

News Report From District 4, KSJ Int'l

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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM NOVEMBER 01, 2019 TO JANUARY 31, 2020

Happy New Year to all and sundry! The District did not experience or record any loss of our membership during this quarter. We have continued to move forward together despite the challenging times with one dream of actualizing the work of the Noble Order of KSJI in this Region and to support and defend the Catholic Church. We are currently dealing with the winter and its related wind chills, snow falls, frost bites, and above all dressing warm and heating our environments. Our get-well wishes go to Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu, Supreme Cadets Chairman from Commandery 680 who had surgery in the month of December 2019 at the University Hospital Newark New Jersey. Knights of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 have continued to pay get-well visits to him and the family. Our condolences go to Lady Obiribe of Ladies Auxiliary 592 who lost her two sisters in Nigeria. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to the departed souls and also the fortitude to the Obiribe family to bear the loss.

Knights Monthly Meetings: Commanderies under District 4 have continued to hold their regular monthly meetings where they conduct the business of their Commanderies and the welfare of the Order.

DISTRICT 4 QUARTERLY MEETING:

The Fourth Quarterly Delegates and Officers meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery # 680 Newark New Jersey on Sunday November 24th 2019 at the Blessed Sacrament Church, 610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. Members of the District 4 participated in the Eucharistic Mass which was homilied by Rev. Father Erasmus Okere, Spiritual Director of Commandery 680. The meeting was presided over by Major Charles Igwebuike – the District Commander and was fully participated by delegates and members of Commanderies 626 NY, 676 Trenton NJ and 680

Newark NJ. Progress reports on the good of the Order were received from the three Commandaries of the District.

3RD DEGREES INITIATION CEREMONY AT COMMANDERY 626 NEW YORK:

Re: Queen of Saints Award Ceremony:

On December 1st 2019, members of New York Grand Ladies Auxiliary (LAUX #557, #592, #598) who have met the qualification of 20 years minimum membership and in good standing were invested with the highest Degree (Noble or Third Degree). The ceremony was officiated by Most Reverend Octavio Cisneros D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens New York. Also, in attendance was the parish priest of St Clement Pope Church, Fr Michael Onyekwere. The investiture was performed by New York Grand President Pauline Oparah. In assistance were the District 1st Vice President, Sr. Julie Egbunam and LAUX #557 Respected President, Sr Loretta Nwoke. The recipients of the award were as follows: Helen Boe, Elfrida Enweh, Benetta Peters, Veronica Tsiko, Netti Davies Kollie, Pauline Dalieh, Lucy B. Davis, Patricia Tarpa, Monica Bropleh, Veronica Davies, Eugenia Keke, Chika Onyemekwu, Cristina Wilson The ceremony took place at St. Clement Pope Roman Catholic Church in Jamaica, Queens New York. All the three Commanderies of District 4 fully participated in the 3rd Degrees Exemplification.



MOST REVEREND OCTAVIO CISNEROS D.D. WITH RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD



SISTER PAULINE OPARA – NY GRAND PRESIDENT WITH RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD

COMMANDERY 680 NEWARK NJ:

BSSC & ICC received His Excellency, Archbishop Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark Archdiocese who was on a maiden visit to the Parish on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019. Knights of St. John Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 mounted a guard of honor for the Archbishop during his celebration of the Pontifical Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark New Jersey.



CARDINAL TOBIN BEING HONORED BY MEMBERS OF COMMANDERY 680

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. March 29th, 2020: District 4 Quarterly Delegates & Officers Meeting at St. Clement the Pope Church, Commandery 626, New York.
2. May 4, 2019: New York Grand Officers and Delegates Meeting
3. Feast of Knight of St. John: June 24, 2020
4. July 19 – 26, 2020: KSJI Supreme Convention at Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

Fraternally submitted:

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