

News Report From District 4, KSJ Int'l

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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM NOVEMBER 01, 2020 TO JANUARY 31, 2021

Happy New Year to all and sundry! 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, obeying the State's and Federal regulations on Covid-19 Pandemic, keeping the social distancing rules, dressing warm and heating our environments. During the period under review the District incurred some losses of human lives.

Our condolences go to Lady Rita Njoku of Ladies Auxiliary 592 who lost her husband, Brother Dr. Ignatius Njoku of Commandery 680. Dr. Njoku was the immediate past Treasurer of Commandery #680. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to Brother Dr. Ignatius Njoku,

Our condolences also go to Brother Al Gbi Toe, Worthy President of Commandery 960 Newark NJ who lost his mother, Noble Lady Comfort Duwli Dueh Toe in the United States. The late Comfort Duwli Toe joined the KSJI Holy Family Ladies Auxiliary #390 in the early 80s. She served the Auxiliary as Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer with distinction. In addition, she was a member of the Pastoral Council and Vice President of the Financial Council of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grandcess, Liberia, before her sojourn in United States in 1989 to be with her children.

Mass of Resurrection was held in her honor at the Catholic Parish of Transfiguration, St. Ann's Church, Newark NJ. The Requiem Mass will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grandcess, Liberia, followed by interment. May the Almighty Father in His infinite wisdom and mercies grant eternal rest to the departed soul and also the fortitude to the Toe family to bear the loss.

KNIGHTS MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Commanderies under District 4 have continued to hold their regular monthly meetings via the Zoom Networks 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 held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 via the Zoom Network in New Jersey. Members of the District 4 fully participated and the meeting was presided over by Major Charles Igwebuiké – 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 Commanderies of the District.

1st DEGREES INITIATION CEREMONY AT COMMANDERY 926 NEWARK:

KSJI Commandery #960 of the New York Grand, Newark, New Jersey, welcomed four (4) new brothers into its rank and file when it held an Initiation Program on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at St Rocco's Catholic Church in Newark, New Jersey. The initiation ceremony was performed by brother Knight Al Gbi Toe, Sr., Commandery #960 Worthy President. The newly initiated brother knights are Emmanuel Doe (Liberia), Peter Ochiemhen (Nigeria), Brother Paul Farray (Grenada) and Brother Kouadio Raoul Kouassi (Ivory Coast).

The Thanksgiving Mass was held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at St Ann's Church in Newark, New Jersey. The Blessings were offered by Rev. Fr. Josephat Kato Kalema, STD, Pastor of the Catholic Parish of the Transfiguration (St. Ann's & St. Rocco's Communities), and Spiritual Director and brother knight of Commandery #960.

The initial diverse membership of the Commandery, which totaled 22 on March 7, 2020, has now increased to 26 brother knights hailing from 8 (eight) countries, namely Grenada, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Togo, Uganda and the United States of America.



The 4 newly initiated Commandery #960 Brothers - from left to right: Emmanuel Doe, Paul Farray, Peter Ochiemhen and Raoul Kouassi.

We heartily welcome these brothers to the Noble Order of the Knights of St. John International.

COMMANDERY 680 NEWARK NJ:

Knights of St. John Commandery 680 and Ladies Auxiliary 592 has been holding prayer meetings monthly and have continued to send getwell messages to their sick members.

The Commandery donated the sum of \$1000 (One thousand Dollars) to Igbo Catholic Community Church in December 2020 during their celebration of the Annual Thanksgiving Service and Bazaar. They also made a donation of \$500 as stipend for the welfare of the Church during the Pandemic period.

Fraternally submitted:

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