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My dear fellow Knights and Ladies of the Knights of St. John International, Greetings from the Supreme President.

I am in hopes that you and your families had the opportunity to enjoy the festive season and were able to assist those that are less fortunate than we are. As we move forward in another new year, we have much work ahead of us.

By now you should be preparing for your upcoming conventions as we are also preparing for our Supreme Executive Board of Directors Meeting. Strong leadership and a total participation of all your delegates will accomplish our goals.

If we respect the rights of others and all are permitted to state their positions, there is no end to what we can achieve for the good of our order. Throughout the years, no matter what office or position I have served within, I have continually stated that by following the laws of our constitution and respecting them as written, you will never go wrong.

Recently, I have noticed an increase, a small percentage compared to our total membership, in disputes within our organization. This is not uncommon in an order of our size, and especially if you render in the fact that we are an International organization, but any increase is too much.

We should be torch bearers for our faith, family, and communities we live within, and be conducting ourselves as good Catholic gentlemen. During our meetings, I urge that we take time from our agendas to discuss the respect of one another, respect for the Church, family unity, and the laws of our Constitution. Sometimes, stepping back and reviewing what we have, and are doing, can help us understand what we need to change going forward.

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SUPREME SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

What you are holding in your hand right now is a "Transitional" Version of the Knights of St. John Journal. A bit of the old and the new. As you all may have heard this past July, our multi-talented Asst. Editor, Jim Schafhausen, announced his planned retirement from his Journal duties. He has given of his time, serving us faithfully and unselfishly since his appointment to the position by then Supreme President Frank Waseleski at the 2006 Supreme Convention in Buffalo, New York. In addition to those duties, he served as Cincinnati Grand President and currently as 1st Vice President of the Supreme Subordinate Commandery-USA. He has retired and with his devoted wife, Connie, (our Proof-Reader) will be traveling to see their family and these United States in their home on wheels. We wish him well and you will hear more about our man in a future journal.

Enter the new. Jim's were big shoes to fill but we believe we have found our man. He is Michael Days, 2nd Vice President of Blessed Sacrament of the Divine Shepherd Commandery #676 in Trenton, NJ. He is the Editor of the award-winning Philadelphia Daily News. He is an acclaimed writer and has received more honors for his work in Journalism than this space can allow. Again, I will see that you hear more about this multi-faceted man soon.

These two devoted Knights have worked together to get this issue off the ground and to the presses. They will continue to do so until Mike Days receives his mantle of sole responsibility.

Meanwhile, this office have been busy too. Naturally, I had to get sick and be out of operation for two weeks with a virus-caused cough and cold. The mother of all coughing spells. In spite of that, and with

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SUPREME SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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

There is a saying: "Time flies when you are having fun." or "Time waits for no one." I am sure there are other similar sayings. However, my brothers and sisters, time is flying by us quicker and quicker. Just two months ago we concluded the beautiful season of Christmas. Then there was a quick turn around. It was the start of the Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical.

When we entered into the Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar, we were encouraged to "roll up our sleeves" and put our faith into action. We were encouraged to profess our faith in Jesus Christ in what we say and do. As always, I am grateful too our Knights and Ladies for your faith and charitable works of mercy and kindness. You continue to put your faith into action.

Now we enter into another wonderful spiritual season of grace. Lent and Easter is the time to deepen our faith and commitment in Jesus Christ and to proclaim him on Easter Sunday, and there after.

May we not get caught up in this crazy, materialistic and fragile world, but instead, keep "rolling up your sleeves" for Jesus Christ. Proclaim him in your speech and actions. Be his soldiers of peace, justice, and hope to all around you.

As always, you are remembered in my daily prayers and especially during the season of Lent and Easter.

