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TRANSIT LANES

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Phone 716-632-3838

Friday, April 22 – Supreme Officers Match – 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 23 – Doubles/Singles – 10 AM and 2 PM if necessary

Sunday, April 24 – 4 Man Team Event – 10 AM and 1 PM if necessary

Entries Close – Friday, April 1, 2016

All Entries **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by Saturday April 2, 2016

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Please Mention Group Code – **Knights of St. John Bowling.**

Reservations Close on Wednesday March 23, 2016.

Note: Captains from the last three tournaments have received applications, if interested; please contact the chairman at 315-723-7585 or email commandery41sports@yahoo.com for an application.

The prize fee has been increased based on 25 teams participating
the winning team will receive at least \$440.00.

The All Events Portion of the tournament will not be held. All Prize Money will be paid out
Sunday morning after bowling is completed.

Note: If anyone is interested in hosting the 2017 tournament please contact the chairman
at 315-723-7585, the tournament will be held on April 21, 22 and 23, 2017.

Make your plans NOW!

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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my brothers of the Knights of St. John International.

As this article is being written, we are just a couple of days before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. I started to think about the reason for this season. We are 40 days out from the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are to use this time to examine our lives and how we've been living it in our faith and how we have been interacting with our fellow man. Are we living our lives in the way Christ lived His? I would guess that for those of us, including myself, who are not yet saints, the answer is no, but we have another opportunity to do just that, and for that we are thankful!

Christ's gift to us was His sacrifice upon the cross whereby He redeemed us and made us, Like Him, acceptable to God, our Almighty Father! That was a gift like no other. Since the beginning, when God created man, which was THE greatest gift, we have the chance, when we pass from this earth, to once again face our Creator and enter into His Kingdom. Remember that gift throughout these forty days; pray for the redemption of all men, so that they too may enter into His Kingdom. And, at the end of this time of prayer, penance and fasting, we celebrate Christ's Resurrection over death, because we know then that death does not hold sway over us? Alleluia!

I would like to give you a little update on some of the goings on. The Supreme Constitution Revision Committee has been hard at work with the proposed revisions regarding the reorganization of the board. There are a number of proposals, published in this issue, that, if approved at convention, will keep us compliant with New York state law regarding non-profit corporations. Please read them carefully. If there are any questions on them, I would

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Most of you probably remember the chaos that resulted at the past few Supreme Conventions when delegates attempted to pick up – change – modify – their credentials and obtain their ballots. It created a pandemonium that was a disgrace. We were embarrassed by the actions of a few “bad apples”.

The Supreme Board of Trustees, at their meeting in Buffalo, NY, last July discussed this “problem” and we agreed as to how it was to be resolved. As was explained and proposed at that meeting, a form entitled “**KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL — VOTING MEMBERS FOR CONVENTION**” was sent to each Grand President at the end of December, 2015, and it is his responsibility to see that it is completed and returned to the Supreme Secretariat no later than **MARCH 15, 2016**.

This form will contain the name of all the persons from each Grand Commandery who will be entitled to receive Credentials and, in turn, Ballots. Bearing the signature of each Grand President and Grand Secretary, these names will be entered into our Computer and will be the basis for these Credentials and Ballots. No changes will be allowed.

It seems that some people are confused as to who can vote and who cannot. At the local Commandery level, the Worthy President has one vote and he and he alone can cast that vote. The Commanderies Uniform Rank Commander has one vote and he alone can cast that vote. The Commandery Delegate's ballot carries the weight of his Commandery membership, that many votes. If for some reason, the Commandery Delegate is unable to cast those votes, he has an Alternate Delegate who can step in for him.

At the District Level, each District Commander can cast one vote. In his absence, one of his Vice Commanders can cast that vote. On the Grand Commandery Level, the

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

To all the Knights of St. John International, and Ladies Auxiliary:

*May the peace and love of
Our Merciful Jesus Christ,
be with you!*

I pray your Lenten journey has been spiritually fulfilling and engaging. I encourage everyone to continue your spiritual obligations into the Easter season, and beyond. The season of Lent is a special time of the year, encouraging us to remain steadfast in prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and works of charity. These obligations also encourage us to carry them through into the Easter season, and beyond.

In his announcement for the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis, in a way, had these obligations in mind. He wanted these obligations of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and works of mercy to be part of our everyday lives, not only during a particular liturgical season in the Church calendar.

I am always proud to hear how our Commandries fulfill these obligations. Your days of reflections, spiritual retreats, along with your Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are always encouraging.

In a world that is spiritually weak, politically minded, and at times selfish, to hear and witness our Order doing wonderful activities and events is inspiring. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of St. John continue to open our minds and hearts to truly be Ambassadors for Christ and strong witnesses for our Catholic faith.

I encourage you to pray the Year of Mercy prayer, and also pray the Prayer of St. Francis. These two prayers will keep us in tune with our spiritual commitments as Catholics and the mission of our Order of Knights and Ladies of St.

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752 Dunukofia, Anambra, Nigeria	Sixtus K. Igboaka, Gabriel Ekwenugo, Kenneth Odezulu
758 La, Ghana	Robert Apobire, Benjamin Masopeh, John Quaye, TheophilusSackey, Fred Nyarko
798 Airport, Ghana	Sylvester Acherekoh, Paul Amoakohene, Gabriel Anyimadu, Donald AgbadiYaovi, Daniel Okyere

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MAJ. GEN. ANSLEM OKAFOR RECEIVES PAPAL KNIGHTHOOD

On Saturday, December 5, 2015, at the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity in Onitsha, Anambra, Nigeria, Maj. Gen. Anslem Okafor, the Supreme Subordinate President of Nigeria – KSJI was conferred with the Papal Award, the prestigious Knights of St. Gregory the Great. He and three others, were presented their honors in behalf of His Holiness, Pope Francis, by Archbishop, His Grace, the Most Reverend Valerian Okeke. Hundreds of Clergy, State and Civil Officers, other Papal Knights of the Church, the Knights of St. Malumba, and the Knights of St. John International were visibly and conspicuously present.



We wish you a heartfelt congratulations.

(Welcome New Members from page 5)

799 Nungua, Ghana	Bernard BorketeyBorlarbie
803 Ukpokor, Anambra, Nigeria	Samuel U. Okwuma, Marius Nnamdi Nzurumike, Anthony IfeanyiNwosu, Steve Aloysius Onwudiwe
819 AwutuBreku, Ghana	Morris D. Zeyon, David Akologo, Jacob Barnes Bonnie Segbah, Maxwell B. Nkrumah, Innocent B.J. Hlorvor, John W. Boye
821 Orsumoghu, Onitsha, Nigeria	Francis Mudghalu, Marcel IfeanyiChike-Obi Patrick Anyigbo, Aloysius Ndedigwe, Donatus Ofordum, Eugene Izelu
824 Atta, Imo, Nigeria	Samuel C. Ogwegbu, Anselm AmaeruleChuks, Emmanuel AmanzeOpara, Felix Dominic Mkkemakolan
840 Oraifite, Anambra, Nigeria	Godwin Ugochukwu, John Muoneke, Felix Maduekwe
842 BremanAssikuma, Ghana	Edward K. Nti, Michael Gyakye, Rev. Fr. Anthony Kwofie
847 Osu Re, Ghana	Roger Michael Kayumba, Martin Tagbor
855 Ho, Ghana	Sylvanus Ayebi, Peter Cobba-Biney, Ruben M. Kalewu, GeofferyKatsriku, Michael Tetteh
869 Kwashiman, Ghana	Stephen Feda, Stephen Elvis Ampah, Kelvin Wofa K. Acheampong, Peter ElormAffort, Patrick Kofi Gyefour, Louis Atta Sokaltery, Emmanuel Addotey Mensah, Samuel Gyamfi Acheampong, Eli Ela Oluku, George N. Tusoe, Dennis Andaana, Raphael Srabi

2016 Supreme Convention Theme Basket Raffle

The city of Buffalo, New York will be the site for the 2016 Supreme Convention for the Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International. The "Theme Basket Raffle" has been a very successful endeavor during our past conventions. It was recommended that the "Theme Basket Raffle" once again be held during the 2016 convention to defer expenses for the convention.

