



# STAR OF THE SEA

A publication of the Supreme Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John, International

## CONVENTION PLANS SHAPING UP

The Supreme Boards of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Knights of St. John International met at the site of the 2012 Supreme Convention to be held at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, NC., in July to finalize plans for the 2012 Supreme Convention.

Below is the tentative Convention Schedule.

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

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

Sunday, July 8th  
3:00 pm - Arrival of Supreme Board Members

Monday, July 9th  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Knights Supreme Board Meeting  
8:30 am – 5:00pm Ladies Supreme Board Meeting  
? Hospitality

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  
? Hospitality

Wednesday, July 11th  
8:00 am Knights and Ladies Memorial  
Mass (across from hotel)  
St. Peter's Church  
507 S. Tyron Street  
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”

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  
4:30 pm Living Rosary –  
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Planned Activity or Various  
sightseeing suggestions?

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 &  
Spouses Reception  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktail Hour  
Cash Bar.  
7:00 pm – midnight Banquet and Ball  
Cash Bar.

Saturday, July 14th  
8:30 am – noon. Color Guard and Drill  
Exhibition  
4:30 pm Cars & 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

### Junior and Cadet Schedule

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

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**NOTE:** Emails are live link on the PDF

# JASI WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Junior Auxiliary Scholarship Incentive (JASI) Awards are presented on a yearly basis. The awards are made in two categories, an Essay contest and a Scholarship competition.

This year there were twenty-five entrants. Seventeen Junior members participated in the Essay contest. There were four winners based on age categories. There were eight entrants in the Scholarship competition. Three Junior members were winners in three levels based on grade placement.

The winners were as follows:

## Essay Contest

- 8 - 10 years old with a prize of \$50.00  
Mia Simone Robinson, Junior Auxiliary #4  
affiliated with Auxiliary \$64
- 11 - 12 years old with a prize of \$100.00  
Vantaysha Watson, Junior Auxiliary #51  
affiliated with Auxiliary #301
- 13 - 14 years old with a prize of \$150.00  
Saquoya Young, Junior Auxiliary #14  
affiliated with Auxiliary #165
- 15 - 16 years old with a prize of \$200.00  
Leia Conrad, Junior Auxiliary #67  
affiliated with Auxiliary #213

## Scholarship Competition

- High School Junior with an award of \$600.00  
Taylor Alese Tucker, Junior Auxiliary #67  
affiliated with Auxiliary #213
- High School Senior with an award of \$1000.00  
Ebony Brawner, Junior Auxiliary #51  
affiliated with Auxiliary #301
- College Student  
Schae Coakley, Junior Auxiliary #14  
affiliated with Auxiliary #165

All Junior Auxiliary Directresses were notified of the winners and received Award Certificates and Certificates of Participation along with the monetary awards to be presented at a suitable time.

JASI Selection Committee  
Betty Thomas, Chair  
Kathy Moore  
Katy Hortemiller



78<sup>th</sup> International & 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention

## KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL And LADIES AUXILIARY KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

57<sup>th</sup> International Convention Ladies Auxiliary  
July 8 – 15, 2012 - Charlotte, North Carolina

### Application for Advertising in the Convention Souvenir Book

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, hereby subscribe the sum of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
which is herewith attached by check or money order, for the following  
size ad.

One Page – Printing Area 8-3/4" x 6-1/2"	\$ 120.00
One-Half page – Printing Area 6-1/2" x 4"	\$ 75.00
One-quarter page – Printing Area 4" x 3"	\$ 50.00
One eighth page – Printing Area 3" x 1-7/8"	\$ 40.00
Special Patrons – (1) one line	\$ 5.00

**Pictures and Business Logos must be good quality 8x10, 5x7, etc. or sent on CD in JPEG or Adobe® format. CD's will not be returned. (Ads can be sent via electronic format to [dgossiaux1@aol.com](mailto:dgossiaux1@aol.com) with payment via mail).**

Authorized Signature:

**NOTE: Please make all checks payable to:  
2012 Convention Committee**

All hardcopy and payment to be sent to:

Lt. Gen. Dale Gossiaux  
7375 E. Baldwin Rd.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

**Deadline for Ads – April 30, 2012**

**(Please include this page with your submission)**

**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)

**WELCOME PARTY REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Admission (Advance) \$

Admission (At Door) \$

Cash Bar – Hors d’ oeuvres – Music – Dancing

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **KSJI 2012 Committee**

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**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.*

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **KSJI 2012 Committee**

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**2012 CONVENTION RESERVATION SUMMARY**

Form	Number	\$ Paid
Registration	_____ @ \$	\$ _____
Cadet Registration	_____ @ \$	\$ _____
Junior Registration	_____ @ \$	\$ _____
Welcome Party	_____ @ \$	\$ _____
Banquet & Ball	_____ @ \$	\$ _____
Farewell Party	_____ @ \$	\$ _____

**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**FAREWELL PARTY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Saturday, July 14 - 8:30 p.m. – midnight**

Join us for a fun-filled evening – *Awards Presentation*

Admission (Advance) \$5.00

Admission (At Door) \$6.00

Cash Bar – Hors d’ oeuvres – Basket Raffle – Dancing

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**CADET CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

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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  
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**JUNIOR AUXILIARY CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

*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  
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**CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS**

To reserve your accommodations, this form must reach us **no later than June 8, 2012, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time** 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**



The Westin - Charlotte  
Guest Room and Lobby



# SUPREME SUBORDINATE AUXILIARY (GHANA / SIERRA LEONE) 2011 CONVENTION

The Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary (Ghana / Sierra Leone) held its 5<sup>th</sup> biennial convention from Thursday, 21 July – Sunday, 24 July, 2011 at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi under the theme: “75 years of Knight of St. John Int. In Ghana: The Role of Knights and Ladies in the Church”.

