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**Knights of St. John International and Ladies' Auxiliary**

## **2012 National Bowling Tournament**

**April 27, 2012 – April 29, 2012**

**Sterling Lanes**

**33200 Schoenherr**

**Sterling Heights, MI 48312**

**Friday Evening: Supreme Officers' Match**

**Saturday: Singles and Doubles**

**Sunday: Youth Tournament**

**Team Event**

**Host Hotel:**

**Best Western Sterling Inn**

**34911 Van Dyke Avenue**

**Sterling Heights, MI 48312**

**Toll Free Reservations: 1-800-953-1400**

**For more information contact:**

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**14850 Poplar Hill Road**

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Dale Gossiaux  
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Swynice Hawkins  
Joseph Schmitt  
**NOTE:** Emails are live link on the PDF

# TO DO LIST

The following are some reminders of what needs to be done in the next few weeks prior to the Supreme Convention

## CREDENTIALS

Credentials must be received in the Supreme Secretary's office as soon as possible. This is very important so the Supreme Auxiliary can finalize Convention preparation.

Capacity needs to be determined. Ballots need to be prepared. Committee members need to be selected. All of these preparations need time and must be done prior to the Convention.

Remember to complete the entire Credential and make sure the Delegate has her copy. She cannot be seated without it.

## JASI COMPETITION

By now all Junior Auxiliaries should have received their JASI information and applications from the Supreme Recording Corresponding Secretary.

Please be sure to review the requirements and emphasize them with your Junior members. Some excellent applicants have lost out due to missing information or missed deadlines.

Applications may be mailed to  
Mrs. Betty Thomas  
JASI Selection Chairperson  
236 Park Circle  
Rochester, NY 14623-1114  
OR

they may be e-mailed to  
[bthom1@frontiernet.net](mailto:bthom1@frontiernet.net)  
(be sure to put JASI in the subject line)

The April 1 deadline falls on a Sunday this year. As long as the applications are post marked April 2, 2012, they will be accepted. The Committee looks forward to receiving the applications.

Good luck to all.

## DECEASED MEMBERS

Send your list of deceased members to the Supreme Recording Corresponding Secretary. Even though individual names are not mentioned, all of the deceased sisters are remembered in the Memorial Mass,

## RESERVATIONS

Make room reservations directly with the hotel. Note the deadline.

Event reservations are to be sent to the Convention Committee. Note some events have deadlines.

Convention information and forms are on pages 5, 6, and 7.

## SUPPLY PRE-ORDER

All Auxiliaries received a form to pre-order supplies. These supplies will be available for pick-up at the Convention. It is important that the pre-order form be sent in soon. Some of the supplies must be ordered from the vendors by the Supreme Secretary.

Another form is available on page 4.

## AMENDMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Send all proposed amendments and recommendations with reasons to the Supreme Secretary's office. Refer to the Supreme Auxiliary Constitution, Article 6 for directions and deadlines.

## INDEBTEDNESS

Make sure that Auxiliary dues (per capita tax), death assessment, T and J Fund and premium on Bond are paid up to date.



**KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL**  
 78<sup>th</sup> International – 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention  
**LADIES' AUXILIARY - 57<sup>th</sup> International Convention**  
 Charlotte, North Carolina - July 8 - 15, 2012



**“THEME BASKET RAFFLE” COMMITMENT FORM**

Commandery/Auxiliary Name and No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

POC: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Commandery/Auxiliary would like to donate the following “Theme Basket” for the 2012 International Convention Fundraiser:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath and Body Basket                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance Basket             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candle Basket                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Basket               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wine and Cheese Basket                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Imported Beers Basket      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Snack Basket                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted Chocolates Basket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Products                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Country Basket       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Basket                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> NFL/NBA Theme Baskets      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Basket (Assortment of Adult or Children games) | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee/Tea Basket          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   | (Please Specify)                                    |

Please contact the committee for your “Theme Basket” commitment or monetary donations by Saturday, June 2, 2012. Please make checks/money orders payable to **Knights of St. John International (KSJI) 2012 Committee**.