The Committee is encouraging and inviting all Commanderies and Auxiliaries to participate in this effort and to donate at least one "Theme Basket" for this project. The cost of each basket should not be more than \$40.00 to \$50.00. The goal is to make your basket attractive enough to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. We are also welcoming monetary donations in lieu of "Theme Baskets". All baskets should be delivered to the convention by Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

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

Bath and Body Basket	Romance Basket	Candle Basket
Snack Basket	Wine and Cheese Basket	Imported Beers Basket
Sport Snack Basket	Assorted Chocolates Basket	Hair Product
State/Country Basket	Religious Basket	NFG/NBA Theme Basket
Game Basket (Assortment of Adult or Children games)		

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

Let's work together to make our "2016 Theme Basket Raffle" another tremendous success!

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

Capt. Ed Orrange
Phone: 716-674-0468
Email: eorange@gmail.com

Proposed Resolutions ~ 2016 Supreme Convention

Proposed Constitutional Revisions

The following proposed Constitutional Revisions were submitted to the Supreme Secretary as required by the Supreme Constitution. These as submitted, will appear in the March, 2016, and June, 2016, issues of the Knights Journal and be discussed and voted on at the Supreme Board Meeting and Supreme Convention, at Buffalo, NY, in July, 2016.

While the following is not a Resolution, the Supreme Restructuring Committee submitted the following new structure of the Supreme Executive Board of Directors, Advisors, and Supreme Advisory Board. These were tentatively approved by the Supreme Board at their last Board Meeting (July, 2015) pending the approval of the body at the Supreme Convention of July, 2016. This will be the first item of business when we begin consideration of the Proposed Resolutions at the 2016 Supreme Convention. This is their submission.

Brother Knights,

Below you will find the proposed restructuring of the Knights of St. John International as presented by the Supreme Restructuring Committee. We have reviewed the submitted proposals that we had received and we thank all that presented them. However, in working with our outside Counsel, and guided by the Laws of the State of New York, we feel that the structure presented below best fulfills our needs not only for the present, but for our growth in the future. Please take time to review our proposal, for it will be an issue at the Convention that we ask you to support.

Proposed Restructuring of the KSJI

Supreme Executive Board of Directors:

- Supreme President
- Supreme First Vice President
- Supreme Second Vice President
- Supreme Secretary
- Supreme Treasurer
- Supreme Trustees
- Supreme Subordinate Presidents
- Past Supreme Presidents

Advisors to the Executive Board:

- Supreme Spiritual Director
- Supreme Counsel

Supreme Advisory Board:

- Immediate Past President or a designated representative of the Supreme President;
- A member of the Supreme Secretariat;
- All Grand Commandery Presidents;
- All Presidents of the unattached Commanderies;
- Supreme Counsel, when available or upon request.

This structure if accepted, will be applied to all sections of the Knights of St. John International Constitution and the revisions will be submitted for review

in the March and June Journals and be voted on at the Supreme International Convention in July 2016.

In Knighthood,
Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr., Past Supreme President
Gen. Timothy Hoerst, Past Supreme President
Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca, First Vice President

RESOLUTION #1

This Resolution #1 was prepared by the Supreme Restructuring Committee and approved by our outside legal counsel, Hodgson Ross, LLP, Attorneys that they are in accordance with the New York State Non-Profit Revitalization Act.

BE IT RESOLVED – That the Supreme Commandery Constitutional Revision Committee approved for presentation the following amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Constitution of the Knights of St. John International, **TO WIT:**

PROPOSAL #1

CONTENTS, Topic, Line 8, which now reads:

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commanderies – of Ghana and Nigeria

Be amended to read:

Chapter III, Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

PROPOSAL #2

Special Laws of New York – Chapter 62, Section 4 & 5, Page d & e be amended by a Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation to read:

SECTION 4 The Supreme President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer and two members who shall be selected for that purpose by a Convention held in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Knights of St. John, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of said corporation and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and installed. The Knights of St. John shall be composed of said officers, with a First and Second Supreme Vice President, and such representatives from Grand Commanderies as may be selected by said Grand Commanderies to represent them in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said corporation.

SECTION 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

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selected for that purpose by a Convention held in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Knights of St. John 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 shall also consist of a Supreme Advisory Board, composed of all Grand Commandery Presidents and Presidents of unattached Commanderies 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 be 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 and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and installed.

PROPOSAL #3

Introduction, CONSTITUTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN, Paragraph 3, Line 1, which now reads:

1. Supreme Subordinate Com-manderies, Overseas

Be amended to read:

1. Supreme Subordinate Commanderies

PROPOSAL #4

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 1, Line 3, which now reads:

Place to be designated by the Supreme Board of Trustees, of

Be amended to read:

Place to be designated by the Supreme Executive Board of Directors, of

PROPOSAL #5

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 4, Lines (j) and (k), which now reads:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents of Ghana and Nigeria

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries of Ghana and Nigeria

Be amended to read:

(j) The Supreme Subordinate Presidents

(k) The Supreme Subordinate Secretaries

PROPOSAL # 6

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 13, Line 1, which reads:

SECTION 13. The Supreme Board of Trustees shall

Be amended to read:

SECTION 13. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall

PROPOSAL #7

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 14, Line 1, which reads:

SECTION 14. The Supreme Board of Trustees

Be amended to read:

SECTION 14. The Supreme Executive Board of Directors

PROPOSAL #8

CHAPTER I, Supreme Conventions, Section 15, Line 3, which now reads:

Supreme Board of Trustees, are alone clothed with the

Be amended to read:

Supreme Executive Board of Directors, are alone clothed with the

PROPOSAL #9

CHAPTER II, Supreme Commandery, OFFICERS, Section 1a, Paragraph 4, which now reads:

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

Be amended to read:

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

PROPOSAL #10

CHAPTER II, Supreme Commandery, OFFICERS, Section 2, which now reads:

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SECTION 2. *The following officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be appointed by the elected Supreme Officers and the Grand Presidents to serve for a period of two (2) years or until such time as his successor has been appointed, qualified and installed:*

A. *Supreme Spiritual Director*

B. *One Supreme Counsel, who by virtue of his office shall be Judge-Advocate General and rank as a Major-General.*

C. *One Inspector-General, who by virtue of his office shall rank as a Major General.*

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

Be amended to read:

SECTION 2. **The Supreme Executive Board of Directors shall appoint the following positions**

To serve for a period of two (2) years or until such time as his successor has been appointed, qualified and installed.

A. **Supreme Spiritual Director**

B. **One Supreme Counsel, who by virtue of his office shall be Judge-Advocate General and rank as a Major General**

C. **One Inspector General, who by virtue of his office shall rank as a Major General.**

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

PROPOSAL #11

Within the various Sections of the Constitution, remove the wording:

“Supreme Board of Trustees”

and amend to read:

“Supreme Executive Board of Directors.”

Approved by the Constitution Revision Committee on December 28, 2015.

Attested to by:
Supreme Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #2

The following Resolution was proposed by the Supreme Secretary and approved by the Supreme Constitution Revision Committee.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 2, 2nd paragraph, Page 17

Replace:

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

1. *One Quartermaster General who shall rank as a Brigadier General.*

2. *Such number of additional appointees as the Supreme President may deem necessary and advisable.*

With:

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

1. One Undersecretary/Quartermaster General who shall rank as a Brigadier General

2. One Undersecretary/Journal who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

3. One Undersecretary/Ritual who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

4. One Undersecretary/Webmaster who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

5. One Undersecretary/Advisory Board Affairs who shall rank as a Brigadier General.

6. Such number of additional appointees as the Supreme President may deem necessary and advisable.

Chapter II, Supreme Commandery

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Insert the following at the end of Section 6:

SUPREME SECRETARIAT

The Supreme Secretariat will consist of the Supreme Secretary and five (5) Undersecretaries. The five Undersecretaries will be the Undersecretary/Quartermaster, the Undersecretary/Journal, the Undersecretary/Ritual, the Undersecretary/Webmaster, and the Undersecretary/Advisory Board Affairs. The Undersecretaries (Quartermaster, Journal, Ritual, Webmaster and Advisory Board Affairs) will be appointed by the Supreme President after the Supreme International Convention for a term of two years or until a successor is appointed. By nature of his duties and responsibilities, the Undersecretaries will have a rank of Brigadier General.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Quartermaster (Quartermaster General) will be responsible for all materials held by the Supreme Commandery for sale to Grand, District and Local Commanderies. He will keep an inventory of all materials on hand. He will keep a record of all materials sold and forward monies to the Supreme Treasurer. He will re-order inventory as required to ensure needed items are on hand.

