers in a special way, especially during these seasons of Advent and Christ Christmas. Be blessed.

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Peace and blessings,

*Msgr. Federico Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*

MUSTER & INSPECTION ORDER

Reports must be filed before January 15, 2019

(OFFICIAL)

September 1, 2018

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, 2019.

You will submit a full and detailed report of the results of said inspection not later than May 15, 2019.

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

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

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September 1, 2018

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, 2018; 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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, 2019.

By Command of Major General Sean Dey,
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September, 2018 to December, 2018

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| 804 Bori, Rivers State, Nigeria | Rev. Fr. Ebenezer Obeng, Isaac Amponsah Ankrah, Seth Bernie Enning, Eric Tagbe, Emmanuel Addai, Maxwell Dorgbefu, Jr., Paul Kofi Appiah, Evans AsareDanso, Kennedy Effah |
| 828 Wiaga, Ghana | Henry Sofa, EmekaNnadi, AfamAnijekwu |
| 836 Tanuso, Ghana | Celestine Nebechie |
| 843 Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria | Uwefoh Dele Joseph, Charles AmadiNgozi |
| 849 Darkoman, Ghana | |
| 856 Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria | |

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KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN INTERNATIONAL 69th ANNUAL NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 26 to April 28, 2019

**AMF Pin O Rama Lanes
1724 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13502**

Friday, APRIL 26- Supreme Officers Match- Time TBD
Saturday, APRIL 27- Doubles/Singles- 10 AM and *2 PM
Sunday, APRIL 28- 4 Man Team Event- 10 AM and *1 PM

Please note the second squad will only be used if the first squad is full.

Entries Close- Friday April 5, 2019

All Entries **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by Saturday April 6, 2019

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Reservations Close on Friday, March 1, 2019

*Note Captains from the last three tournaments have received applications, if interested; please contact
the chairman at 315-723-7585 or email bgenjoe@gmail.com for an application. Applications will also be
available on The Knights of St. John International web site.

Make your plans NOW!

(Welcome New Members from page 6)

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| 881 Kasoa, Ghana | Stephen N-EbeYomoh, Eric Kwame Anku, Eric EkowEssel, Louis KossiSogbo, Thaddeus Seidu, KugbegaDelaliKwami |
| 899 Bogoso, Ghana | Ernest Kofi Andoh, Richard AmoahBaidoo, Mark Anthony Ampah, Richmond Hagan |
| 903 Nkwabeng, Ghana | Thomas G. Magbindo, Ebenezer A. Agalga, Andrew Faisal Yakubu |
| 906 Bolgatanga, Ghana | Cletus Akane, Lawrence Awinsongya, Joseph Stanley Asanbangni, Anthony Akaluti, Samuel AokatengSaffoh, Roland AboyingaAzemetiba |
| 909 Tamale, Ghana | Solomon Aboachie, Thomas Mensah Monnie, Guy BebulOnipuo |
| 910 Omuebulu-Etche, Rivers, Nigeria | SebastineUwenEssien, AlphonsusOkey Iroegbulam, Chris I. Estsegbe, Patrick kechukwuEzefule, Chris Chinonye Nwachukwu |
| 912 Fiapre, Ghana | Augustine Adjei, Stephen Ananyele, Francis OpongYeboah, Charles Abu Nsiah, Sacramentus Philip NotsugloAmedorme, Raphael Ansah, KizitoOheneAkuffu |
| 918 Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria | Nicholas Itulua. Peter EzeOkechukwu, Moses Ugheoke |
| 920 Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria | Ozochukwu Joseph Ugwu, Nwankwo Louis Chima, Ibeh Maxwell Eguzie, Ezeanya O. Colllyns, Echendu Martins |

Onitsha Grand Commandery

The Onitsha Grand Commandery on Wednesday 21st March 2018 paid a courtesy call on the Archbishop of Onitsha. The Grand Commandery team was led by the Grand President Brig. Gen. Evarist Uba and the Grand Respected President Sister Anderline Chukwudebelu. Other Grand Officer Knights and Laux, Presidents of Local Commanderies and Auxiliaries within the Onitsha Metropolis were also in the team. The Grand Commandery made a presentation of a Cheque of #1million Naira in support of the skill acquisition centre project of the Archbishop.