God bless you,

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2019 KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN, INT. SUPREME SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY~USA CONVENTION ADDITIONAL BANQUET REQUESTS

Saturday, June 22, 2019

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(Welcome New Members from page 5)

895	Wa, Ghana	Alfred Angsokpieng, Silas Asige, LibanusBayuo, Ernest Sobrwelle
901	Suame, Ghana	Rev. Fr. Emmanuel OpokuGyedu, Emmanuel OseiKyei, John Budaterka, John Osei Badu
905	Tamale, Ghana	Gregory Zobazie, Francis Dakorah, David Dumakawe, Charles Miineh
909	Tamale, Ghana	Francis Denzee
928	KeteKrache, Ghana	ZakariaAborkugyah, Gregory Addae, Isaac Agbedonu, Emmanuel ApioAtukuna, Bright Boni, Richard CodjoeNyankomako, Kofi Johaness Brabi, Patrick Denteh, Boniface Devine Gbemu, Godwin Kalitsi, Sabastian Komlagah, Frank Ntoso, Mark K. Ntoso, Kwaku Herbert Nuworzah, Kwaku Daniel Okuminyi Sarfo Noah Osore, George K Tumasi
930	Ashiaman Lebanon, Ghana	AcheampongAfari, Daniel Amuzu, Michael Kofi Angmotey, Albert Aryoe, Francis Awunige, Emmanuel Brace, Jonathan Anthony Cudjoe, Lord Lawrence Kudzordzi, Daniel Mensah, Eric LawerNartey, Michael Tsiwah
931	NgleshieAmanfro, Ghana	GodfredSorkpor, Jacob Agbanyo, ApohCecvilCoffie, Moses Anthony Landzro, GerbrielAjibeen, Phillip Obeng Williams, Andrews Mensah Apora
945	Adenta, Ghana	Cyril Lawson Afedo, GodfriedAgbeyibor Kwasi Bright Amoako, Seth Asamoah, Anthony KwasiAtidzonu, James Billy Ayamah, Martin Ayoo, Richard Bedzrah, Raymond Danxo, Emmanuel Datsomor, Geoffrey Kpogah, Jude Kwesi Manty, Frederick DenkyiraOpoku, Augustine Sagbo

Monrovia Grand Commandery

MGC Holds Biennial Annual Meeting

The Monrovia Grand Commandery from November 28 to December 2, 2018 held its 3rd Biennial Grand Annual at the St. Christopher Parish in Kakata, Margibi County. It was held concurrently with the Annual Meeting of the Monrovia Grand Ladies Auxiliary under the theme “Knighthood-Towards Self-Empowerment”.

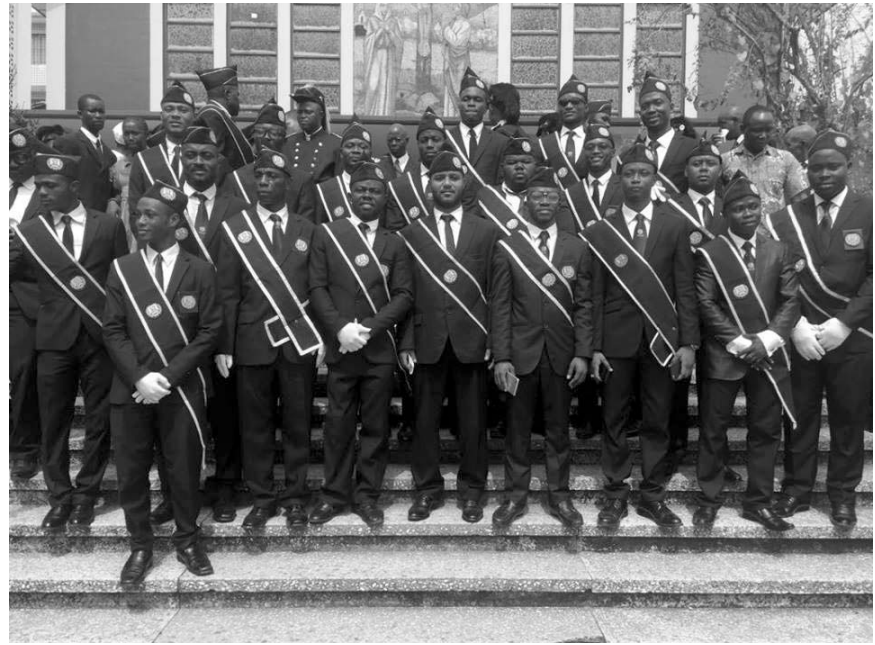
Later, delegates of the MGC and MGLA in a joint session endorsed the decision to establish a Joint Death Benefit Fund, adopted its policy, including it being managed by an independent management team. Under the policy, the Fund will cover the fraternal obligations associated with the burial of deceased brothers, sisters, cadets and juniors with only brothers and sisters contributing towards the Fund. The policy holders will be the Commanderies and Auxiliaries and upon the demise of brother or sister, an amount of L\$100,000.00 will be provided while upon the demise of a cadet or junior, L\$50,000.00.