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**“Gather Us Together – Make Us One Bread, One Body, In Your Love”**

Knights of St. John International  
 78th International – 52nd Biennial Convention  
 and  
 Ladies Auxiliary 57th International Convention  
 July 8 – 14, 2012  
 Charlotte, North Carolina  
*Convention Theme*

**“Gather Us Together - Make Us One  
 Bread, One Body, In Your Love”**

<p>Sunday, July 8th          3:00 pm - Arrival of Supreme Board Members</p> <p>Monday, July 9th          8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting          8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting          7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hospitality</p> <p>Tuesday, July 10th          8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting          8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting          12:00 noon – 8:00 pm Registration          7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hospitality</p> <p>Wednesday, July 11th          8:00 am Knights and Ladies Memorial Mass - St. Peter’s Church          507 S. Tyron Street          (across from hotel)          9:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration and Souvenir Sales          9:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Business Meeting          9:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting          8:00 pm – 11:00 pm “Welcome” Party</p> <p>Thursday, July 12th          7:30 am Morning Mass Celebration          8:00 am – 5:00 pm          Registration and Souvenir Sales          8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Business Meeting          8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting</p>	<p>8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Planned Activity or Various sightseeing suggestions?</p> <p>Friday, July 13th          7:30 am Morning Mass Celebration          8:00 am – 5:00 pm Souvenir Sales          8:30 am – 4:00 pm Knights Business Meeting          8:30 am – 4:00 pm Ladies Business Meeting          6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Supreme Officers &amp; Spouses Reception          6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar.          7:00 pm – midnight Banquet and Ball - Cash Bar</p> <p>Saturday, July 14th          8:30 am – noon. Color Guard and Drill Exhibition          4:30 pm Cars &amp; Busses leave for Cathedral          5:15 pm Procession to Cathedral.          5:30 pm Pontifical Eucharistic Celebration          9:00 pm – midnight Farewell Party and Awards Presentation</p> <p>Junior and Cadet Schedule</p> <p>Wednesday July 11th Arrival and Welcome          Thursday, July 12th Business Meetings          Friday, July 13th Installation of Officers          Off-site activities          Saturday, July 14th Color Guard and Drill Competition          Pontifical Eucharistic Celebration          Farewell Party</p>
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**2012 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please register me for the 2012 Supreme Convention*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title, Officer, Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
Commandery or Auxiliary Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_

*Price of advance registration - \$12.00  
Price of registration at Convention - \$15.00*

Make checks payable to: **KSJI 2012 Committee**  
Mail to: Convention Committee  
1010 W. North Street  
Piqua, OH 45356 (USA)

**2012 FAREWELL PARTY REGISTRATION FORM**

Saturday, July 14, 8:30 p.m. – midnight  
Join us for a fun-filled evening  
Awards Presentation

Admission (Advance) \$12.00  
Admission (At Door) \$15.00  
Cash Bar – Hors d’oeuvres - Basket Raffle – Dancing  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **KSJI 2012 Committee**  
Mail to: Convention Committee  
1010 W. North Street  
Piqua, OH 45356 (USA)

**KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AND LADIES’ AUXILIARY  
SUPREME CONVENTION BANQUET AND BALL**

**Friday, July 13, 2012**

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.  
Ball: 9:00 p.m.  
Cash Bar – Music – Dancing

*Please confirm \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$65.00 per person.*

*Reservations made after June 20, 2012, will be \$70.00.  
NO reservations will be accepted after July 1, 2012.*

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **KSJI 2012 Committee**  
Mail to: Convention Committee  
1010 W. North Street  
Piqua, OH 45356 (USA)

**CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS**

To reserve your accommodations, this form must reach us  
**no later than June 8, 2012,  
5:00 p.m. EST representing**  
Knights of St. John International Convention.

Please reserve accommodations as indicated below . I understand you cannot ensure exact room location prior to arrival.

CHECK-OUT TIME – NOON  
ROOMS USUALLY AVAILABLE BY 3:00 P.M.

