

News Report From District 4, KSI Int'l

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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AUGUST 01, 2019 TO OCTOBER 31, 2019

As we continue to grow in our faith and commitment to the Noble Order and practice our values in this region, we transitioned smoothly from summer to fall. The District did not experience any loss of human life during this quarter. New York Grand Commandery held her Annual Grand Officers Meeting at the Commandery 41 Club House, Utica New York, on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Meeting was well attended, and field progress reports were received from Commanderies. In another double header event, Rochester Temple Noble and Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross meeting was held at the same 41 Club House, Utica New York on October 12, 2019. Commandery 676 Trenton NJ volunteered to host the next 2021 Grand Convention. It was rebuked strongly that any Commandery that fails to sponsor their delegates and Grand Officers to future Grand meetings and other events will be disenfranchised.



NEW YORK GRAND OFFICERS MEETING IN FULL SESSION

The New York Grand Commandery also held her annual pilgrimage at the Sacred Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mount Pocono, PA on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The retreat commenced with Reflections by Rev. Fr. Peter

Iwuala, who filled in for Monsignor (Col.) Anselm Nwaorgu, NY Grand Spiritual Director. In his closing remarks, the Grand President – Brigadier General Richard Morse, thanked members for finding time to come and wished them God’s travel mercies back to their respective places of abode. The New York Grand have continued to be grateful to the Almighty God thus far.



PARTICIPANTS AT THE 2019 NEW YORK GRAND PILGRIMAGE

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Earlier in the quarter, August 17th, 2019 the New York Grand Commandery carried out 4th Degree Exemplification to twenty six worthy brothers from all over the United States at the Blessed Sacrament Church of Commandery 680, Newark New Jersey. Congratulations and best to all the candidates.



CANDIDATES FOR EXEMPLIFICATION



4TH DEGREE TEAM

DISTRICT FOUR DELEGATES MEETING:

The Third Quarterly Delegates and Officers meeting of District Four of the New York Grand Commandery was hosted by Commandery # 680 Newark on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Blessed Sacrament Church, 610 Clifton Avenue, Newark New Jersey. The Meeting commenced with a Eucharistic Mass conducted by Rev. Fr. Dr. Erasmus Okere, Spiritual Director of Commandery 680. He commended the efforts of the Knights in this Region and thanked them for participating in the Holy Mass, which is part of the evangelization. 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.

COMMANDERIES MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Regular monthly meetings of all the Commanderies under District 4 have continued to be held, where matters of mutual interest are deliberated upon and resolutions taken for the good of the Order.

COMMANDERY 626 NEW YORK:

The Worthy President and members of KSJI Commandery #626 in August 2019, visited the Ronald McDonald House, NY where they made a charitable donation of \$500 that was presented to Debbie Montavani, the house manager of Ronald McDonald House, a health care facility that serves children with physical and developmental challenges.



1ST LT KENNETH UCHENDU (WP) MIDDLE, WITH RECIPIENT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF KSJI COMMANDERY #626 NY

COMMANDERY 680 NEWARK:

The Igbo Catholic Community of the Blessed Sacrament Church of the Archdiocese of Newark NJ had her 2019 annual Harvest and Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, October 19, 2019. In continuation of her charitable works to promote the good of the Order and the Church, KSJI 680 and LAUX 592 participated actively and made a cash donation of \$2000:00 as a group in addition to individual family thanksgiving and gift offerings. Brother Linus Ebere was the Chairman of the Chiefs Harvest Committee, Noble Brother Chukwudi and Lady Ifeyinwa Okoli were the Couple of the Day. Brother & Lady Harold Uche were the Patron of the Day. Brother Titus Brown Osuagwu, President of

Igbo Council of Chiefs and Traditional Rulers, led a team of the Red Cap Chiefs to grace the occasion and also donated generously towards the occasion. The event commenced with a Eucharistic celebration which was officiated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Erasmus Okere - Spiritual Director.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During the period under review, Commandery 680 had inducted 5 candidates to the Noble Order of KSJI. The inductees are Brothers: Martin Obiukwu, Bartholomew Asoluka, BigChukwu Nwodili, Anthony Okafor and Patrick Uwalaka. We congratulate these brothers and welcome them to the Order. During their blessings, the Spiritual Director Fr. Erasmus Okere charged the new initiates to be good servants of the Order and humanity and to pursue their calling with zeal and the Grace of the Almighty. Congratulations and best wishes to all our new degree recipients.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Supreme mandated inspections and muster of all the Commanderies in District 4 (*Dates TBD*), but results needed by the Grand on January 1st, 2020.
2. November 9th and 10th, 2019, Commandery 676 Trenton Thanksgiving Celebration and 10th Year Anniversary.
3. December 8th, 2019: District 4 Quarterly Delegates & Officers Meeting at St. Clement the Pope Church, Commandery 626, New York.
4. Commanderies' Christmas Parties and End of Year Events.
5. **New York Grand Officers and Delegates Meeting:** May 4, 2019

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