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GK Bro. Remy Tenzagh

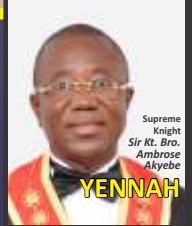


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**Excerpts From A Presentation By Most Rev Joseph Osei-Bonsu,
Bishop Of Konongo Mampong Diocese At The 2018 Standing
Committee Meeting Held In Sekondi From January 12-14, 2018**



I would like to begin by quoting Pope Francis who says: “Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are” Pope Francis, “**Top New Year’s Resolutions.**”

This advice from the Pope should be the guiding principle of our lives, especially in relation to our family life.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS

From the beginning, the Church was formed from believers and their whole household. New believers wanted their family to be saved (**Acts 18:8**) In our modern world (often hostile to religion), religious families are extremely important centres of living faith. They are *domestic churches* in which the parents are the first heralds of faith (Second Vatican Council). In the home, father, mother, and children exercise their baptismal priesthood in a privileged way. The home is the first school of the Christian life where all learn love, repeated forgiveness, and prayerful worship (**CCC 1655-1657**). The early Church Fathers understood that the home was fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness.

Given this background, it is obvious that parents have a crucial role to play in the upbringing of their children. Since children derive their lives from their parents, these parents have a serious obligation for their upbringing. They are therefore the primary and principal educators of their children. This is how the Catholic Church sees the role of parents in the education and the upbringing of their children. **Canon 1136 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law** says, “**Parents have the most grave obligation and the primary right to do all in their power to ensure their childrens physical, social, cultural, moral and religious upbringing.**” Parents are responsible for creating a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Therefore, the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs. Marshallan knights are required not only to be good parents but also good spouses. As Knights we belong to families. We are fathers and husbands, but sometimes we do

not take our marital duties and responsibilities seriously. Sometimes we are harsh to our wives and insult them, or even beat them. Even though we have contracted matrimony with our spouses, we are not faithful to our marriage vows, as some of us have girlfriends. Some of us are breaking the hearts of our spouses by our extramarital affairs.

We are also insensitive to the complaints made by our spouses in relation to the affairs we are having. We do not make any efforts to end these illegal and immoral extramarital relationships. Failure to do all this will not make for unity and peace in the home.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN SEX AND SEXUALITY

The education and the moral development of children is an essential responsibility of families. The family home should be a place of support, guidance and direction for a healthy and balanced growth of the children. While parents rely on schools for the basic instruction of their children, they cannot completely delegate the moral formation of their children to others. As educators, the parents are responsible for instilling in their children trust and loving respect and shaping their will, and for fostering good habits and a natural inclination to goodness. Equally important is the provision of sex education for the children as they grow older.

MATRIMONY AND TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE RITES

Today, some Ghanaian Catholics after performing the customary marriage rite will follow it up with holy matrimony within the shortest possible time. We are grateful to God for this development. In most parts of the country, the percentage of Catholics receiving Holy Communion at any given Sunday Eucharistic celebration is on the low side and one of the main problems is the marital situation of many of the faithful.

A vigorous family apostolate animated by priests, religious men and women

and experienced and trained lay faithful is needed today to effect a lasting change. There is the need to create a real Catholic marriage culture in Ghana which will ensure that our Catholic faithful naturally and as a matter of course contract the sacrament of Matrimony and which will also ensure that customary marriage does not become a stumbling block to their full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. To this end, adequate and appropriate catechetical instruction should be provided to children, young people and even adults on the meaning of Christian marriage (*cf. Canon 1063, par. 1*). It should spell out clearly the connection between marriage, baptism and the other sacraments.

In Ghana, as in many parts of Africa, marriage is a bond between two families. These families could play a role in ensuring that the customary marriage is followed immediately with holy matrimony. Since mixed marriages are quite prevalent in the country, Catholic families should be properly catechized so that at the time of the arrangement for the customary marriage, they can insist on and obtain a firm commitment from the non-Catholic party to contract holy matrimony within the shortest possible time.

This is all the more important because most of the Christian churches and ecclesial communities in Ghana do not share the Catholic Church's understanding of marriage as a sacrament, a fact which can make the non-Catholic party reluctant or even unwilling to contract holy matrimony.

The parish pastoral care of families should not be limited to the preparation of engaged couples for marriage. There should be a team of experienced and trained couple to offer guidance and assistance to couples, especially to couples in crises. Members of the already existing “*Aware Kronkron Kuo*” (*Holy Matrimony Society*) could be trained and entrusted with such an apostolate under the guidance of the parish priest or his assistant.

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COMMENT

The 9th Marshallan Re-Union Conference under the theme: *Management and Conservation of the Environment* takes place at the University of Ghana, Legon from July 27-29, 2018.

The Bridge expects an improved attendance judging from the phenomenal transformation that the Noble Order has undergone within the last five years, culminating in the celebration of our 90th Anniversary.

The conference will provide opportunity for Marshallans to come together as one people from various operating Councils and Courts of the Noble Order world wide.