Please mark appropriate (X) below:  
 Double – 2 beds  
 King – 1 bed

The rate schedule for the 2012 Convention will be as follows:  
**Standard Guest Rooms -\$129.00 plus applicable taxes.**

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card type: \_\_\_\_\_

NO OTHER DISCOUNTS APPLY TO GROUP RATES  
**For Information or to make Reservations by phone  
1-866-837-4148 (Knights of St. John Group)**

**THE WESTIN – CHARLOTTE  
601 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202**

**2012 WELCOME PARTY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Wednesday, July 11, 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

Admission (Advance) \$12.00  
Admission (At Door) \$15.00  
Cash Bar – Hors d’ oeuvres - Music – Dancing  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **KSJI 2012 Committee**  
Mail to: Convention Committee  
1010 W. North Street  
Piqua, OH 45356 (USA)

**CADET CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**  
*Please register me for the 2012 Supreme Convention*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title, Officer, Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cadet Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country-----

Price of advance registration - \$1.00  
 Price of Registration at Convention - \$2.00

*Make checks payable to: KSJI 2012 Committee*  
 Mail to: Convention Committee  
 1010 W. North Street  
 Piqua, OH 45356 (USA)

**2012 JUNIOR AUXILIARY CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**  
*Please register me for the 2012 Supreme Convention*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title, Officer, Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Junior Auxiliary Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_

Price of advance registration - \$1.00  
 Price of Registration at Convention - \$2.00

*Make checks payable to: KSJI 2012 Committee*  
 Mail to: Convention Committee  
 1010 W. North Street  
 Piqua, OH 45356 (USA)

***Please note finalized prices and deadlines.***

**2012 CONVENTION RESERVATION SUMMARY**

<u>Form</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Paid</u>
Registration	_____ @ \$12.00	\$_____
Cadet Registration	_____ @ \$1.00	\$_____
Junior Registration	_____ @ \$1.00	\$_____
Welcome Party	_____ @ \$12.00	\$_____
Banquet & Ball	_____ @ \$65.00	\$_____
Farewell Party	_____ @ \$12.00	\$_____
Total Amount Enclosed \$		_____

Make checks payable to  
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**DATE:** October 1, 2011  
**TO:** All International Commanderies and Ladies' Auxiliaries  
**FROM:** 2012 International Convention Fundraising Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Theme Basket Raffle

The beautiful city of Charlotte, North Carolina will be the site for the 2012 Supreme Convention for the Knights of St. John International and Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International. The "Theme Basket Raffle" fundraiser has been a very successful fundraising endeavor during our past conventions. It was recommended and approved by the Supreme Convention Coordinating Committee that the "Theme Basket Raffle" fundraiser will be held during the 2012 convention. The profits from this fundraiser will help to defer expenses for the convention.

The Committee is encouraging and inviting all Commanderies and Auxiliaries to participate in this fundraising 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".

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

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| ➤ Bath and Body Basket                                | Romance Basket             |
| ➤ Candle Basket                                       | Snack Basket               |
| ➤ Wine and Cheese Basket                              | Imported Beers Basket      |
| ➤ Sport Snack Basket                                  | Assorted Chocolates Basket |
| ➤ Hair Products                                       | State/Country Basket       |
| ➤ Religious Basket                                    | NFL/NBA Theme Baskets      |
| ➤ Game Basket (Assortment of Adult or Children games) | Coffee/Tea Basket          |

The baskets will be displayed at the convention and the raffle tickets will be sold during the week of the convention. Each raffle ticket will cost \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Drawings will be held prior to the Farewell Party. The winning tickets will be displayed throughout the convention center. ***ALL BASKETS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE CONVENTION BY TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012.***

Let's work together to make our "2012 Theme Basket Raffle" fundraiser another huge success! Please send in your "Theme Basket" commitment form by Saturday, June 2, 2012. (Form is attached)

Thank you for your anticipated support and cooperation. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Sheila M. Marshall, Chairperson @ (301) 794-4450 or via email [sheilamarshall622@verizon.net](mailto:sheilamarshall622@verizon.net); Veronica M. Proctor @ (301) 386-1794 or via email [leotardmania@aol.com](mailto:leotardmania@aol.com)

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Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

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| _____ Game Basket (Assortment of Adult or Children games) | _____ Coffee/Tea Basket          |
| _____ Other _____   | (Please Specify)                 |

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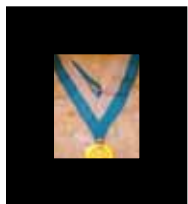
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# NEWS, NEWS, NEWS...