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He will work in conjunction with the Undersecretary/Rituals to provide Grand Commanderies with ritual inventory as required.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Journal (Asst. Editor-KSJI Journal) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the creation, editing, printing and distribution of the Knights of St. John International Journal. He will be responsible for the collection of information, from all Grand Commanderies. He will edit the material and assemble it for the printer. He will maintain the address list of Journal recipients and arrange for the mail or e-mail of the Journal to all members.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Ritual (Asst. Supreme Ritual Director) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the exemplification of Rituals by all Grand Commanderies. He will coordinate all ritual efforts and will be responsible for maintaining the rituals and associated documents. He will work with the Quartermaster General to maintain inventory for the rituals and will keep a record of all rituals held and all members receiving degrees.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Webmaster (Webmaster General) will assist the Supreme Secretary in the creation and evolution of the Supreme Commandery Website. His responsibilities are to keep the site current to the changes of staff members due to elections and appointments. He is to maintain a Calendar of Events and provide any research and services for the enhancement of said site.

The Supreme Undersecretary/Advisory Board (Undersecretary for Advisory Board Affairs) will serve as a non-voting member of the Supreme Advisory Board. He will be in attendance at all their meetings and make a record of the minutes of that meeting.

The Supreme Undersecretaries will attend Supreme Executive Board Meetings/Advisory Board Meetings when requested by the Supreme President and the Supreme Secretary. When attending such meetings, they will be reimbursed their reasonable lodging and travel expenses.

Approved by the Constitutional Revision Committee on December 26, 2015

Attested to by:

Thomas J. DeLuca

Thomas J. DeLuca, Chairman

RESOLUTION #3

The following resolution includes four (4) amendments proposed by the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-Ghana for inclusion in the Resolutions to be discussed/voted on at the 2016 Supreme Convention at Buffalo, NY.

AMENDMENT No. 1

The Supreme Constitution on Page 16 to 17 which now reads:

CHAPTER II

Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The above should be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER II

Supreme Commandery

OFFICERS

SECTION 1

At each Supreme Convention, the following

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officers of the Supreme Commandery shall be elected:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1A: Eligibility to hold Supreme Elective Office.

Any member of the Knights of St. John International who at the time of his election is of good standing, and has been a member of the Order for at least six (6) months and attested to by his Grand President shall be eligible to hold any elective office of the Supreme Commandery.

SECTION 1B: Election, Installation and Term of Office.

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

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

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

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

All officers-elect except the two Supreme Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors have been elected, qualified and installed. The two Supreme Trustees shall be (elected) for four (4) years except when filling an unexpired term. Four or more elected Supreme Officers

shall constitute a quorum, at any properly constituted meeting at the supreme Board for the transaction of business.

AMENDMENT No. 2

The Supreme Constitution on Page 26-27 which now reads:

SECTION 19. The Supreme President shall receive for his services annually the sum of \$750.00 and the Supreme Treasurer shall receive for his services the sum of \$1,000.00, said salaries shall be payable in monthly installments, and both offices shall further be reimbursed for actual expenses, only while engaged in the performance of their duties. The Supreme Secretary for his services shall receive the sum annually not exceeding \$10,000. He shall be reimbursed for actual expense while engaged in the performance of his duties. Supreme Board of Trustees shall provide suitable office space, equipment and supplies required by the Supreme Secretary. The two elected Supreme Trustees, Past Presidents, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President, shall receive their actual expenses while engaged in the performance of their duties at meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees.

The above should be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 19. Compensation of Officers

The following elected Supreme Officers shall be compensated as follows:

1. Supreme President: He shall receive US\$1,000.00 per annum

2. Supreme Treasurer: He shall receive US\$1,500.00 per annum

3. Supreme Secretary: He shall receive US\$12,000.00 per annum.

All the above listed officers shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

In addition, they shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, only while engaged in the performance of their duties.

The Supreme Board of Trustees shall provide suitable office space, equipment and supplies required by the Supreme Secretary for the performance of his duties.

The two elected Supreme Trustees, Past Supreme Presidents, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall receive their actual expenses whilst engaged in the performance of their duties at meetings of the Supreme Board of Trustees. These expenses shall include traveling expenses within the United States of America. Officers in this category from Overseas shall be further reimbursed full cost of their travels to and from the United States of America using economy air travel fare.

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AMENDMENT No. 3

The Supreme Constitution on Page 28 which now reads as follows:

SECTION 23

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

The above should be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 23. Vacancies – Supreme Officers

Any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, in case a vacancy occurs in any elective Supreme office, other than by expiration of a term, the same shall be filled in the following manner:

The Supreme First Vice President shall succeed the Supreme President, The Supreme Second Vice President shall succeed the Supreme First Vice President. All other vacancies, including the office of the Supreme Second Vice President, shall be filled until the next Convention by appointment made by the Supreme Board. If at the time of the next Convention an office so filled by appointment has an unexpired term, the same shall be filled by election for the unexpired term.

(Supreme Spiritual Dir. from page 4)

John International. It will also keep is in tunes with Pope Francis' Year of Mercy.

Finally, we are preparing for our next Convention which will be held in Buffalo. By the grace of God, I hope to see many of you there.

*Peace and blessings,
Happy Easter!*

*Msgr. Federico Britto
Supreme Spiritual Director*

AMENDMENT No. 4

Insert (SECTION 30 – VOTING BY PROXY) in the Supreme Constitution as follows:

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

Procedures to Proxy Voting shall be as follows:

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

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

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

4. Failure to fulfill the above conditions, the Proxy Voting shall not be allowed.

These Amendments were submitted to the Supreme Secretary, in a timely manner and in accordance with the Supreme Constitution.

Attested to by:

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz
Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary

~ 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 15) will be included on a space available basis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

A Year of Mercy Reflection

During this special period of time (December 8, 2015 - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to November 20, 2016 - the Solemnity of Christ the King) in the Church, Pope Francis calls all Catholics to be profound witnesses to mercy and to find the joy rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Feed the Hungry - "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. Then the righteous will answer and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And the King will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me". Baltimore-Washington Grand Knights and Ladies will be focusing on the Year of Mercy with prayer and the continuing dedicated effort in outreach programs of holding food drives, preparing and delivering of food baskets, assisting in programs to shelter and feed men, women and children, and helping the afflicted and the oppressed. Sharing The Archdiocese of Washington Prayer for the Year of Mercy - "Almighty God and Father, You have created all things and know the desire of every heart. In this year of Mercy, we reflect on your great love for us, and

acknowledge our sinfulness and need for your healing mercy. Trusting that you never tire of forgiving us, we open our hearts to receive your forgiveness and love. Having encountered you, Mercy itself, and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we witness to the love we have received by sharing it with those most in need: the hungry, the homeless, the afflicted, and the oppressed. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Events-Activities

Commandery #309, Sacred Heart - Ladies Auxiliary #301, and Junior Auxiliary #51 with family and friends enjoyed a Christmas celebration with delicious food and fellowship at St. Catherine's Hall in McConchie, Maryland. Rev. Robert Kosty, Pastor of St. Catherine Church stopped in to speak to the gathering and gave a blessing. Brother Knights, Deacon John Barnes and Deacon Robert Martin shared in the blessing of the meal.

The First Maryland Regiment and Commanderies held elections and installation of officers. We wish you success in your elected positions.

Commandery #309 Knights: Assisted with the Christmas decorations setup at Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata, Maryland; Purchased breakfast food, assisted with setup, cooked food, served and cleaned up for men,

women and children in the Safe Nights Program who stayed overnight in the Sacred Heart Church Friendship Hall. It is a rewarding experience to interact with the least of our brothers and sisters in our community and to hear them express gratitude for the chance to receive shelter and food. Commandery President, Jerome Countiss prepared and donated bag lunches for everyone to take with them as they departed by transportation provided by Life Styles, Inc., the sponsor of the Safe Nights Program; and participated in the Adoration Mass in the Chapel of St. Peter Julian Eymard/Body of Christ Farm in Waldorf, Maryland. The celebrant was Fr. Robert Pittman, Pastor and Brother Knight.

Good of the Order

Hopefully, the Blizzard of 2016 had minimum impact on you. 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
Sacred Heart Commandery #309*

Supreme Subordinate Commandery ~ Nigeria

A brief on Nigerian Supreme Subordinate Convention.

The 6th convention of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery Nigeria, Knights of St. John International was held on November 26-29, 2015, at the Divine Love Retreat and Conference Centre (DRACC) Emene Enugu.

The Convention theme was "KSJI and the Family Apostolate". Well over one thousand, three hundred Knights and Ladies drawn from the fourteen Grand Commanderies and twelve Grand Auxiliaries attended the convention.