The Onitsha Grand Commandery also on the 6th day of July 2018 paid a courtesy call on the Bishop of Nnewi Diocese. The Grand team and the Local Commandery Presidents and Auxiliary within Nnewi were also part of the team. The Grand Commandery also made a presentation of a Cheque of ½ a million Naira in support of the Bishop's project in the Diocese.

The Onitsha Grand Commandery of the Knights of St. John International is made up of 15 Local Commanderies – 8 of these Commanderies are in Onitsha Archdiocese while 7 others are in Nnewi Diocese. Thus the Grand Commandery pays homage to the Archbishop of Onitsha and the Bishop of Nnewi.

Cathedraticum/Chrism - Mass:

The Onitsha Grand Commandery in furtherance of her charitable works also present 9 cows to the Archbishop



of Onitsha and 6 cows to the Bishop of Nnewi during the presentations of gifts in the 2018 Cathedraticum/Chrism-Mass. All Local Commanderies also made presentation of various gift items to their host parishes.

Feast of St. John”

On the 24th day of June 2018, the Onitsha Grand Commandery celebrated the Feast of St. John the Baptist in Grand style. All brothers and sisters within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery were turned out for the celebration. Over 1000 brothers and sisters graced the occasion. At 9.00 hours all brothers and sisters in their Military Uniform Assembled at the Basilica field and moved in procession to the frontage of the Basilica where a Guard of Honour was mounted. The Representative of the Archbishop of Onitsha alongside the Grand President inspected the Guard

of Honour. Brothers and sisters thereafter moved in procession into the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity for the celebration of the solemn High Mass. Brothers and sisters participated in the fund raising ceremony (project Sunday) of the Basilica Parish. Over eight hundred thousand Naira was realized in the fund raising ceremony. A route match around the Basilica also took place and terminated at the Bishop Shanahan Hall Venue for the reception of brothers, sisters, cadet, junior and our invited Guests. A Guest Lecturer also delivered a well research paper on fraternity, and charity. The Grand Commandery presented a Buffet of various Nigeria dishes and drinks for the entertainment of all present. Fund raising, ball room dance, and traditional dances also took place.

*Col. Val. Ikeanyionwu
Grand Secretary*

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New York Grand Commandery

Commandery 676:

Spiritual Director, Fr. Dennis Apoldite Celebrates 40th Anniversary as a Priest

The Spiritual Director of Commandery 676 and Lady Auxiliary 598, Fr. Dennis Apoldite celebrated his 40th. Anniversary as a Priest. In a well-attended Mass and Dinner hosted by the Sacred Heart Parish of October 27, 2018, Fr. Dennis received numerous compliments, gifts and accolades for his services to the Church, the Community and humanity.

Among the participants were the Knights of Comm. #676 and Auxiliary #598 dressed in their regular uniform depicting the important of the day to Fr. Dennis Apoldite. During a brief remark the Acting President of Comm. 676 Capt. Rudolph A. Weedor praised Fr. Apoldite for his Spiritual leadership to the Knighthood, the Church and the community at-large. Capt. Weedor also recounted the history of the Knights of St. John International from its formation to present.

It can be recalled that in July of this year the Arch Diocese of Trenton closed the original home of Comm. 676 and LAX 598 was the Church of the Blessed Sacraments and Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd Parish. The parishioners including the Knights and Ladies of St. John International moved to and merged with The Sacred Heart Parish in Trenton.

*Submitted by:
Capt. Rudolph A. Weedor*

From District 4, New York Grand

News and events from August 1, to October 31, 2018.

New York Grand Retreat 2018:

Day of Reflection - The annual pilgrimage of the New York Grand was held at the Sacred Villa of Our Lady



Capt. Rudolph Weedor presented Fr. Apoldite with a plaque, Knights of St. John International Winter Jack.

Retreat House, Mount Pocono, PA on Saturday, September 8, 2018. The retreat commenced with Reflections by Monsignor (Col.) Anselm Nwaorgu, NY Grand Spiritual Director with the Theme "Human Appetite". In his exaltation, he reminded the Knights and Ladies of the spiritual dangers of magnifying the faults of others while hiding their own faults. There were Stations of the Cross with full Rosary Decades followed by a Eucharistic Mass. In his closing remarks, Grand President, Brig. Gen. John R. Russo, Sr., thanked members for finding time to come and wished them God's Blessings in their travel home.

Noble Degree:

Two Commanderies from District 4 benefitted from the 2018 Noble Degrees Exemplification held at St. Joseph RCC Cathedral, Buffalo, New York (Commandery 626 - 5 candidates, Commandery 680 - 9 candidates). This Degree Exemplification Ceremony drew participants from within and outside the New York Grand.