The bodies also agreed on several initiatives geared towards providing a firm financial base including the speeding up of the sales of the MGC/MGLA lappa, and the incorporation of the MGC and MGLA to undertake investments.

In its separate session, the MGC resolved the following:

- a. Transformation of its present District structure to that of a Regimental District;
- b. Enforced the age limit within all cadet commanderies with no cadet commandery recruiting any candidate above the age of 16 while transferring all who are prepared and are above the age of 21;
- c. To review its Strategic Plan with the aim of determining achievable objectives for the next three years; and
- d. Establish a Chevalier Chapter and a Noble Temple of the MGC.

At the end of the Meeting, the MGC and the MGLA contributed L\$50,000.00 towards the St. Christopher Parish as assistance towards the completion of the Parish Hall.



New initiated brothers of #366 after Thanksgiving Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Districts Elect New Corps of Officers

Districts One and Two of the MGC held their convention in November 2018 and January 2019 respectively. At the conventions, a new corps of officers were elected. In District One, Major Ziamah Y. Kollie, who had previously served as 1st Vice Commander was elected Commander while in District Two, Major James Doe Sorboh, the Acting District Commander was also elected Commander. Major Sorboh completed the term of Col. Patrick Brown who resigned as commander after his election as 1st Vice Grand President of the MGC.

Sacred Heart #366 Membership Change

When all felt that the cold hands of death had finally left Sacred Heart #366, the Commandery was reeled another blow when one of its sick brothers Patrick Grimes died in November. He was a brother for over 30 years. Despite having to bury seven brothers in a year, the Commandery still undertook an active recruitment campaign which culminated in the initiation of 25 candidates in late January 2019 of which 17 were cadets who trans-

ferred. The successful candidates were Brothers Moses Lake, Ignatius N. Moses, Moses P. Weah, Alexander Theo Munford, Archibald Z. Harris, Richard Barclay, Sylvester Blamo, Francis Momo Sannah, Jacob Tarwoe, Prince D. Kafel, Kpabopitmol Cole, Alvin K. Yeah, Jefferson A. Moore, Ezekiel Kirti, Winston Nmah, Jerome K. Nyan, Jr., Franklin Honour, Jerome M. Harmon, Philderald Williams, Joseph Massaquoi, Joseph Shaving, Morrison Egorume, Fayiah M. Bundoo, Michael A. Clarke, II, and Arnold E. Johnson, II.

*Fraternally,
Col. Ebenizar Z. Gibson
Grand Secretary MGC*

**SIGN UP
A
NEW
MEMBER
TODAY**

Accra East Grand Commandery

Accra East Grand Commandery Inaugurates Two new Commanderies

The Grand President of the Accra East Grand Commandery, Brig. Gen. Bekoe Palmer-Buckle, on 15th December 2018 and 29th December 2018 inaugurated St. Luke Commandery #930 and Holy Rosary Commandery #945 respectively.

The inauguration of both commanderies followed weeks of preparation and education of the new members on forming and sustaining a new commandery. The new members were also lectured on the conduct and expectations of members.

St. Luke Commandery #930, Ashaiman Lebanon

St. Luke Commandery is in Ashaiman Lebanon, a suburb of Tema within the jurisdiction of the 5th District Commandery of the Accra East Grand Commandery. The Commanderies attached to St. Luke Catholic Church. The inauguration was carried out by the Grand President on 15th December 2018 at the church premises after Holy Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Marek Dabrowski SVD. On 16th December 2018, a thanksgiving Mass and parade were held to round-off the inauguration. Both ceremonies were attended by senior officers from the Accra East and West Grand Commanderies. The 5th District now has 7 commanderies. Congratulations to the new commandery and thumbs up to the Grand President and his officers, the District Commander, Maj. John Aidoo Jr. and his staff and Officers and members of the sponsoring Commandery, St. Augustine Commandery #630.