The convention was declared open and called to Order by the Supreme Subordinate President Major General Anselm Okafor. He thanked God and welcomed members to yet another convention and promised to take the Order to a greater height.

A new Supreme Subordinate Spiritual Director in the person of Very Rev.

Fr. Brig. Gen. Clement Obasi was appointed for us by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN). He is a Professor of Canon law at the Prestigious Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu. He replaced Very Rev. Fr. Brig. Gen. Ralph Madu.

We had a solemn memorial Mass on Saturday November 28 with a loss of 282 Brothers and 164 Sisters between November 2013 and November 2015. The Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary President Noble Sister Viola Onwuliri equally welcomed delegates and observers to the Convention.

Elections were held with the following put in office:

Supreme Subordinate President, Major General Anselm Okafor.
Supreme Subordinate 1st Vice President, Lt Gen. Dan Okekenta.
Supreme Subordinate 2nd Vice President, Brig. Gen. Mike Ikon.
Supreme Subordinate Secretary, Brig. Gen. Chidi Arinze.

Supreme Subordinate Treasurer, Brig. Gen. Bob. Ebikiye.

Supreme Subordinate 1st Trustee, Col Joe Echemazu.

Supreme Subordinate 2nd Trustee, Col Cyprian Chukwuka.

The Supreme Subordinate President Major General Anselm Okafor was installed by the outgoing Spiritual Director Very. Rev. Fr. Brig. Gen. Ralph Madu. Major General Anselm Okafor in turn installed the other officers.

The Supreme Subordinate President, Major General Anselm Okafor brought the convention to a close in a ritualistic procedure at 7.45pm on Saturday November 29, 2015. It was an eventful convention. To God be the Glory.

*Respectfully submitted by
Brig. Gen. Chidi Arinze
Supreme Subordinate Secretary*

Accra East Grand Commandery

Accra East Grand Commandery Exemplifies 89 Candidates in to 2nd and 3rd Degrees

The 2015 2nd and 3rd Exemplification for candidates in the Accra East Grand Commandery (AEGC) took place on Saturday, 19 December, 2015, at the St. Peter's Parish, Osu-Accra.

In all, 89 candidates were exemplified into the 2nd and 3rd Degrees to mark the second exemplification to be held by the (AEGC) after its inauguration in July, 2013.

The candidates were drawn across the 18 commanderies of the (AEGC).

The exemplification Mass was celebrated by the Chaplain of the (AEGC) Very Rev. Fr. (Maj.) John Benyah Mensah and the Spiritual Advisor for Battalion One of the 1st Regiment (AEGC), Rev. Fr. NiiKpaniAddy.

In his homily Fr. Benyah Mensah entreated the candidates to uphold the virtues of unity, charity and love as they strive to progress in the Order.

The event was witnessed by Grand Officers and members of the Order as well as some family members of the candidates.

During the exemplification Mass, the Worthy Grand President, Brig. Gen. Anthony Chinebuah led the candidates to take the 2nd and 3rd degrees oath and imparted the password of the two degrees to them.

Two lectures preceded exemplification ceremony. The Grand President, Gen. Chinebuah spoke to the candidates on the concept of unity and charity whilst the 1st vice president,



Officers of St. Patrick Commandery being introduced to parishners.

Col. Bekoe Palmer Buckle lectured the candidates on the beatitudes.

The candidates later wrote examination to ascertain the depth of their knowledge of the church and the order.

St Patrick Commandery #869, Atomic Energy Kwabenya Inaugurated

The Accra East Grand Commandery has witnessed the birth of another commandery to bring the total number of commanderies in the Accra East Grand Commandery to 19.

The occasion was when St Patrick Commandery #869 located at Atomic Energy, Kwabenya in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, together with their lady counterparts, St. Patrick Ladies Auxiliary 247 and the Cadets and Junior Auxiliaries were inaugurated on Saturday, 19 December, 2015.

The inaugurations of the commandery and the 3 other groups were preceded by holy mass which was officiated by the parish priest,

Rev. Fr. Bernard Kyei and attended by the members of the new commandery as well as Grand Officers and a host of other brothers and sisters from the KSJI fraternity.

The Mass was followed by the inauguration ceremony which saw 12 new brothers being initiated into the new commandery with Very Rev. Fr James Owusu-Yeboah, SMA (SMA Regional Superior) in attendance. Six other brothers transferred from various commanderies to bring the strength of the commandery to 18.

The Grand President, Brig. Gen. Anthony Chinebuah led a team of Grand Officers including the 1st vice President Col. Bekoe Palmer Buckle to inaugurate and install the officers of the new commandery.

In a brief statement the Grand President challenged the new commandery not to rest on their oars but to strive to up their membership in order that their impact could be felt in the parish.

The inauguration was climaxed with Holy Mass on Sunday, 20 December, 2015 at St. Patrick Parish, Atomic Energy Kwabenya.

During the thanksgiving Mass, the officers and members of the new commandery together with the lady counterparts, Cadets and Junior Auxiliary were introduced to the parishioners. The charters were then presented by the Grand President to the Worthy President, S/K Patrick Mensah Afotey through the Rev. Fr. Aaron Agbesi Agorsor.



*Report by:
Col. Emmanuel E. Afetsi
Grand Secretary (AEGC)*

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

Change of Batons in Local Commanderies

The month of December, 2015 witnessed a change of batons in many Local Commanderies.

In St Mary's Commandery #460, fondly called our "Mother Commandery", elections produced:

Brother Michael Obinor as the new Worthy President. Brother Ifeanyi Igbokwe was returned as the Recording /Corresponding Secretary. Brother Bartholomew Ugwu was also re-elected the Commander of the Commandery.

In St. Matthias Commandery #535, Yenagoa, Brother Fidelis Metuh was re-elected along with Brother Frederick Siakpere as Recording /Corresponding Secretary. Capt. Anthony Uwakweremains the Commander remains.

Brothers Luke Wagbara, Anthony Mgbomo and Donatus Enyindah were re-elected Worthy President, Recording Corresponding Secretary and Commander in Our Lady of Lourdes Commandery #558, Elele.

There was also a change of guards in All Saints Commandery #633, Oyigbo. Bro Damian Okorie is now the Worthy President, and Bro Donatus Obiagazie the Recording Corresponding Secretary. Methodius C. Ahamefule is the new Commander.

In Our Lady of Lourdes Commandery #634, Creek Road, the new Worthy President is Bro Collins Owhonda. Bro Jude Chima was re-elected as the Recording / Corresponding Secretary.

In far-away Bonny, St Raphael's Commandery #713, Bro Joseph Eyarefe is the new Worthy President while Brother Tombari Baa is the new Recording Corresponding Secretary.

All the officers of Mater Misericordiae Commandery #800 were returned unopposed in an election supervised by the Grand Deputy Organizer, Noble Bro Gabriel Kadiri. Noble Bro Godwin Hope Worlu retained the office of the Worthy President while Bro Harry Oruma is the Recording Corresponding Secretary.

Our University of Port Harcourt Campus Commandery, Annuncia-

tion Commandery #802 had no change of batons. All principal officers were re-elected. Prof. Adebayo Ejele was re-elected as the Worthy President, while Bro Casimir Oguguo is the Recording / Corresponding Secretary.

Brothers Christopher B. Meinzide, Makbere Tour was re-elected in St John the Baptist's Commandery #807 as the Worthy President and Recording / Corresponding Secretary respectively.

In St Joseph's Commandery #806, Kaiama, Brothers Peter Ebitimi Berezi, John Ngoro were returned as Worthy President and Recording / Corresponding Secretary respectively.

All the elections went smoothly, although Commandery #801 had a few issues now being sorted out by the Grand President.

First Biennial Convention of Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery held its premier Convention at the NYSC Camp in Kaiama from December 17 to December 18, 2015. Its theme:

Expansion and Consolidation of KSJI in the Niger Delta

The Convention was blessed by the Bishop of Bomadi Vicariate, Most Rev. Dr. Hyacinth Egbebo who presided over the opening Mass. A lecture on the theme of the Convention was delivered by Prof Mrs. Ejele and was well received by the participants.

Investiture into the marching and full dress uniforms was also conducted by the Grand President.

Grand Commandery elections were the high point of the Convention. As expected, Bro George

Ikioumoton was re-elected Grand President and Bro Daniel Onuoha the Grand Secretary. Other officers were returned unopposed.