The Ceremony was officiated by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Malone Th.D, Bishop of Buffalo, New York. During the imposition,

while responding to the call "Yes", "I Do" and "I will", the Bishop charged the new Noble Brothers to be good servants of the Order and humanity and to pursue their calling with zeal and the Grace of the Almighty. Congratulations and best wishes to all our Noble Degree Recipients.

Good of the Order:

In compliance with the Supreme Constitution and the local Commandery by-laws, during the October business meeting, Commandery 680 empaneled both the Chair and Floor Electoral Committees for the conduct of the November and December 2018 general elections into the 2019 - 2020 tenure of Cabinet Officers.

Upcoming Events:

1. Supreme mandated inspections and muster of all the Commanderies in District 4 at Commandery 680, Newark NJ (*Dates TBD*)
2. November 24, 2018: District 4 Quarterly Delegates & Officers Meeting at Blessed Sacrament Church, Commandery 680, Newark NJ.
3. Commanderies' Christmas Parties and End of Year Events.
4. New York Grand Convention: May 3 - 5, 2019. Host: Comm. 626, Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel 154-71 Brookville Blvd Jamaica Queens, NY.

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



Bishop Richard J. Malone's grand entry into the Temple.

<http://ksji.org>

Please go to <http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand> and click on Photos for Full Documentary of the 2018 New York Grand Pilgrimage & Noble Degree Exemplification Ceremonies.

Owerri Grand Commandery

3RD Quarter JGBOT, 25/8/2018

By 9 A.M. a good number of delegates from various commanderies arrived, ready for the day's business.

The immediate past Grand Secretary Col. T.K Nwachukwu said the opening prayer as the Grand Board kicked off after the rosary.

N/Bro. Anthony Erukeme read his welcome address hinting on the success of 2018 Supreme convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA – where our own and immediate past SSC President Nigeria Noble Bro. Anselm Okafor clinched the position of Supreme Commandery 2nd Vice President.

At the Grand hostel, Grand president informed JGBOT members that installation work was on-going. He reiterated that the sole aim of joining KSJI is to make heaven, through charity and spirituality. He therefore called on commanderies in Owerri Grand to help in moving the Grand forward.

At both the JGBOT and Separate sessions the Grand Secretary N/Bro. C.E.J Ibeh read the minutes which were moved, seconded and adopted.

Grand present sounded tougher on Commanderies who appear not to be positively supportive of the Grand.

Col. Colenius Nwaiwu was nominated, sworn in to take the position of G/Sgt at arms which late Sgt.-arms, Bro. Sylvanus Ukaegbu occupied at the last Grand election.

Good of the Order: N/Bro. Eugene Emelano called for uniformity all over Owerri Grand in receiving aspirants into the Order.

Grand Initiation

Wednesday 19 – Friday 21/9/2018

58 candidates got initiated into KSJI Owerri Grand. In the outing mass, Friday 19/9/2018, the homilist, Rev. Fr. Prof. Obilor reiterated that Catholic Church is a church for forgiven sinners.

As Matthew was called, so are the new initiates. He reminded the new initiates that two things stare them on the face, failure or success compelling them to endeavor to attract souls to God through the life they should live henceforth.

The theme of 2018 initiation is "The Knights and Politics" Rev. Fr. Prof. Obilor, enjoined the newly knights to emulate St John the Baptist who was an embodiment of truth, who rose above the politics of his time.

Highlight at the initiation was the manifestation of KSJI as a family



The Emeonalo cadets now KSJI Knights.

apostolate as four children of N/Bro and N/Sister Emelano were among the number initiated into Owerri Grand this 2018.

Squad name is "St. Anthony's Squad" while Carl. Agbai as squad leader and sis. Justina Nwosu as the Laux Squad leader

Bishop Unegbu Chapter of Chevaliers:

Thurs. 25/10 – Fri. 26/10/2018, B.U.C.C initiated 67 brothers into its maiden intake who were exemplified into the 4th degree of our order.

The candidates went through drills, written and oral examinations before 67 were found worthy.

N/Bro. Cele Ozuzu (Col.), Grand Master BUCC addressed the newly exemplified chevalier knights, urging them to be now more dedicated in the duties of KSJI. He further reminded the chevaliers that the emphasis is "PRO DEO ET PATRIA," for God and Country.