## QUEEN OF SAINTS AWARDS



Award Recipients

This award is presented to members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Knights of St. John International who have been members in good standing and have given at least twenty [20] years of service to the organization, Church and Community. It exemplifies dignity as a true Christian Catholic Women who willingly labors for the cause of God and humanity.

Washington District #2 Ladies' Auxiliary presented their second awards ceremony on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Catholic Church, Washington, DC. The blessed Medallions and Certificates were presented by Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor, Sister Sylvia Taylor, President of Washington District #2 Ladies' Auxiliary Knight of St. John International and Sister Iris J. Turner, President of the Supreme Ladies' Auxiliary Knights of St. John International.

St. Thomas Ladies' Auxiliary #64 had four recipients, St. Augustine Ladies' Auxiliary #84 had ten recipients, Incarnation Ladies' Auxiliary #207 had six recipients and St. Joseph Ladies' Auxiliary #213 had nine recipients. We thank God for the gifts and talents of these Ladies who has labored twenty years for this reward and we continue to pray to our patron—O, Mary Star of the Sea, Mother of God, we present ourselves in thy sight in all humility to thank thee for thy maternal protection.

Supreme Officers: (L) Sister Iris Turner, President,  
(c) Anna Friday, Recording Correspondent Secretary,  
And (R) Sister Mary Murphy, Immediate Past President



Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor Holy Comforter/St, Cyprian Catholic Church, Washington, DC, (c) Sister Bertha Colbert, Supreme Financial Secretary and (R) Sister Iris Turner, Supreme President

Sister Delores Smith, Sister Kelly Tucker,  
President St, Joseph Ladies Auxiliary  
#213 and Msgr. Pope



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AUXILIARY VISITS WEIJA LEPROSARIUM

Submitted by Sister Rita Amon-Kitcher

As part of its charity work for 2011, Sisters of St. John the Evangelist Auxiliary # 505, Adenta visited the Weija Leprosarium on 19th November, 2011 to share the love of Christ with the inmates during the Christmas season. They were accompanied by some Brothers from St. John the Evangelist Commandery # 596 as well as some of their Cadets and Junior Auxiliaries. Mr. Nathaniel Coleman, Secretary of the Lepers Committee, stood in for Rev. Fr. Campbell, and received the items presented by the Auxiliary towards the upkeep of the inmates. In addition, the Auxiliary President, Sister Rita Amon-Kitcher, presented an amount of Five Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢500.00).



Sisters of St. John the Evangelist Auxiliary # 505, Adenta and some Juniors, Cadets as well as Brothers of Commandery # 596 with the items they presented to the Weija Leprosarium in Ghana

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

It is certainly an honor and a pleasure that St. Mary Auxiliary #139, Richmond, Indiana has completed 100 years as an active on-going Auxiliary, in the Year of the Lord 2011.

The Ladies' Auxiliary #139 and their families came together on October 22, 2011 and shared in a Grand Celebration. We gathered together at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St/ Andrew Church, then found our way to the Steak House. We enjoyed friendship and a great meal including cake and ice cream. We were fortunate that Father Gerald Okeke could be in attendance. Father Gerald is the Associate Pastor of our three parishes in Richmond as well as being on loan to us from Africa. He truly enjoyed the celebration.

Father Gerald did an outstanding job during the homily to remind those in attendance of the past works as well as the on-going works of the Auxiliary. He encouraged women of the three parishes to sincerely think about membership.

We, the Ladies of Auxiliary #139 have truly carried out and continue to carry out the responsibilities as set forth in our Charter over 100 years ago. Our Lady, Star of the Sea has truly been our guiding "star."

Submitted by Joan Rygelski  
1st Vice President  
Auxiliary #139



Left to right:  
Emily Bruce, Becky MacMillan, Mary Adams, Joan Rygelski, Marilyn Borgoon, Kathy Moore, Suzie Jones, Kathy Barrow, Angie Leitner

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST JUNIOR AUXILIARY VISITS MUSEUM (OF ACCRA GRAND AUXILIARY/ COMMANDERY – GHANA)

SUBMITTED BY SIS. RITA AMON-KITCHER

A group of thirty-five (35) children from the St. John the Evangelist Junior Auxiliary and Cadet Commandery visited the National Museum in Accra on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011. They were led by Sister Rita Amon-Kitcher, President of St. John the Evangelist Ladies' Auxiliary, Assistant Directress, Sister Innocentia Mensah and Sister Marica Koranteng, District 8 Directress. An instructor at the Museum led the group round the exhibits, providing the history surrounding each item. The children were excited to be at the Museum and expressed delight at the opportunity to learn about the history of Ghana through the exhibits and also to see the items face to face.