Some issues were raised after the elections and these issues are being handled by the Supreme Subordinate President.

The Burial of late Bishop Alexius Obabu Makozi, Bishop Emeritus of Port Harcourt Diocese

Bishop Makozi was born 84 years ago (1932 - 2016) to the Makozi family in Kogi State. His native name was OBABU and he was baptized Alexius.

He was ordained a priest in 1961. He rose to be the Bishop of Lokoja and was translated to Port Harcourt Diocese twenty-five years ago.

He will be remembered for his preaching of peace and unity and indeed, working to unify a Diocese that had its fair share of crises.

He also headed as a cardinal objective the establishment of health facilities to cater for the sick and needy.

An astute advocate for the return of schools to the missionaries, he was one of the First Bishops to introduce burying the dead within two weeks to reduce the costs on families.

Bishop Alexius Obabu Makozi as one of the earliest indigenous Bishop's Justified the desire of the Church at the time to have indigene run the affairs of the Church in Nigeria.

He was a success in his chosen vocation and was a very friendly with Knights of St John International.

*Col Dan Onuoha
Grand Secretary*

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Buffalo Grand Commandery

Buffalo Grand Commandery: Grand President's Comments - Brig. Gen. James J. Setlok

The Buffalo area has survived another winter blast from "old man winter", with few exceptions. I hope and pray our Brothers and Sisters in the United States and Canada were safe from the devastating snow storms that have created life threatening havoc along the east coast this season.

Congratulations to our own Lt. Gen. Terrance McCann. He was invested into the Papal Order of the Holy Sepulcher by His Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Grand Prior of the Order, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in New York City on October 31, 2015. This was truly an honor bestowed on him for all he has done for the Church and our Order.

From our last article you all are aware of the membership committee formed by the Buffalo Grand to aid all of our Commanderies. They will have their first meeting to establish the direction for this committee. All members in attendance will be asked to give their advice to aid and implement membership within our Commanderies as well as Parishes that do not have a Commandery. I wish to thank Col. William Pocobello and Capt. Joseph Miller for all their fine efforts moving forward to increase membership. Future articles will contain committee progress.

As stated last year, two committees were formed to install new Civil and Military Officers for each Commandery of the Buffalo Grand. The installations take place after the December meetings, where elections for Commandery Civil and Military Officers are held.



Supreme 1st Vice President Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca and Buffalo Grand President Brig. Gen. James Setlock commissioning Col. Peter Ozemoyah at Commandery 710 anniversary Celebration.

In addition, Grand Officer Col. Richard Braun and I comprised the first committee, Col. Dennis Potozniak and Capt. Michael Stiglmeier comprised the second committee. Members of the various Commanderies are now given the opportunity to see the actual installation of their own members being installed. This has been well received by all Brother Knights.

Convention 2016 updates: Convention Committees have been formed to aid the 2016 Convention. There have been a few bumps in the road but we have been diligently working to resolve them. Several meetings have been planned in the up-coming months to ensure a successful Convention.

May God, Bless all my Brother Knights, keep them in good health and free from all harm.

God Bless America and Canada.

Buffalo Regiment: Regimental Comments: Lt. Col. Allen Hammer

By now you more than likely heard that I have assumed the duties of regimental commander from Col. Dennis Potozniak. The reason why I assumed the commanders duties was to try to maintain a continuity of leadership in the regiment. Over the years as Vice Commander I have worked with Col. Potozniak and observed his leadership qualities and only hope I can maintain the same quality.

What I am asking from each member is simply your support over the next two years. What I would like to see is everyone making a special effort to make the turnouts and wakes which is required by as knights.

Finally, I look forward to the next two years and thank you for all you support.

IN MEMORIAM

The following Brother Knight has passed away since our last JOURNAL article: Sgt. Joseph Ball Commanery #204.

May the soul and the souls of all departed Brother Knights through God's Mercy and Compassion rest in peace.

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

*Col. William Pocobello,
Buffalo Grand Secretary*



Col. Peter Ozemoyah receiving his Colonel shoulder knots from Col. William Pocobello, Buffalo Grand Secretary.

Please visit our present web site at: www.ksjibuffreg.com/

Abuja Grand Commandery

Summer Retreat and Workshop

Commandery #595 Kubwa organized a summer retreat programme for Cadets and Juniors. The activities were well planned and well attended. The Cadets and Juniors had a wonderful time and learned a lot.

District 1 organized a follow-up workshop to the Supreme Subordinate Convention workshop of Enugu in August 2015 and the workshop was well attended.

Visit to Commanderies.

Abuja Grand Commandery conducted visits to four Commanderies; two commanderies in August (Commandery #595 CKC Kubwa and #678 St. Mary, Karu) and two in September 2015 (#653 Holy Rosary Wuse and #648 St. Agnes Wuye). In addition to the above the Grand president and his team mustered two Commanderies on Saturday 21st of November, 2015 namely; Commandery #738 St John the Baptist Mpape and Commandery #696 Cathedral of the Twelve Apostles.

Charity Visits

Commanderies #696 Cathedral of the Twelve Apostles, #595 CKC Kubwa, #671 St. KizitoKuje and #678 St. Mary Karu made charity visits at different times and different places.

Launching for the Center of Excellence

Launching for the Center of Excellence was held in Abuja on the 23rd of September 2015. It was a huge success with high attendance despite the heavy downpour and Salah holidays that took a lot of the invited guests out of Abuja. The Supreme Subordinate President Maj. General Anslem Okafor and the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary President Noble Sister Viola Onwuliri were in attendance.

Highlights of the launch included motivational talk by the representative of the chairman of the day Senator Osita Izunaso, Honorable Mathew Omegara who spoke of his humble beginning. The big donors included Sir Obiora Okonkwo who pledged to pay for the construction

of a chapel, plus a cash donation of ₦1m., Sir Jerome Nwokeji to design the center at no cost. (cash value of about ₦60,000,000.), Sir Patrick Ikwueto to pay for the construction of a chapel, Sir and Lady Chris Ohadiugha ₦1m cheque, Senator Osita Izunaso ₦500,000, Senator Akume ₦500,000, Sir Dan Okekenta and Sr Viola Onwuliri ₦250,000 each, representatives of Sen. Izunaso and Sen Akume ₦100,000 each, Abuja Grand President Sir NNN Nwanesi ₦100,000 and others whose donations ranged from ₦50,000 and below.

Joint Supreme Subordinate Commandery and LAUX Convention

Abuja Grand attended the 2015 Joint Supreme Subordinate Commandery and LAUX Convention at DRACC Enugu where elections were conducted. Most of the officers were re-elected for another two years.

Supreme Subordinate Award

Abuja Grand Commandery participated in Supreme Subordinate Award meeting where 31 of our brothers were honoured with Noble Degree Award in DRACC Emene-Enugu on October 29th 2015. Also 29 of our brothers were elevated to the fourth degree of the order on November 4th to 7th in Owerri Imo state.

60th Birthday Celebration and Priestly Anniversary

Abuja Grand Commandery participated actively during the 60th birthday celebration and 32nd priestly anniversary of Very Rev. Fr. Ralph Madu in Abuja on Saturday December 12, 2015 at Catholic Secretariat, Durumi Abuja. The occasion was preceded by a book launch on Friday the 11th of December, 2015 at Regina Pacis Girls Secondary School Garki Abuja.

Joint Abuja Grand Commandery and LAUX 2015 Convention

Joint Abuja Grand Commandery and LAUX 2015 convention was held from Thursday 10th December 2015 to Sunday 13th December 2015. Abuja Grand elections were

conducted on Saturday 12th December 2015. The election saw the exit of Brig. Gen. N NN Jude Nwanesi who has served out his tenure as Grand President. A new Grand President, Brig. Gen. Jerome Nwokeji was elected and installed.

The new Abuja Grand President Brig. Gen. Jerome Nwokeji installed elected officers of Commanderies #696 Cathedral Of The Twelve Apostles, Central Area District, #595 Christ The King parish Kubwa, #805 St. John Of The Cross Mararaba and St. Mary's Karu.

On Saturday 23rd January 2016, the Grand President installed elected officers of Regiments 1 and 2. Also installed were elected officers of Districts, 1,2,3,4,5 and 6.

Priestly Ordination

Members of Abuja Grand Commandery and LAUX led by the Grand President Brig General Jerome Nwokeji attended the ordination of 9 Priests of Abuja Arch Diocese at Our Lady Queen Of Nigeria Pro Cathedral Garki Abuja.