A chevalier is a gentleman, not a lousy man who should be desirous to challenge and change any KSJI activity that goes wrong.

4TH Quarter JGBOT: 27/10/2018

Mass for the 4th quarter JGBOT started with Grand Spiritual Director at the head of Eucharistic celebration. Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Njoku in his homily enjoined KSJI members to work collaborately, corroborately and corporately in love so that lofty heights are achieved.

Grand President informed delegates that conveniences are being constructed

for public especially those using Grand open park.

Grand Secretary N/Bro. Col. C.E.J Ibeh read the minutes of previous meeting, after its adopting the JGBOT moved on to discuss on the new GDBS (Grand Death Benefit Scheme) as unveiled, by the committee chairman, Capt. Donatus Onyenanu.

Report on the 2018 AGM was considered too. The Grand President upon receiving the report Okayed the date 6th – 8th December, 2018.

At the AGM, there shall be a drill competition among the Districts in the Grand and prizes shall be won.

In the Spirit of Charity:

OWGC donated ₦200,000 during the 2018 Odenigbo Lecture, a yearly event organized by Catholic Arch. Diocese, Owerri.

Cadet Michael Nwankwo, son of Bro Patrick Nwankwo of 563 Ihitte Etit received a donation ₦38,390 from brothers towards the Cadet's leg tumor.

Good to Note:

Lieut. Vincent Azubuike, is among the 1st set of BUCC exemplified into chevaliers of our Order.

"The way of the church isn't to condemn any one forever; it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy." Remember our sick brothers and sisters, give them a call, prayer, visit, support above all forgive one another.

Lieut. Vincent Azubuike
Owerri Grand Supreme Journal

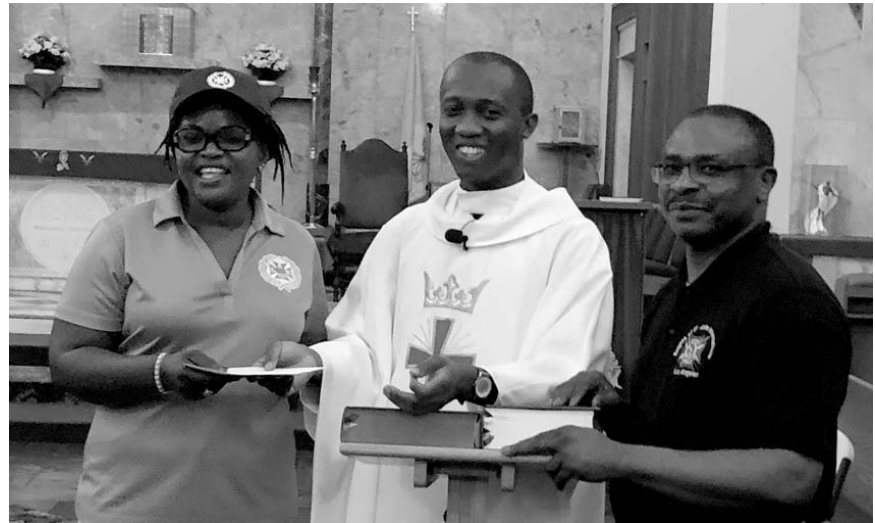
Unattached Commandery

#608 Los Angeles, California

The theme of this year's Retreat is *Let our actions define who we are, as Knights.*

The Los Angeles Commandery held its annual Retreat on Saturday, September 29th, at Saint Eugene Catholic Church Los Angeles. We had a very successful retreat on Saturday the 29th of September 2018. It gets better each year and continues to be a very spiritually fulfilling experience. The turnout was also very impressive.

The Retreat was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Nwokocha. He started with a brief history of the Knighthood and the reason the order is called ancient and noble order. Around 1118 AD a group of men came together as Knights, they came from respected families with important connections. The roads leading to Jerusalem and other holy sites were infested with brigands and muslim raiders that would rob, rape, murder or abduct many of those mak-



ing the journey. The Christian rulers of the city needed help in protecting travelers. The men had taken vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. And their first task, un-

der the obedience, was to patrol the roads.

The Holy See approved the rule of their religious community, the poor brothers of the order of the Temple of Solomon - the Knights Templar. The Templars went on to become the most effective Christian fighting force in the Holy land for nearly 200 years. Father Nwokocha also talked to members about the history of KSJI and its roots in the State of New York in the 1800s. And eventually spread to so many parts of the world today, is one of the only Knighthood that is worldwide.