Holy Rosary Commandery #945, Adenta

The Holy Rosary Commandery is attached to Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Adenta which is within the jurisdiction of the 14th District Commandery (Accra East Grand Commandery). The commandery was inaugurated on 29th December 2018 after Holy Mass which was celebrated by the Grand Chaplain, Very Rev. Fr. (Maj) Benyah Mensah and concelebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Charles Owusu Yeboah (SMA Super-



The Grand President, supporting officers and the new members

rior of Ghana), Rev. Fr. (Lt) Nimorious Domanzing (Chaplain of 14th District and Accra East District 3) and Fr. Eric Kportor (Assistant Parish Priest, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church).

The inauguration brings to 7, the total number of commanderies in the 14th District.

The Grand President, Brig. Gen. Bekoe Palmer Buckle, carried out the Promulgation of the Charter, inauguration, initiation of the new members and installation of Officers with the support of Very Rev. Fr Owusu Yeboah, Brig. Gen. Tony Chinebuah (Immediate Past Grand President), Lt. Gen. Joseph Biney (Past President, AEGC), Col. Emmanuel Plange (Grand 1st Vice President), Col. Daniel Tambro (Grand 2nd Vice President), Brig. Gen. William Adjei (Supreme Subordinate 2nd Vice President) and Brig. Gen. Lawrence Lartey (Supreme Subordinate Secretary).

There were other Grand Officers present. Congratulations to Maj. James Klu and the sponsoring Commandery, Queen of Peace. The new commandery will hold a thanksgiving Mass in February 2019 when its members will be officially introduced to Parishioners of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and prospective members will be given the opportunity to join.

The Grand President assured both new commanderies of the continued support of all the Officers at Local, District and Grand levels.

On behalf of the Grand President and the Grand Board of Trustees, we wish the President, officers and members of St. Luke and Holy Rosary Commanderies well and pray for God's guidance and direction in their deliberations and activities.

Submitted by:
Capt. Dominic Darkwa

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Owerri Grand Commandery

Owerri Grand Commandery Apkmn Owerri 2018

Friday, 16th – Sunday, 18th November 2018, Association of the papal knights and medalists in Nigeria (APKMN) increased the up surge of visitors to Owerri, Imo State Capital, Nigeria, as Owerri Grand premises, Knights of St John International was chosen to host the 10th National Conference for the papal knights with the theme, “The Church in Nigeria, Its Challenges”.

Immediate past Judge Advocate, Owerri Grand, Justice P.C. Onmajulu, OFR, KSJ, KSS Chairman Owerri Provincial Chapter of APKMN, presented a welcome address to the Conference attendees.

In his short comment, he sees the 10th national conference as epoch making as its theme and deliberations thereon, will make delegates understand better their roles as honorees of the Church and Soldiers of Christ.

The APKMN National President, Sir Patrick Ikemefuna KSM, KSS, thanked KSJI Owerri Grand, for their hospitality and large heart to avail them all the facilities in the Grand.

Our own Grand President, Chief Sir Anthony O. Erukeme, KSJ, OON, papal knight Chairmanned the occasion.

The Guest Speaker, His lordship Most Rev. Dr. Lucius Ugorji, Catholic Bishop of Umuahia Diocese, represented by Rev. Fr. Innocent Osuagwu presented the Conference Theme lecture: The Challenges of the Church in Nigeria; The Way Forward”.

Grand Secretary Owerri Grand, Noble Bro. C.J.E. Ibeh presented Kola nut to the Conference attendees.

2018 Annual General Meeting:

Wed, 5th – Sat. 8th December 2018; the annual General Meeting AGM, Owerri Grand was held with the theme: “Knightly Leadership”.

AGM is a period of stock taking for the ending year and also charting a road map for the incoming year.

Grand president presenting his welcome address thanked all brothers and sisters of Owerri Grand



KSJI. He wished to have our cadets and juniors join as brothers and sisters.