It was attended by Nine (9) Supreme Subordinate (SS) Officers, Two (2) Visiting Sisters from Togo, Four (4) Grand Presidents, 151 Delegates, 268 Observers (from Accra, Cape Coast, Tamale and Sierra Leone Grand Auxiliaries). Our Brother Knights were also there.

As part of some of the activities a memorial mass was held to remember 48 Sisters and 35 Knights who died between August 2009 and July 2011. The key note address was delivered by the Metropolitan Archbishop of Kumasi, His Grace Thomas Kweku Mensah. The ceremony was chaired by Brig-Gen. Sir Justice Dennis Adjei. There were other invited Guests from the different societies in Ghana who gave fraternal messages during the opening ceremony.

A drill display was put up by a team of 16 sisters made up of a Commander, 2i/c and 14 Sisters by each of the three Grand Auxiliaries (namely, Accra, Cape Coast, Tamale) Sierra Leone Grand Auxiliary did not participate in the display. A certificate of participation was awarded to each Grand Auxiliary. It was a beautiful display put up by Sisters which attracted a lot of cheers from both Knights and Ladies.

At the meeting the SS President (N/S Justina Dadzie) gave a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift to each of the outgoing SS Board Members as well as the Grand Auxiliaries for the support and hard work which enabled her to achieve a fulfilling and successful tenure of office. Two special awards and certificates were presented to the SS Past President (Dame Josephine Sey) and the SS Recording Corresponding Secretary (N/S Eugenia Enyimayew) for their exemplary dedication to duty. It was an extraordinary show of love by the SS President.

After the elections the following emerged the new SS Officers for the ensuing term 2011-2013

President	-	Dame Josephine Awuah
Past President	-	Noble Sr. Justina Dadzie
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	-	Noble Sr. Hellen Bagonluri
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	-	Noble Sr. Faustina Gadzekpo
Rec./Corr. Secretary-		Sr. Emma Ethel Asomani
Financial Secretary	-	Noble Sr. Maria Yacoba Assan
Treasurer	-	Noble Sr. Esther Konadu
Trustee (1)	-	Noble Sr. Elizabeth Sackey
Trustee (2)	-	Noble Sr. Theresa Maurice-Ojong
Deputy Organiser	-	Noble Sr. Margaret Opoku-Antwi

A banquet and dance was organized to crown the entire events at the convention. It was an extremely successful convention where both Knights and Ladies interacted with each other, a time for merry making and a wonderful platform for learning.

Submitted by:  
Noble Sr. Eugenia Ekuia Enyimayew  
Then: SS Rec./Corr. Secretary (Ghana / Sierra Leone)  
Now: President, Accra Grand Ladies Auxiliary







# SUPREME SUBORDINATE CONVENTION MOMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL NEWLY  
ELECTED OFFICERS





## BENIN GRAND LADIES' AUXILIARY, KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL, BENIN-CITY

We are pleased to report the inauguration and installation of elected officers into the new Benin Grand Ladies Auxiliary made up of thirteen auxiliaries. Activities commenced on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 with a thanksgiving mass celebrated by His Grace Most Rev. Dr Augustine Obiora Akubeze, the Arch-Bishop of Benin Diocese. The presence of the Supreme First Trustee, Martha Egbe, Supreme Subordinate Commandery President represented by Brigadier General Chidi Arinze, Supreme Subordinate Respected President, Elizabeth Oguzie, Supreme Subordinate First Vice, Cecilia Osuorah, Supreme Subordinate Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Benedicta Nwanekezi, Supreme Subordinate Deputy Organizer, Stella Aguolu, Supreme Subordinate Financial Secretary, Josephine Ewa, Supreme Subordinate Trustee, Rose Nwachukwu and Abuja Grand Respected President, Theresa Obiakor graced the occasion at St. Pauls Catholic Church, Benin-City. Thereafter the installation of officers by the Supreme Subordinate Respected President, Elizabeth Oguzie and Supreme Subordinate Deputy Organizer, Stella Aguolu took place in the church hall. The officers installed were; Florence Ngozi Ugoji, Grand Respected President, Elizabeth Omoijuanfo, First Vice, Theresa Okafor, Second Vice President, Irene Enebeli, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Florence Adagbasa, Financial Secretary, Beatrice Yogo, Treasurer, Victoria Agbonyeme, First Trustee, Loretta Nwabueze, Second Trustee, Catherine Elakheme, Third Trustee.

This was followed by a lunch reception, cutting of inauguration cake and dancing by members of the new Benin Grand Auxiliary and concluded with departure of all invited guests.

We want to thank the Supreme President, Iris Turner for making this long awaited Grand a reality. We are also very grateful to our Supreme Deputy Organizer, Stella Aguolu who followed up closely on the application of the charter. Finally we want to thank the Supreme Subordinate Officers for taking time from their busy schedules to witness the inauguration of Benin Grand Ladies Auxiliary.

Fraternally submitted  
Florence Ugoji  
Grand Respected President