The Retreat had a very good turnout of brother Knights and the LAUX sisters. Father Nwokocha challenged the brothers' Knights and ladies to understand what it is to be a Knights. To let our actions tell the outside world who we are.

That the choice is ours whether to let people say "No wonder or I wonder" when they come in contact with a brother Knight. We should endeavor to let the outsider say No wonder based on our behaviors and actions, instead of people saying I wonder how he became a knight. We must continue to be Christ-like in our actions.



This year will soon come to an end and 2019, a new and exciting year, will be upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to make our Journal the newsletter that it is today.

From my wife Connie, and myself, from our home to yours ~ may you and yours have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a most Prosperous New Year.

*Brig. Gen. James Schafhausen
Supreme Under Secretary/Journal
1st Vice President, Supreme Subordinate~USA*

*Brother Nicodemus N. Nwuda
History and Publicity
Commandery 608, Los Angeles*

Michigan Grand Commandery

Closing the Deal: The Importance of Being Ready

For the first time in recent memory, the Michigan Grand Commandery's St. Joseph Commandery #239 will finish the year with more members than it began with, and isn't by accident or luck. The Detroit Regiment's efforts to recruit new members in a deliberate, meaningful way has grown the audience of those who know the Knights, what we represent, and what we do significantly. The three new members initiated into the Commandery in 2018 are all from this pool, men who hadn't known of the Knights before and, when they learn about our order, were invited to join.

The bridge among our perspective members from enthusiastic interest to receiving the first degree, though, can be too far. This is a place where we can have a real impact immediately and with very little effort, and without pestering a perspective member with phone calls and repeated attempts to re-engage. Follow this handful of guidelines the next time you're at a turnout (and every time, I hope!):

1. Always have applications ready. If possible, give a blank application to all of your members turning out and ask them to keep it inside the uniform's jacket pocket with a pen. In Detroit, we lose the greatest majority of perspective members between collecting contact information and following-up through e-mail or telephone calls. With an interested



applicant, there's no commitment in filling out the application, but it's a significant barrier out of the way, right away. With a completed application in-hand, that's one fewer hurdle you're asking an otherwise enthusiastic new member to clear.

2. Know how your applicant communicates. All of Detroit's new members this year find it easiest to communicate through Facebook messenger. Some men prefer e-mail, while others prefer phone calls or face-to-face interaction. As an application proceeds through your Com-

mandery's acceptance process, this will be important as you're keeping your perspective new member informed. Which leads us to:

3. Keep your new applicant informed through the process. The process to join the Knights isn't cumbersome—an application, followed by an investigation committee, then a vote at a regular meeting. Depending on the frequency of your meetings, however, this could potentially be a two-month process (or more), so keeping your applicant informed as to where their application sits is crucial. Aside from reminding them that their application isn't forgotten (and that it is, indeed, important to us), they gain important insight into how your Commandery operates—an important step as you seek to bring them into the fold.

Communities that don't grow will die, and the Knights of St. John is too important to the future of the Church and the role of everyday men in the Church to allow us to stand by idly. If you're having difficulty with your recruiting efforts (or just want a few more tips), please reach out: dgossiau@umich.edu.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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

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

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

PLEASE LIMIT ENTRIES TO ONE (1) PAGE MAXIMUM.

Articles submitted **after the deadline** (see page 8) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Fraternally,
General Dale Gossiaux*

Kentucky Grand Commandery

Greetings from Commandery #103 in Louisville, Kentucky. Sunday November 11, 2018 was very busy for our commandery. We celebrated with a 10:30 A.M. Mass at St. Lawrence for our deceased members. The members included from commandery #103 were John Lavey, Joesph Brown, Louis James, and James Beinlein; and from Anxillary #42 Brenda Hodge, and Phyllis Ritchie. After Mass, we held our annual Chilli Super that started at 2 P.M. in the Knights of St. John's Hall.



*Fraternally,
Tony Cloe
Commandery #103*



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Send your comments or suggestions for souvenir items, food, activities, etc. that would interest you and that would improve your convention experience.

We would like to hear from you.

Enugu Grand Commandery

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHURCH:

Enugu Grand Commandery will continue to partner with Bishops.