St. John the Evangelist Juniors and Cadets with their leaders at the National Museum, Accra



The last British Governor's chair which Ghana's first President, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah also used



A model of the Christiansborg Castle at Osu



The Juniors and Cadets listening attentively to the instructor

# SUPREME SUBORDINATE LADIES' AUXILIARY, KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZES A WORKSHOP FOR THE DEPUTY ORGANIZERS

The Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary, Knight of St. John International recently organized A three day workshop for the deputy organizers at Pope John Paul II Formation and Training Centre at Ofoase Kokobin

The theme for the workshop was “**The church and you.**” The Supreme Subordinate President Dame Josephine Awuah chaired the function. She read from Ephesians 6:10-18 and asked sisters to put on the armour of God as soldiers of Christ and serve the Order with dedication and commitment.

The key note address on the topic was delivered by Rev. Fr. Paul Antwi Bosiako the rector of Pope John Paul II Formation and training centre. He used the quotation “**And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church**” (Mt. 18:18). He said the Church is derived from a Greek word **Kyriakon** which means the **Lord's House** and **ecclesia** meaning **Assembly of Citizens**. He said in both the Old and the New Testament, scripture analysis the Church as a group. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: Christ mystically constitutes as His body those brothers (and sisters) of His who are called together from every nation (788). That Jesus compares the Church with His body casts light on the intimate bond between Christ and His Church. Not only is the Church gathered around Him; she is united in Him, in His body. The three aspects of the Church as the body of Christ are to be more specifically noted: unity of all her members with the Church as bride of Christ. In effect, we can see that in the Church there is one group with Christ as the head, and this group is subdivided into two groups called the Clergy and the laity and they complement each other. He also made mention of the **RELIGIOUS** which are formed mostly by the Clergy and sometimes by the laity.

Dame Josephine Sey, the Supreme 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President talked on ‘Planning of Activities in the Auxiliary’ and defined the topic simply as a method of making the Auxiliary active; she classified the activities as:

Spiritual, physical educational, social, recreational and outreach programs. She entreated the deputy organizers to organize workshop at their various Districts on investment and income generation, health issues, the church and its teachings, good house keeping, parenting and others

Noble Sister Justina Dadzie, the Supreme Subordinate Past President talked on appropriate communication in the order whilst Noble Sister Elizabeth Sackey Supreme Subordinate First Trustee talked on record keeping.

Sister Emma Ethel Asomani, Supreme Subordinate Recording Corresponding Secretary was the moderator for the day. She ensured that the Deputy Organizers did not just attend the workshop and go back without interacting with one another. They were group into three to deliberate on the following topics:

- **When does Easter begin and end?**
- **Why is it that when a Priest is ordained all the people Rejoice?**
- **When we say the church, what does it mean?**

Other topics from the three deliveries were also discussed. The leaders of the three groups who were able to mention the names and recognize the members in their groups were giving awards.

All participants received certificates of participation.

The Supreme Subordinate Deputy Organizer Noble Sister Margaret Opoku Antwi encouraged the Deputy organizers to share the knowledge they had acquired and asked them to share their time and finances for “The Lord who fetches water with a basket to put shame to the bucket “will bless them.



**A GROUP PICTURE OF THE DEPUTY ORGANIZERS WITH THE SUPREME SUBORDINATE BOARD MEMBERS AND REV. FR. PAUL ANTWI BOSIAKO**

## **DISBANDING AUXILIARY GIVES GENEROUSLY TO CHARITIES**

It is with deep regrets that I have to inform you of the disbanding of St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary #3, Columbus, Ohio. Because of the small number of members we had and the inability of all but 4 to attend meetings, we decided to cease being an Auxiliary. We have had some very wise women as Financial Secretaries and were able to accumulate a significant amount of funds. After paying out the Supreme Death benefit, (Supreme now has an extra \$1400. in the death benefit moneys) and Auxiliary Death and Disability Benefits, we made many charitable donations.