Activity membership of Brothers

It is worthy of note that our brothers are playing more active roles in their respective parishes. For instance a good number of them were Chairmen of Harvest and Bazaar Committee in their respective Parishes

Fallen Brother

We regret to announce the death of the first Supreme Subordinate President KSJI Nigeria, Major Ignatius Nomwange of Commandery #472, Garki, Abuja. We also regret to announce the death of our Grand Guard Sir Cyprian Abanobi of Commandery #653 Holy Rosary Wuse who died on 18/8/15. He was buried in Uga, Anambra State on the 23rd of October 2015. It should be recalled that Abuja Grand Commandery lost about 14 Brothers and Sisters within the year 2015. May their souls rest in peace

*Respectfully Submitted by
Col. Anselm O. Onyemekwu
Abuja Grand Secretary*

Benin Grand Commandery

Benin Grand Gets New President

A new leadership has emerged in the Knights of St John International, Benin Grand Commandery. He is Brig. Gen (Dr.) Chief Anthony Ihenyen. He took over from Noble Knight, Brig. Gen. J. O Ojobu, immediate past Grand President.

The Grand Board election which set the ball rolling for the change of leadership was held at Obi-Agbor on the 30th of April, 2015 in a keen contest which saw Brig. Gen. Ihenyen emerging as the favourite to lead the Benin Grand in the next two years. The new Grand President did not waste time to begin piloting the affairs of the body with the installation of new officers held at the St. Patrick's Commandery, 494 Idogbo, Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area of Edo State, Benin City.

Among other officers are Sir C. U. Omambala, 1st Vice Grand President; Sir B. S. Adogamhe, 2nd Vice Grand President; Col D. A. D. Igboin, Grand Secretary; Sir B. Omokhodion Grand Judge Advocate; Sir J. Mokobia, Grand Treasurer; CAPT M. O Bobolo, Grand Financial Secretary; Sir Chris Ahweyevu, Grand Sgt-At-Arms, Col. Dr. Effi I. Usen, Grand Inspector-General.

Others include Sir C. Ijehede as Deputy Grand Secretary, Sir Dr. M. O. Imologomhe, Grand Surgeon; Sir Lawrence Ohiowe, Grand Protocol Officer; Sir J. A. Imhanwa,

1st Grand Trustee; Sir L. Akhimiemona, 3rd Grand Trustee and Sir E. N Enuji, 4th Grand Trustee, among other officers on the new team.

Starting on a very decisive and purpose driven leadership, the Grand President cleared the air as to his intentions and how he wants to provide an enduring legacy so that the Benin Grand will be restored to its pride of place.

Speaking at the Grand Board Election and Inauguration Thanksgiving at the St Paul Catholic Church, Airport road Benin City on 22 August, 2015, Brig. Gen. Ihenyen assured that he would uphold the KSJI constitution in all activities of the Order. According to him the era of arbitrary imposition of "Self" above established norms and context of the constitution was gone for good.

In his agenda setting programme he also outlined Spirituality, Discipline, Fraternity, and Reconciliation as key areas where his administration would focus on. While emphasizing unity of the Order Brig. Gen. Ihenyen, urged all brothers and sisters to eschew all forms of antics and intrigues that lead to disunity but to remain united under one fold.

The Grand President since assumption of office has presided over two GBOTS. His first official engagement was at the 17th GBOT held at Ovwian/Aladja, Warri, Delta State. At the GBOT he warned

against unknighly behaviours and called for positive values of fraternity which should be elevated rather than gross indiscipline.

Brig. Gen. Ihenyen while presiding over the GBOT at Fugar in Etsako Central, Local government area of Edo State reemphasized his quest for reconciliation and the virtues of fraternity. Again he is set to preside over the 4th Quarter GBOT to be hosted by Commandery 729 and LAUX, Warri from 11th-13th December, 2015.

Meanwhile:

The knights of St. John International has held its 19th Grand Board of Trustee (GBOT) meeting in Effurun, Delta State.

At the meeting, with the Theme "In All your Ways Submit to Him And He will Make Your Path Straight," the Grand President of Benin Grand Commandery, Noble Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Chief Anthony A. Ihenyen (JP) advised fellow knights to avoid being judgmental, condescending and exhibiting patronizing attitudes, arrogance, pride and superiority complex as such vices suffocate love, dehumanize and break down communion with God and neighbour.

He urged them to submit themselves to God, should be loving, merciful, emphatic and forgiving. According to him, he is confident that with abundant Noble knights in its midst, the emphasis now should be how to enhance growth and development.

"The sublime example of Christ himself, who died for love and commended that we must love one another as he has loved us, points the way for us. Such total love of God and neighbour is the cost of discipleship and gives meaning to our lives," Brig. Gen. Ihenyen said.

At the meeting there were 46 candidates who were invested with Full-dress, 42 Exemplification candidates and 20 Aspirants. However, the Ladies Auxiliary show-cased 22 Aspirants and 26 candidates for Investiture.

(Supreme Secretary from page 4)

Grand President or his First Vice President can cast one vote (not both, only one). The Grand Secretary has one vote. **There are no others.**

These are the rules and they can be found on Page 9, Chapter 1, Supreme Convention, Section 4. It is when an individual, Local, District or Grand Commandery attempt to flout these rules that we have the trouble that is created.

Once this report is received, credentials will then be sent out which

can then be cashed in for your ballots at the Convention. There is no changing of names of individuals. These should have been the individuals that were elected to this responsibility and only they are your valid delegates.

With your cooperation the Convention Credentials Committee will have smooth going and everyone should receive their ballots in a swift, organized manner.

*Thank you in advance,
Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

*Your faithfully,
Bro Solomon Imohiosen, Esq,
Grand PRO, Benin Grand Commandery.*

Owerri Grand Commandery

Owerri 2015 Grand Convention

The 11th and 10th Owerri Grand Convention Biennial was held at Grand hall, 3rd – 6th Dec, 2015. Theme: “You shall be my witnesses.”

The mandate of officers elected in Dec; 2013 was renewed for the 2nd and last term of two years by unanimous vote. The officers are as follows: Grand President: Brig. Gen. Ezekiel Ihionu, Grand 1st Vice President: Col. Festus Chukwu, Grand 2nd Vice President: Col. Anthony Erukeme, Grand Secretary: Col. Theodore Nwachukwu, Grand financial Secretary: Lt. Donatus Onyenanu, Grand Treasurer: Maj. Vincent Agu, Grand Judge Advocate: Lt. Col. Paul Onumajuru, Grand 1st Trustee:- Col. B.L.C. Okoro, Grand 2nd Trustee: Maj. Cosmos Alugbuo, Grand 3rd Trustee: Maj. Leo Ozurumba, Grand 4th Trustee: Lt. Martin Agala, Grand 5th Trustee: Bro. Chris Ihejiako, Grand Sgt. at arms: Bro. Peter Opara, Grand Messenger; Capt. J.M. Alozie, Grand Guard: Capt. Mike Okereke.

The 2015 convention featured bumper activities including a route march around Owerri metropolis.

Owerri Grand Cadets and Juniors

Last quarter of 2015 brought to life activities of Owerri Grand Cadets and juniors to the fore at all the levels of KSJI: Commandery, District and Grand as holiday programmes were organised for them across the Grand.

Owerri Grand cadets and juniors organizers Col. Charles Okafor and Sis. Rosemary Nwagwu worked in tandem to bring out talents from our tomorrow's would be knights



and ladies during the holiday programme organized for them which included catholic prayers and catechism, rosary procession, songs and bible quiz.

With the wheel of cadets and juniors activity in progress, 2016 promises a lot of expectations in that sector.

The two arms respectively thanked Grand President, Brig. Gen. E.A. Ihionu and Grand Respected Noble Sis. Lizzy Shiweobi for their resilience in seeing cadets and juniors activities alive in the Grand.

Commandery 422 & LAUX 350

Holy Cross Commandery #422 and Laux 350 commemorated beheading of St. John the Baptist with a drama.

Activities of the commemoration began Wednesday 26 August 2015 with a three day retreat at their commandery hall.

The feast was climaxed with a drama display by laux 350 on the birth, times, mission and death of St. John the Baptist.

In an outing Mass, Commandery

422 and Laux 350, their cadets and juniors joined worthy President Noble Bro. Peter Opara and Respected President Noble Sis. Anthonia Anyanwu in an offertory procession.

Commandery 534

#534 Umungasi Aba installs officers, Saturday 16th January, 2016 in a well attended regular meeting at their KSJI hall after their election in Dec, 2015.