Enugu Grand Commandery is determined to having cordial relationships with the local Ordinary (Bishops), within the 3 Catholic Church jurisdiction of Abakaliki, Awgu & Enugu Dioceses. The Grand has been playing key roles within these dioceses, both with visible and tangible efforts - in the area of moral, financial and physical support of ongoing and current project at Parish and Diocesan levels. Brothers and Sisters also did not forget support toward the clergy, religious training of seminarians and nuns, etc.

Rooted in Gospel values that affirm the dignity of every person, Enugu Grand Commandery answered the call of the Bishop of Abakaliki Diocese for collaboration to ensure meaningful participation of people in all aspects of the life of the Church and society, through education. This lead to the establishment of only KSJI College located at Akwuruakwe, Agba, Ishielu LGA. Ebonyi State, in Nigeria.

The objective of Enugu Grand Commandery is "Evangelization through Education." The Grand believes that on reaching out to the rural areas, the good health of country will be enhanced, with the quality education of her citizens.



Bishop Michael Okoro, with Brig. Gen. Obu, Sister Bridget Ogbologu, Enugu Grand LAUX President and Rev. Dr. Fr. Clement Obasi, Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Edward Nwachi, Abakaliki Diocesan Director of Education.

Recently, the Grand President, Brig. Gen. Gilbert Obu led his Board to visit the Bishop of Abakaliki Dioceses, to introduce his team and to update the Bishop on affairs of the College.

Enugu Grand Commandery, in still battling with her answer to the call of the Bishop of Abakaliki Diocese, on the objective of pursuit of Knowledge and Evangelization in the Diocese of Abakaliki. Quality education is a means of cooperating with God to overcome evil and bring out the best in the human person.

All the local Commanderies and LAUX have their assigned evangelization activities, not only for sponsoring Students. Enugu Grand Commandery is appeal to Commanderies around the world to collaborate with us on this laudable program, to help alleviate the financial burden arising from the establishment of the College in a very rural setting.

*Phil Ezeogu
Grand Secretary*

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Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Blessing of the Fleet

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, in Colton Point, Maryland, Knights participated in the 51st annual Blessing of the Fleet celebrating the founding of Maryland in 1634. The Blessing of the Fleet commemorates our founder's legacy of our birth right to religious tolerance and religious freedom in America due to the wisdom and grace of our first Catholic settlers. Knights assembled in uniform and marched in the parade with the Knights of Columbus, local high school marching band and a host of groups.

Devotion to our Blessed Mother (The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima)

Today, more than ever, the world needs peace. To obtain peace, our Lady has offered us a concrete plan through the message of Fatima. As requested by Rev. Martin Flum, Pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Baden, Maryland, Knights assembled in uniform and participated with church members in the Church's Devotion to our Blessed Mother (The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima) 6:00pm Mass. After the conclusion of Mass, all lined up behind the statue of Our Lady supported by four men in the Parish and recited the Rosary while processing around the Church. Later, a Healing Ceremony was offered.



Vigil with the Pilgrim Statue concluded the Devotion.

Black Catholic Mass

The Knights of St. John were invited to participate in a Black Catholic Mass. The Mass was held at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, in Baltimore, Maryland on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 10:30a.m. The Mass celebrated black Catholics involvement in the Catholic Church in Baltimore, MD. Knights assembled in uniform or black suit with white gloves and assisted as escorts.

Events/Activities

Ascension Commandery #283 continued its generous support of the Bowie Interfaith Pantry and

Emergency Aid Fund in Bowie, Maryland. The Commandery donated a large amount of food items (approximately \$400 worth) to the pantry that will make a difference in the lives of all who come to the pantry for food assistance. Clarence Thomas, Sergeant Joseph Bates, and Gerald Wood of Commandery #283 helped with the stocking of the pantry.

Sacred Heart Commandery #309 and Sacred Heart Auxiliary #301 assembled and distributed fifty (50) Thanksgiving baskets to and provided them to families in the community

Good of the Order

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, please give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior for His many blessings. Also, as we approach Advent let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. 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, Maryland Regiment*



(Supreme Secretary from page 4)

We will soon be celebrating the Festival of Christmas. God's gift to us. A Man-God born of Mary in a manger. His destiny to set an example of love and compassion for mankind and then to suffer a humiliating death to free us all from sin. My sincere wishes for all of you is that you are comfortably surrounded by the warmth, love and devotion of your family and friends during this Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas.

Deus lo Vult

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

SPECIAL NOTICE

To all Knights members
in the
Supreme Subordinate-USA

If you work with children, Cadets or Juniors, it is mandatory that you complete the "Protecting God's Children" program, with background checks and finger printing. With the allegations of abuse by our clergy and church leaders we must never let the integrity of our members come into question.