\$1400. Death Benefit moneys paid out, is our donation to the Supreme Auxiliary.

\$1500. to St. Mary's School, (Our Home Parish) for the longest continuous running Catholic school in the Columbus Diocese.

\$4000. @\$1000. each to The St Vincent De Paul Society's of the 4 Active members Parishes. (one Society operates a food pantry and community garden and they told us the moneys were used to establish a grape arbor to supplement the food pantry's fresh foods.

\$1000. to Maria Stein, Shrine of the Holy Relics for a Perpetual Candle in memory of Present and Deceased Members of Aux. #3.

\$1500. to the Appalachian Project. This is the 19th year of Christ the King and St. Catharine Parishes' Youth going to Southern Ohio to work for a week helping economically challenged people of Scioto County. Students who have finished 9th grade and up, attend for a week of service to their fellow man. It is a great help for those

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in need and the students return with a greater faith, from helping their fellow man. Many students have returned to work throughout their college years and many of them have become members of the adult team. This projects takes about 55 youth and 25 adults, who show the youth how to roof, plumb, paint, build porches and ramps, and do many other tasks to help the elderly and infirm who request help, most of whom are on very limited incomes. Some have bought the materials, but were unable to finish or do the work, but in most cases the project funds pay for the materials. This is a excellent mission work, to which we were proud to contribute.

\$1500. to Holy Rosary-St. John's Community Kitchen which has a daily meal for the poor of the area. This parish was where many of the early women of Auxiliary #3 were members. (Clara Renner)

\$500. to the Diocesan Youth Activities group, these students do good works for Seniors who are unable to do many things around their home, painting, weeding, raking and other projects similar to those, without charge.

\$500. To the St. Leo's Preservation Society. This is a Parish no longer operating, but is still keeping the Church intact. Many early members of Aux. #3 were also from this parish (Elizabeth Webb, Katie Hausberger)

After making all these donations we felt like we had honored the women who had worked so hard to make St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary #3 a great Auxiliary. It is with the deepest regrets that we tell you goodbye, Sisters.

Thank you for your friendships over the past years,

Submitted by Virginia Brokamp, Pres, Connie Schafhausen, Vice-President, Naomi Fleshman, Recording Secretary/ Treasurer, Carol Scholl, Financial Secretary

## VISITATION BY ACCRA DISTRICT 8 AUXILIARY OFFICERS (OF ACCRA GRAND LADIES AUX. – GHANA)

By Sis. Cecilia Aisha Armah

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, officers of Accra District 8 Ladies' Auxiliary visited the sick, those recovering from various illnesses and the aged within the Auxiliary and surrounding communities. This was the culmination of the district programme for the quarter since the district was inaugurated in October 2011.

Each of the four Auxiliaries making up the district (i.e. St. Thomas More Aux. 419, St. John the Evangelist Aux. 505, Queen of Peace Aux. 510 and Our Lady of Assumption Aux. 554) submitted two nominations, one of whom was a Brother of Our Lady of Assumption Commandery # 619, New Achimota and two parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Achimota. The district officers were divided into two groups, with each group visiting four of the people identified. At each home they visited, the district officers entered with Christmas songs, prayed and chatted with the household. They presented a Christmas hamper to each beneficiary together with a Christmas card and a token cash donation.

The district officers also paid a visit to Noble Sis. Perpetua Opong, Deputy Organizer (Aux. # 360) who was recovering from a leg injury. She was presented with a hamper and a Christmas card.

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The final visit was to the home of Noble Sis. Catherine Gabianu of St. Petrina Aux. # 348, Osu. This was in fulfillment of a promise made earlier in the year to her when she was recovering from a medical condition. At that time, the four Auxiliaries were still part of Accra District 4 Ladies' Auxiliary. N/ S Gabianu was presented with a Christmas hamper, a Christmas card and a cash donation. At every home, the officers were received with joy and served with Christmas goodies. The beneficiaries shared various testimonies of God's goodness to them with the district officers.

It was a very fulfilling programme for both the district officers and the households they visited.



These happy faces give testimony to the efforts put forth by the Sisters of Accra District Auxiliary 8.