The officers installed are: Spiritual Adviser Rev. Fr. Paul Chimaobi, Worthy President: Maj. Chris Mmoh, 1st vice: Bro Emeka Agwulonu, 2nd vice: Bro. Thadeus Agbasi, Rec/Cor. Secretary: Bro. Paul Mbakwe, Financial Secretary: Mike Onebunne, Treasurer: Bro. Law Madubuobi, 1st Trustee: Bro. Marcellus Onyeiwu, 2nd Trustee: Bro. Tobias Azudiegwu, 3rd Trustee: Bro. Arthur Nwagu, 4th Trustee: Bro. Innocent Umechukwu.

Noble Bros. B.L.C. Okoro and Vin. Aguh are Grand officers who conducted the installation.

Worthy president Maj. Chris Mmoh promised a one house, one family and one commandery.

Three brothers: Myke Enemu, Edy Olisa and Cy Kanu received distinguished awards for their outstanding donations of their 3 Ts to the commandery.

*Lt. Vincent Azubuike
Under Secretary Owerri Grand*



New York Grand Commandery

New York Grand News:

The 2016 New York Grand Delegates Meeting will be held in Utica, NY, the weekend of May 7th, and is being hosted by Commandery #41. Informational letters will be sent out; and the information will also be available on the Grand's Web site at frontiernet.net/~nygrand.

From Rochester:

The following Knights are ill or recovering from surgery, Al Keidel, and Kenneth Scholl. Please keep them and all our Brother Knights and Ladies who are ill or recovering from surgery, and all those ailing at home, in hospitals and in nursing homes in your prayers.

*Publicity Chairman
Brig. Gen. George Hoffman Jr.*

From District 4, KSJI

The Fourth Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery 626, on Saturday, December 26, 2015, at the Pope Clement Church, Ozone Park, NY.

In compliance with the Supreme Headquarters Inspection Order No. 1 dated September 1, 2015, inspections and muster of all the Commanderies of District 4 were carried out. Detailed reports of the inspections have accordingly been forwarded to the Supreme Inspector General.

Commandery 626 Election

Commandery No. 626 had its elections according to their by-laws during their regular business meeting on December 12, 2015. They were sworn in during the District 4 meeting held in Queens, NY, on Saturday, December 26, 2015. The election produced the following leaders:

- ♦Simon O. Oparah: Commander
- ♦Kenneth Uchendu: 1st Vice Commander
- ♦Hyginus Anyaegbu: 2nd Vice Commander
- ♦2nd Lt. Ejiogu Emmanuel: 2nd Vice President
- ♦Chinedu A. Akaolisa: Supreme Delegate
- ♦Charles Odoemena: Alternate Supreme Delegate
- ♦Marthin Ukeje: Grand Delegate



Most Rev. Bernard Hebda (middle) with the Knights and LAUX

- ♦Omigie Fidelis: Alternate Grand Delegate
- ♦Nwuzor Jude: Trustee
- ♦Ogoke Patric: Trustee
- ♦Njoku Marcelus was appointed Cadet Organizer by the Worthy President 1st Lt. Emeh Augustine.

Commandery 676 Trenton

Commandery 676 Trenton, had there elections during their December 2015 regular business meeting and the following officers were elected:

- ♦President: Maj. Alexander Jaeploe
 - ♦1st. Vice President: Oliver Nnadi
 - ♦2nd Vice President: Adewale Gbogboade
 - ♦Corresponding & Recording Secretary: Philip Nnajofofor
 - ♦Financial Secretary: Michael Days
 - ♦Treasurer: Col. Bruce Stowers
 - ♦Commander: 1st Lt. Dave Wilson
- Trustees:
- ♦Francis Doe
 - ♦Maj. Patrick Mombo
 - ♦Maurice Mbata

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected officers. We wish them good tenure in the years ahead.

Feast of Christ the King Celebrated with a Bang in Newark

On Sunday November 22, 2015, more than 700 worshipers gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark NJ for the celebration of Feast of Christ the King. The Solemn Nuptial Mass was celebrated by The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark Diocese. The Spiritual Director, Monsignor Col. Anselm Nwaorgu, participated in this august ceremony. Choirs representing the diverse cultures of the Archdiocese

made alternating presentations and sang in their native languages. Knights of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 KSJI and St. Peter Claver of Newark specially graced the occasion. They mounted guard of honor which added color to the occasion. General intercessory prayers were said in multi-languages beginning with Igbo (Nigeria), Polish, Tagalog, Creole (Haiti), Portuguese, Brazilian, Spanish, Korean, French (Togo), Liberia, Tamil, Croatian, Vietnamese, and English.

Cadet News:

The New York Grand Cadets Organizer, Capt. Titus Brown Osuagwu, has conducted preliminary meeting with the Cadets Organizers of the various Commanderies with a view to conducting seminars and workshops for the Cadets in 2016/17. Its theme will be "Equipping the Young Mind for Excellence in the Noble Order of KSJI". Further announcements would be made as soon as the time table is ready.

Upcoming Events

1. District 4 Delegates Meeting, Comdry 676 Trenton, March 2016 .
2. New York Grand Delegates & Officers Meeting: Saturday, May 7, 2016. Venue: Commandery #41's Club House, Utica, NY.
3. Feast of Knight of St. John: June 24, 2016
4. Supreme Convention: July 2016 - Millennium Hotel, 240 Walden Ave, Buffalo NY 14225.

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

Awka Grand Commandery

It is another New Year, a year of Mercy for the Church. It is truly another New Year, a year of action for the Order. It is a year that we all will converge for our Convention, a Convention that will be full of expectations for all.

For Awka Grand Commandery, this New Year will be – borrowing the words of the Holy Saint – a year when all members of the Grand Commandery will need to work hard to make God dearer to the people, to make Heaven closer to the people and the bible clearer to the people. This intention was made known to members by the Grand President BGen. G.N. Muotolu during his Awka Grand Commandery post Convention message. He insisted on members emulating the founding Fathers of the Order by adhering to their principles and tenets. In his New Year message he admonished all to continue to build on the achievements recorded in the final quarter of last year.

Actually, the final quarter of last year was very revealing and rewarding to the Grand Commandery. According to the Grand Secretary Col. Peter C. Egwui in his report to the 2015 Awka Grand Convention, the last quarter was revealing because it was a period when members discovered the benefit of becoming a Grand Commandery and rewarding because following this discovery, the Grand Commandery recorded over 90% achievement level in all its activities. Some of these activities may be outlined briefly as follows:

The Grand Commandery played a host to the Members and Officers of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery Board of Trustees. Before the SSC BoT meeting commenced, the SSC Presidents, Knights and Laux, were ushered into the Awka Grand Hall premises by a military band led by the Colour Parties, Grand Presidents and Secretaries Knights and Laux. The visiting SSC Presidents took salute from the Guard of Honour mounted for them before being entertained by the Awka Grand Military Squad in a special Sword Manual Display. The welcome ceremony got to its peak with the planting of two trees –tagged Faith and Charity Trees – within the premises of the Awka Grand by the SSC Presidents Knights and Laux.

The last quarter of last year also witnessed the officers of the Grand Commandery and of the various ech-



elons coming together for a Two-Day Retreat at the Pastoral and Retreat Centre of the Diocese. The Retreat which was moderated by the Grand Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Tony Ezeoke had as its theme: “Officers of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings”. The Retreat Director reminded all officers that their elections and appointments were a call to serve the King of Kings as Officers in His Kingdom. He rhetorically asked all officers present if they were aware of this fact and the consequences that follow. He cited as examples the calling of Abraham, Moses, Samuel and Paul and admonished all to always use their positions to bring people closer to the Kingdom of God through their words, actions and prayers. The Regiment also had its Annual Memorial Mass with a concelebrated Song Mass led by His Lordship the Diocesan Bishop of Awka.

The end of the year 2015 equally witnessed the increase and strengthening of members through initiation of new brothers and exemplification and investiture of older brothers. The initiation ceremony which took place between 30th of Oct and 1st of Nov. 2015 brought into the Grand Commandery 21 new members while 38 older members were exemplified and invested.

The Grand Convention which was held in the first week of December featured many programmes such as candle light ceremony during the Grand Memorial Mass officiated by the Diocesan Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Paulinus Ezeokafor and assisted by some Spiritual Advisers, the commissioning of the

Awka Grand Commandery and Officers Charter Plaque by the Bishop, the military parade by Commanderies and Laux just to mention but a few. The climax of the Convention was the election and installation of Grand Officers which saw the return of all Grand Officers for the second time in office.