Grand Secretary, Noble Col, C.E.J. Ibeh’s address urged brothers and sisters to strive to abide by the Beatitudes and keep in faith the spirit of the four point Agenda of our Noble order - Discipline, spirituality, charity and fraternity

The retreat in the words of Grand secretary provides a very friendly and convivial atmosphere for socialization/fraternal exchanges among all delegates, also affords the opportunity for recreation and competition such as drill competitions.

Various reports were considered: Minutes of 2016 AGM with the theme; “Be merciful;” the minutes were read and adopted.

The Grand secretary’s reports become another flawless presentation with in-depth details of all activities/events that happened within and outside Owerri Grand including the 2018 Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, PA, USA.

The 22 paged report was handled with all finesse of an effervescent secretary reaching a crescendo and rhythmic flows. In the end, the report presented of Grand Secretary earned him thunderous ovations.

The highlight of reports was Owerri Grand proposed draft estimate/budget for 2019 which was considered and adopted.

Most visible was the time discipline. Every delegate was made to understand the time for every activity all through the AGM

In the Spirit of Charity

Remember our sick brothers and sisters give them a call, visit, support above all forgive one another for there is grace in forgiveness, nobility in compassion and beauty in empathy.

*Lieut. Vincent Azubuike
Owerri Grand Journal Editor*

Baltimore-Washington Grand Commandery

Maryland Regiment Election

The Maryland Regimental Election was conducted at the Quarterly Regimental Meeting on December 16, 2018 at Commandery # 386 (Mechanicsville, MD). The election was attended by the Supreme Judge Advocate Maj. Gen. Aagon Tingba, Supreme Trustee Maj. Gen. Martin M. Bella and Supreme Subordinate Commandery-USA President Maj. Gen. F. Jerome Countiss, Jr. The Installation of Officer's Ceremony was conducted by the Supreme Judge Advocate. The new regiment officers are as follows: Commander - Jerome Short, First Vice Commander - John Brown Sr., Second Vice Commander - Steve Boley, Paymaster - Lamont Neal, Quartermaster - Joseph Johnson, Adjutant - JT Kenneth, Inspector - Matthew Scott, Second Battalion Major - James Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms - Willie Griffin, Messenger - Joseph Shade, and Guard - Joe Bates.

Commandery #283 and Auxiliary #109 Memorial Mass

The Knights of Commandery #283 and Ladies of Auxiliary #109 attended the 12:00 noon Mass at Ascension Catholic Church in Bowie, Maryland on November 11, 2018 to remember and pray for their deceased members. With many of the Knights being veterans, the Memorial Mass was celebrated in coincidence with Veterans Day. Additionally, the Memorial Mass for Baltimore Grand Commandery was held at the Church of the Incarnation in Washington D.C. on the week before.

Events/Activities/Support

On Saturday, January 5, 2019, members of Ladies Auxiliary #301 and Commandery #309 celebrated the Annual Joint Holiday celebration by attending a joint luncheon at 12:00 at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Waldorf, Maryland. The event was well attended with the availability of an abundant of food, desserts and beverages. A festive time was enjoyed by all.

The Knights of Commandery #283 held their annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday November 17, 2018 hosted in the Ascen-



sion Bates Hall for the Ascension Seniors Club, the Happy Go Lucky Seniors Group, and other seniors in the area. In spite of the inclement weather (wintry wind, light snowfall, and frigid rain), approximately one hundred seniors attended and enjoyed a delicious catered meal and pleasant fellowship.

The Knights of Commandery #309 and Ladies of Auxiliary #301 assembled at 4:30 in the morning on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata, Maryland to participate in the Safe Nights Program managed by Life Styles of Charles County. This is an annual county wide event hosted by churches and school and supported by members of churches and organizations to help those in need of shelter and food. Knights and Ladies prepared and served a breakfast meal for approximately seventy people (women, men and children) 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 to demonstrate compassion and concern and to hear them express gratitude for the opportunity to receive shelter and food.

Commandery #309 Knights joined with members of Sacred Heart Church in LaPlata, Maryland to remove Christmas decorations in the Church. Knights also responded to Father Gill, Pastor of St. Catherine Catholic Church in

McConchie, Maryland request to support a fundraiser dinner and silent auction at the St. Catherine's Hall on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

In Memoriam

The following Brother Knight has passed away since our last Journal article: Frederick Matthew Holton, Commandery #386 - Mechanicsville, Maryland.