Fraternally,

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

**SIGN UP
A
NEW
MEMBER
TODAY**

In Memoriam

September, 2018 to December, 2018

Commandery:

41 Utica, NY
58 Louisville, KY
59 Reading, OH
59 Reading, OH
94 Covington, KY
100 Scotia, NY
100 Schenectady, NY
103 Louisville, KY
103 Louisville, KY
171 Sterling Hgts., MI
171 Sterling Hgts., MI
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220 Oldenburg, IN
243 Batesville, IN
282 Evansville, IN
300 Ft. Laramie, OH
300 Ft. Laramie, OH
300 Ft. Laramie, OH
309 La Plata, MD
345 Oakwood City, IN
366 Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia
366 Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia
366 Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia
382 West Seneca, NY
385 Utica, NY
385 Utica, NY
385 Utica, NY
392 Tamale, Ghana
392 Tamale, Ghana
393 Sunyani, Ghana
405 Tema, Ghana
405 Tema, Ghana
416 Techiman, Ghana
422 Trans Ekilu, Enugu State, Nigeria
422 Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria
426 Nandom, Ghana
427 Jirapa, Ghana
445 Aba Ishiagu, Ebonyi State, Nigeria
445 Aba Umuhia, Abia State, Nigeria
445 Aba Mbieri, Imo State, Nigeria
447 Lagos, Lagos State, Nigeria
448 Duala, Monrovia, Liberia
469 Ikwuato L.G.A., Abia State, Nigeria
475 Monrovia, Monrovia, Liberia
479 UmualamukuEhime,Mbano, Nigeria
484 South Suntreso, Ghana
486 Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria
486 Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria
486 Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria
511 Nnewi, Anambra State, Nigeria
512 Ihiala, Anambra State, Nigeria
515 Bawku, Ghana
520 London, England
564 IsialaMbano, Imo State, Nigeria
564 IsialaMbano, Imo State, Nigeria
573 Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria
578 Lae, Grand Bassa, Liberia
587 Nkpor, Anambra State, Nigeria
605 Paynesville, Monrovia, Liberia
618 Kpehe, Accra, Ghana
654 Alike Obowo, Imo State, Nigeria
657 OkwukuYala, Cross River State, Nigeria
683 Tamale, Ghana
701 Itam, Akwa-Ibom, Nigeria
756 Drobo, Ghana
817 New Abrem, Ghana
865 Awo - Omamma, Imo State, Nigeria
886 Gboko, Benue State, Nigeria
904 Ahwiaa, Ghana

Chad Jennings
James "Jimmy" Beinlein
Joseph Haeuffle
Roger Mattscheck
William Janzen
Thomas Winkler
Richard (Dick) Daly
Louis James
James Beinlein
Clifford Wenner
Charles O'Neil
John Sniez
Louis Simmermeyer
Ron Harmeyer
James A. Erick Hoff
Louis H. Hilgefert
Miren R. Wical
Leo J. Meyer
Allen Brawnier
Kenneth Martin
Emmanuel G. Singbeh
Lemuel E.A. Reeves
Moses Dweh
Gary Vargovich
Frank Jakubowski
Geno Roefaro
Angelo Simone
Raymond Benebr
Lawrence Dumtono
Romulus Dompal
Dr. Francis Darko
Jude KwenorteyAgudah
Linus Baba Puakyine
Leo Anokwu
Charles ObiyoAbakporo
IvonAabind
Matthew AppietuTwum-Barima
Emmanuel Aja Arochi
Felix U. Atulomah
Gregory C. Echeozor
Vincent Ike
Prince Tuley
ChristianIheliakor
J. SokoKandakai
Patrick Nwokenna
Joseph AdomakoBaafi
Eugene Amaju
Emmanuel Idoko
Emmanuel Ayar
Ernest Onwuta
Innocent Ohazulike
Agbango JosephAyaawin
Shole Jacobs
Anthony EberechukwuAnabi
Polycarp Ogbuji
Pius Adzuo
Prince P. Jobo
John Ilongwo
Cyril B. Rennie
Michael UbaldTantuo
Vitus Anydunwu
Raphael Yjoh
Martin Ewuntomah
Joseph E. Udoh (Calabar Grand President)
William Afful
Anthony Addo
Benjamin Ihuarulam
David Eje
John AttahDuah, Jr.