All was not too glowing for the Grand Commandery as it lost some of its members especially the District 31 Commander, Major Robert C. Onyebuchi, who was called by his maker within this quarter. His death was a shock to the District as they were preparing for their District Muster and Inspection within the period. The Grand Commandery has reviewed up its Death Benefit beginning from this year and the Grand BoT members have approved the work plan matrix of the Grand for the year 2016. It is our prayer therefore that the desire of the Grand to achieve 100% level of success will be met as it prepares seriously to participate in the coming Supreme Convention.

As we thank the Supreme President, Secretary and Inspector General for their Christmas and New Year messages, we wish to express same to all members of our noble and exalted Order. We also appreciate the efforts of the KSJI News Journal Committee and wish you all God’s Blessing as you work to inform members of the Order.

Col. Peter C. Egwui
Awka Grand Secretary

2016 Cadet Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention

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

Price of advance registration - \$2.00
 Price of Registration at Convention - \$3.00
 Make checks payable to: **Knights of St. John**
 Mail to: Col. William Pocobello
 39 Jesella Drive
 North Tonawanda, New York 14120

2016 Junior Convention Registration Form

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention

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

Price of advance registration - \$2.00
 Price of Registration at Convention - \$3.00
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2016 Welcome Party Adam's Mark Hotel

Tuesday, July 19, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Admission (Advance) \$20.00
 Admission (At Door) \$25.00

Light Refreshments
 Cash Bar

Name _____
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2016 Farewell Party Millennium Hotel

Saturday, July 23, 8:30 p.m. – midnight

Join us for a fun-filled evening
 Awards Presentation

Admission (Advance) \$20.00
 Admission (At Door) \$25.00

Light Refreshments
 Cash Bar

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Country _____

Make checks payable to: **Knights of St. John**
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2016 CONVENTION RESERVATION SUMMARY

Form	Number	\$ Paid
Registration	___ @ \$25.00	\$ ___
Cadet Registration	___ @ \$ 2.00	\$ ___
Junior Registration	___ @ \$ 2.00	\$ ___

Form	Number	\$ Paid
Welcome Party	___ @ \$20.00	\$ ___
Farewell Party	___ @ \$20.00	\$ ___
Banquet & Ball	___ @ \$70.00	\$ ___
Total Amount Enclosed \$		_____

**2016 Convention
Registration Form**

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention

First/Given Name _____

Last/Sur Name _____

Title, Officer, Delegate _____

Grand _____

Commandery or Auxiliary Number _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Price of advance registration - \$25.00

Price of registration at Convention - \$35.00

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**2016 Convention
Knights of St. John International**

Hotel Reservations

**Millennium Hotel
2040 Walden Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14225**

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

On the internet go to: **www.millenniumhotels.com**
select **Buffalo, New York** from the dropdown, then
select dates for arrival and departure. Next enter the
the group code **1607 suprem**

By phone call: (716) 681-2400
tell them you want to make reservations at the
Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, New York and you
want the **Knights of St. John special room rates.**

The special rate for the 2016 Knights of St. John
Convention is \$139.00 plus applicable taxes.

The absolute cut-off date to make reservations is:

June 11, 2016

**2016 Supreme Convention
Banquet & Ball**

Please register me for the
2016 Supreme Convention Banquet & Ball

Friday, July 22, 2016

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Ball: 9:00 p.m.

Dancing – Cash Bar

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Price of advanced registration - \$70.00

Price of registration at Convention -\$75.00

Please confirm__reservations at \$70.00 per person

**Reservations made after
June 11, 2016 will be \$75.00**

Make checks payable to: **Knights of St. John**

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North Tonawanda, New York 14120

2016 Convention Ladies Auxiliary

**Knight of St. John
Hotel Reservations**

**Adam's Mark Hotel
120 Church Street, Buffalo
New York 14202**

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

On the internet: [https://bookings.ihotelier.com/
Adams-Mark-Buffalo/bookings.jsp?hotelId=15259&
groupID=149751](https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Adams-Mark-Buffalo/bookings.jsp?hotelId=15259&groupID=149751)

Enter this and it will take you directly to the web
site for the Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York.

By phone call: (716)-845-5100
Tell them you want to make reservations at the
Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York and you
want the special rate for the **2016 Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of St. John**, which is \$139.00 plus
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June 11, 2016

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direct them to the chair of that committee, Lt. Gen. Thomas DeLuca. There are also a number of other proposals, also published in this issue submitted by other groups. Please read them carefully and have full discussions on them at your commandery, District and Grand Commandery meetings. Have your delegates fully prepared to be engaged at the convention prior to voting on these proposed constitutional changes.

Upcoming, in April, is the annual National Bowling Tournament, this year to be held in Buffalo, NY. All prior year team captains should have received an entry form with instructions. We would like to see a massive turnout! Remember the saying, "The More, The Merrier"!

On the heels of the bowling tournament is the International Convention, also being held in Buffalo, NY. (Please see the information in this issue also.) The attendance at the past couple of conventions has been growing and growing. It is now at a point where the ladies' convention will be in one hotel (Adam's Mark - downtown Buffalo) and the Knights convention is at another (The Millennium). There will be joint activities, some at the Adam's Mark and some at the Millennium, but with so many attendees, one hotel could not handle both the men and women. Please contact Brig. Gen. Jim Setlock for more information and this issue for the registration forms needed for the convention.

Before I sign off, I would ask you to pray for all of our deceased brothers and sisters. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and may His face shine upon them this day! Finally, we need to continue to pray for the end of the senseless violence being perpetrated on our fellow men and women by terrorists throughout the world. I continually pray that they have a conversion to the light of Christ and cease the evil that they have been committing.

Until next issue, have a good and penitential Lenten season.

*Fraternally in Christ,
General Dale Gossiaux,
Supreme President
Knights of St. John International*

In Memoriam

Commandery:

40 Rochester, NY	George Schum
41 Utica, NY	John F. Kennedy
59 Reading, OH	John Kutcher
64 Lome, Togo	Vincent Plakoo
97 Columbus, OH	Bart E. Mahoney
98 Columbus, OH	Robert E. Heider
100 Schenectady, NY	Raymond Gaylord
100 Schenectady, NY	Thomas Meaney
103 Louisville, KY	Robert McDermott
204 Depew, NY	Joseph Ball
227 Milhousen, IN	Harold Huff
227 Milhousen, IN	Ralph Moorman
227 Milhousen, IN	Arthur Ortman
345 Haubstadt, IN	Kenneth Meny
351 Accra, Ghana	Edward Clouch
351 Accra, Ghana	Stan Kwame Kplomede
357 Cape Coast, Ghana	James Edward Duker
387 Orchard Park, NY	Rev. Theodore Rog
403 Koforidua, Ghana	Michael Atiemo
408 Springville, NY	Thomas Rumfola
417 Navrongo, Ghana	Ben Rogers Bagnabu
437 Axim, Ghana	Joseph K. Arthur
437 Axim, Ghana	EnockCudjoe
437 Axim, Ghana	Sylvester Andoh Mensah
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Richard Esomonu Aka
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Francis EbomOkoiye
445 Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Edward Nkwo
469 Umuahia, Abia, Nigeria	Paul N. Chukwuezi
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Raymond Ekwenem
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria	James Ezemenakaya
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Martin Nnabuife
509 Ekwulobia, Anambra, Nigeria	Simon Onukwo
545 Enugu-Ukwu, Anambra, Nigeria	Richard O.C. Okafor
545 Enugu-Ukwu, Anambra, Nigeria	Fidelis Okekearu
548 Umunzie, Anambra, Nigeria	Gilbert Orji
548 Umunzie, Anambra, Nigeria	Peter Azord
548 Umunzie, Anambra, Nigeria	Linus Nwankwo
548 Umunzie, Anambra, Nigeria	Robert Onyebuch
559 Uli, Imo, Nigeria	Nicholas C. Odimmeda
593 High Level Makurdi, Benue, Nigeria	Clement Orum
633 Oyigbo, Rivers, Nigeria	Emmanuel UgwumbaMbah
634 Port Harcourt, Rivers, Nigeria	Gregory ChimaAnyanwu
677 Bolgatanga, Ghana	Albano Mongkumah
747 New Plaku, Ghana	Stephen Kwesi Arthur
767 Kade, Ghana	George Ofori
826 Asankragwa, Ghana	John H. Yankey

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