Good of the Order

As we begin a new year give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior for His many blessings that we received last year. Baltimore Grand Commandery is preparing for an active 2019 with individual Commanderies focusing on the Knights of St. John International core precepts of Family, Evangelism, Charity, Community and Service. 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. Also reach out to those Brothers who have lost a spouse or relative. They will appreciate 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*

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery

The last quarter of the year 2018 was full of activities.

Initiation into the First Degree of the Order took place in St Brendan College, Bomadi from September 5th to September 9th, 2018. 73 Brothers were initiated, drawn from all three Districts of the Grand Commandery.

In the same venue, 16 Brothers were exemplified into the 2nd / 3rd Degrees. 21 Brothers were invested into the marching uniform while 6 were invested into full dress uniform. The theme of the retreat: *"You are the Salt of the Earth and Light of the World"* was preached by the Second Vice President of Lagos Grand Commandery. Another lecture was on the History of the Church delivered by Col Dan Onuoha. Our Grand Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Kabari presided over all spiritual activities during the retreat.

On October 27th and 28th, the newly created Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon Chapter of Chevaliers, was inaugurated by the Supreme Subordinate President, Lt Gen. Dan Okekenta, ably represented by Port Harcourt Grand President, Brig. Gen. Steve Ekwelibe. Under the theme: *Chivalry in the Service of the Church, State and Humanity*, the Grand Master, Col Peter Odili, conducted the exemplification into the 4th Degree of 40 qualified candidates. Earlier, he had received 32 Chevaliers who had elected to transfer from Bishop Okoye Chapter of Chevaliers into the new Chapter for the convenience and other incentives it offers.

Port Harcourt Grand Commandery Annual General Meeting (AGM) capped the activities of the Order for the year. Under the theme: *'Knighthood, a life of Service'* the Grand Commandery and Auxiliary convoked the three Districts to a soul searching appraisal of the year fast coming to an end. Held in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Igwuruta, from 14th – 16th December, 2018, the AGM featured Grand/Auxiliary BOT, Joint Grand BOT, exemplification into the 2nd /3rd Degrees of the Order and installation of a new Commandery, Our Lady of Victory #948.



Monsignor Pius Kii delivered a brilliant lecture on the theme of the retreat.

During the Joint Grand BOT, the Grand President disbursed cheques of ₦500,000.00 to the next-of-kin of our fallen brothers/sisters within the previous quarter. Five hundred thousand naira is the sum-assured in our internal Death Benefit Insurance Scheme aimed at cushioning the financial burden on families after the death and burial of their loved ones. The premium is ₦7,000. The beneficiaries were the next-of-kin of late Brothers Ndubuisi Nwankwoala (#800), Bro Alilionu (#558), and Sisters Chukwuma (LAUX 678) and Sister Nanamene.

A gala night and a march-past, with the Grand Spiritual Adviser, the Grand President and the Grand Respected President taking the salute.

The 4th Degree exemplification attracted many brothers of high social standing to the exercise. The Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, the pro Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Achibong University, Calabar and other notable brothers were knighted. The Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese who could not be present for the occasion delegated Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Kabari, to represent him and preside over the Mass and all spiritual activities.

As has been his practice, the Bishop of Port Harcourt Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Camillus Etokudoh, held an interactive meeting with the Knights of Port Harcourt Diocese. The Knights of St. John Inter-

national, the Knights of St. Mulumba and Papal Knights and their Ladies were represented by their various executive officers. The Bishop commended the Knights for their positive contributions towards the spiritual and infrastructural development of the Diocese. On their part, the Knights drew the attention of the Bishop to some areas where the Diocese could do better. The Knights were fetted to a sumptuous lunch, a prelude to a Christmas Party, a few days away.

Holy Family Commandery #779 in conjunction with LAUX 678 held a 3-day retreat, starting on November 17, 2018. Col. Dan Onuoha gave a talk on the causes of non-attendance to Commandery functions. There was a prize giving ceremony to brothers and sisters for outstanding performance in the Commandery/Auxiliary.

