

# News Report From District 4, KSI Int'l

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## *Courtesies of:*

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## **NEWS AND EVENTS FROM FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup> 2020 TO APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

Officers and members of the District have continued to make great sacrifices in the service of humanity and mankind which are the principal attributes of the Noble Order. This was a beautiful season as we transitioned from winter to spring even though we have continued to experience cold weather. Brother Knights and Sisters with their families participated actively in several activities which were conducted during the period under review. Our condolences go to Commanderys 680 Newark and 626 New York who lost 2 of their distinguished members – Brother Ignatius Njoku and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Fidelis Omigie (First Vice President of Commandery 626 NY). Knights of Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 have continued to pray weekly for the repose of the souls of these brothers and offer condolences to the bereaved families. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to the departed souls and also grant the fortitude to the families to bear the loss.

### **NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT:**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of St. John International and 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Auxiliary National Bowling Tournament which was supposed to be held in Utica, New York from April 25 – 26, 2020 at the Transit Lanes, 7850 Transit Road, Williamsville, New York was postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Commandery 680 was poised to come and win this year's national championships, having secured a more permanent place of bowling in New Jersey and practiced bi-weekly, producing heavyweight professionals. This National Bowling Tournament draws distinguished participants from various Grands and Districts of the Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries all over the world.

### **DISTRICT FOUR DELEGATES MEETINGS:**

The First Quarterly Delegates meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery which was supposed to be hosted by Commandery 676, Trenton, New Jersey, was postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic developments. Regular and BOT meetings of Commanderys under District 4 have continued to be held via teleconferences where good of the other are being discussed.

### **COMMANDERY 680:**

Brothers of Commandery 680 participated in the Archdiocese of Newark Men's Conference which was held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. This is a day of reflection for men. The conference featured workshop with inspiring and challenging discussions. Over five thousand men participated in the Conference. They were drawn from the Catholic Communities and Parishes under the Archdiocese of Newark. The conference concluded with confessions and Eucharistic Celebration with the Archbishop of Newark Archdiocese, His Eminence, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, as the Chief Celebrant. Knights of St. John Int'l and St. Columbus provided guard of honor during the occasion. The Theme of this year's celebration is "I am my brothers' keeper".



**KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INT'L AND ST. COLUMBUS MOUNT GUARD OF HONOR FOR CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN AT THE MEN'S CONFERENCE**



**CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN GRAND ENTRANCE INTO THE CONFERENCE**

## **CHARTER OF TRANSFIGURATION COMMANDERY 960, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:**

Weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 featured a galore of Officers from the Supreme, U.S. Supreme Subordinate, New York Grand Commandery, District 4 with Local Commanderies from Philadelphia, Trenton, New York and Representatives of Commandery 680 Newark NJ. They have assembled at St. Ann's Catholic Church on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Newark NJ for the charter of the newest Commandery of the Order of the Knights of St. John Int'l – Transfiguration Commandery 960. This two-day religious event commenced on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> and ended on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with a Eucharistic Celebration.

Top on the list of the Officers are: General Frank Waseleski (Supreme President), Lt. Gen. Thom Zdanowicz (Supreme Secretary), Lt. Gen. Terrence McCann (Supreme Treasurer), Maj. Gen. Martin Bella (Supreme Trustee), Maj. Gen. James Schafhausen (Supreme Subordinate President-USA), Brig. General Chijioke Okafor (Assist. Supreme Secretary), Brig. Gen. Richard Morse (Supreme

Undersecretary Ritual and New York Grand President), Brig. Gen. Francis Kolie (Supreme Subordinate Secretary-USA), Col. Titus Brown Osuagwu (Supreme Cadets Chairman and Former Commandery 680 Commander), Col. David Wilson (NY Grand Secretary), Maj. Charles Igwebuike (District 4 Commander), Lady Paulin Oparah (NY Grand Respected President).



**SWEARING IN OF THE INDUCTEES OF TRANSFIGURATION COMDRY**



**GROUP PHOTO OF THE INDUCTEES WITH THE SUPREME AND GRAND OFFICERS**



**PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTER BY THE SUPREME SECRETARY,  
LT. GEN. TOM ZDANOWICZ**



**THE SUPREME PRESIDENT, GENERAL FRANK WASELESKI, PRESENTS THE  
CHARTER TO THE WORTHY PRESIDENT OF TRANSFIGURATION  
COMMANDERY 960, BROTHER AL GBI TOE, SR.**



PARTICIPATING SUPREME OFFICERS  
WITH COMMANDERY 960 WORTHY PRESIDENT

Apparently, the following 22 brothers were inducted into Knighthood of St. John's Order during the ceremony:

1. Rev. Fr. Josephat Kato Kalema, STD, ***Spiritual Director***
2. Al Gbi Toe, Sr., ***Worthy President***
3. Nicaise Abita, ***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President***
4. James Kariuki, ***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President***
5. Tabe Charles Gbarre, ***Recording Secretary***
6. Sixtus I. Amadi, ***Financial Secretary***
7. Korvah K. Massaquoi, Sr., ***Treasurer***
8. Bawupati Dominique Tainon, ***Trustee***
9. Aristide Bra, ***Trustee***
10. Oladele Theophilus Sule, PhD., ***Commander***
11. Adesola Adepone
12. Austin Adesina
13. J. Benedict Wreh

14. Dominique Zayzay
15. Egwuenu Christopher Chigozie
16. Emmett Trinity
17. J. Chris Toe, PhD
18. Konan Richard Brou
19. Kennedy Myers
20. *Lawson Beh*
21. Neorlu N. Tumbah
22. Robert Mulerwa

Full documentary of the Charter could be found at the New York Grand Website:  
<http://frontiernet.net/~nygrand>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1. **Feast of Patron St. John the Baptist** – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to be hosted by all  
Commanderies in their various Parishes
2. **Supreme Convention:** July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Venue:** Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY, U.S.A.
3. **4<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarterly Meeting:**  
**Hosts:** Commandery 676 Trenton. Date/Time: (TBD)
4. **New York Grand Day of Recollection:** Saturday, September 12, 2020  
**Venue:** Our Lady of the Pocono's Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road,  
Mt. Pocono, PA 18344

***Fraternally submitted:***

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