Our Lady of Lourdes Commandery #634, Creek Road, celebrated a thanksgiving Mass and an end-of-year Christmas party on 14th December, 2018. This was a way of thanking God and the brothers and sisters for their hard work during the year.

Holy Family Commandery #779, Woji suffered a last-minute bereavement of a vibrant young officer, Bro. Peter Okubi, 50 year old, whom the Lord called to Himself on December 28, 2019. He served the Commandery as its financial Secretary.

*Col Daniel Onuoha, Scribe
Bishop Edmund Fitzgibbon
Chapter of Chevaliers*

(Supreme President from page 4)

Our order is built on the practice of Faith, Hope and Charity. Let us renew the oath of our membership and respect our brothers as our Lord teaches us.

God bless us all and guide us to be stronger Catholic gentlemen and Knights of St. John.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gen. Frank Waseleski, Sr.
Supreme President*

(Supreme Secretary from page 4)

the Child-Bride's nursing, I managed to process all of the incoming Year End Reports, compute the Per Capita Taxes and get the Invoices sent out. What else is there to do when your home is surrounded by three feet of snow?

I now prepare for our upcoming Supreme Executive Meeting in Columbus, OH; but first, some time off to the "Land of the Sun-Rum", Jamaica. Talk to you on my return.

God Bless you all for your great efforts for this Exalted Order.

Deus lo Vult

*Lt. Gen. Tom Zdanowicz
Supreme Secretary*

As I retire from being the assistant editor of this newsletter, I must say ~ **THANK YOU** ~

These words don't seem like much but are all I can think to say. **Thank you** to Supreme President Frank Waseleski, Sr. for appointing me to the post of Supreme Under Secretary/Journal, and for your faith and trust in me. **Thank you** to our Supreme Secretary and Journal Editor, also for your faith and trust. **Thank you** to all who submitted articles to this "One of a Kind Newsletter". And lastly but definitely not the least, **Thank you** to my wife, Connie, who put our lives on hold four time a year while I worked on the Knight's Journal; also for proofreading it.

Commandery:

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59 Reading, OH
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100 Schenectady, NY
330 Cleveland, OH
346 Saltpond, Ghana
351 Derby Avenue, Accra, Ghana
366 Monrovia, Liberia
385 Utica, NY
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392 Tamale, Ghana
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406 Obuasi, Ghana
413 Osu, Ghana
427 Jirapa, Upper West Reg., Ghana
484 South Suntreso, Ghana
495 Mataheko, Ghana
500 Dansoman, Ghana
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517 Wa, Ghana
618 Kpehe, Ghana
621 Virginia, Montcerrado, Liberia
677 Bolgatanga, Ghana
710 Brampton, Ontario, Canada
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749 Nima, Ghana
757 Penkwase, Ghana
789 Bekwai, Ghan
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819 AwutuBereku, Ghana

In Memoriam

December, 2018 to March, 2019

Ernie Clemons
Joseph Heaufle
Roger Mattscheck
Richard Daly
James Grasso
Kennedy Appiah
John Avorgah
Patrick Grimes
Thomas Mazzatti
Michael Paris Rose
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Felix Dzeble
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John Dei
Daniel KojoOkusu
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Thomas Nyaku
J.N.B. Kwofie
Joseph Ansonmwini
Michael UbaldTantuo
Cyrus Fawime
Zachary Wadekuu
Ike Ejesi
Collins Ogoke
Emanuel Ugwuegulen
LawrenceMba
Coleman Igwe
Peter AddoAsamoah
Emmanuel Owusu-Acheaw
Clement Frimpong
Michael Appiah Boakye
Andrews Honey

When the Under Secretaries were established during the 2006 Supreme Convention, I became the first Under Secretary/Journal. It has been a privilege and honor to work in this capacity for the Knights over the last 13 years, producing a total of 50 issues.

My successor, Michael Days, of Comm. #676, Trenton, NJ, was introduced to you in the Secretary's Message on page 4. I pray that you all will be as supportive to him as you have been to me.

May God Bless and Protect us all as members of the Knights of St. John.

Fraternally, Jim Schafhausen