We are optimistic that the conference will galvanize Marshallans in their quest to contribute towards finding answers to challenges affecting the environment and Mother Earth.

We thank the National Planning Committee under the chairmanship of Sir Kt. Bro. Joseph Kenneth Otoo for spear- heading another epoch-making event for the Noble Order.

*Long Live the Founding Fathers of the Noble Order!
 Long Live the Knights and Ladies of Marshall!!
 Long Live the Holy Mother of the Catholic Church!!!
 Long Live Ghana!!!!*

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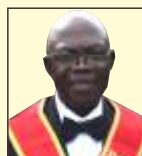
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30th GRAND KNIGHTS & NOBLE LADIES FORUM, KUMASI



The 30th Grand Knights and Noble Ladies Forum was held in Kumasi on February 9-11, 2018 under the theme: *Laudato Si and its implications for human development: The role of the Marshallan.*

It was attended by the current leadership of the various Councils and Courts from the Marshallan world. In attendance were the Supreme Knight Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah, the Grand Lady, MRL Sis Grace Budu-Smith and a host of higher officers including W/B Daniel Kwabo; State Grand Knight of Liberia, W/B James Ekow Rhule; Supreme Secretary, Worthy Bro. Lucius Zaukuu; the Supreme Secretary of Finance, PGLS M R L S i s Margaret Gaisie Essilfie and M R L S i s Margaret Yirenkyi, and RL Sis Felicity Tattrah; Grand Secretary.

Addressing the gathering, the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Yennah welcomed participants and outlined his vision and that of the Grand Lady, vis- a-vis

strengthening Councils and Courts and urged all knights and ladies to be guided by knightly discipline.

In line with the theme, Sir Kt. Bro. Yennah stressed on the need to protect the environment and encouraged the current administration of the various Councils and Courts to take up projects geared towards environmental protection.

The Grand Lady, MRL Sis Budu-Smith underscored the importance of the forum as an effective avenue for regular exchanges of ideas and plans to enhance

treated topics on leadership, Supreme Council and Grand Court Financial Obligations, Strategic Plan Implementation, Marshallan Relief and Development Services, (MAREDES) and the Marshallan Savings and Investments Fund (MaSIF) scheme.

MST AWARDS

During the forum, trophies were presented to the first and second highest contributors to the Marshallan Security Trust scheme.

Council 94, Adenta and Court 105, New Aplaku emerged the highest



MST Awards: Council 94, Adenta and Court 105 Highest Contributors: Left: Bro. Ing. Paul Cletus Akpanya receives the trophy on behalf of Council 94, Adenta while Sis Sarah Accam receives the trophy for her court, Court 105

the growth of the Noble Order in all operating councils and courts.

At the forum, participants were taken through intensive sessions which

contributing Council and Court while Council 48 and Court 40, Accra West took the second highest positions for the Council and Court.

The forum ended with a thanksgiving Mass on February 11, 2018 which was concelebrated by W/B Rev. Fr. Buor-Mensah, the Assistant Supreme Chaplain and Bro. Rev Fr. Kantongi Kanzire.



Second Highest Contributors Council 48 and Court 40, Accra West: Left Grand Lady Sis Grace Budu- Smith presenting the trophies to the Grand Knight. Bro. Fred Reginald MacBruce and Noble Lady, Sis Anna Boham Christian.

From Bro Antoine Atta Brembah GK, Council 3, Kumasi.

Archbishop Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle 25 YEARS IN EPISCOPACY

Archbishop Palmer-Buckle thanked all Catholic faithful and well-wishers for their encouragement, support and prayers over the years that had galvanized him through his priestly and Episcopal life.

BRIEF PROFILE: Most Rev. Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle was born on June 15, 1950 at Axim in the Western Region of Ghana with siblings of six brothers and five sisters.

The Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle, marked his 25th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral in Accra on January 6, 2018.

It was attended by eight Catholic Bishops, two Anglican Bishops, hundreds of Priests, Religious, Lay faithful, family and friends.

Archbishop Palmer-Buckle, who is the longest serving Catholic Bishop in active Ministry in Ghana was ordained on January 6, 1993, as the first Bishop of Koforidua in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican by His Holiness, Pope St. John Paul II of blessed memory

In a homily, Bishop Joseph Afrifa - Agyekum, Prelate of Koforidua thanked Most Rev. Palmer Buckle for his support towards the growth of the Koforidua Diocese and encouraged him to continuously use his gift and talent in the development of the Church.

In a congratulatory message, Holy Father, Pope Francis, lauded the many achievements of Archbishop Palmer-Buckle and his pastoral ministry in winning many souls for Christ.

Most Rev. Philip Naameh, the Archbishop of Tamale and President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference, praised Archbishop Palmer-Buckle for his contributions and support to the Conference. *"Your brother Bishops are very fond of you*



Most Rev. Palmer-Buckle receives special blessings from the Bishops

for your humour and spice you bring to our meetings. Your contributions to the discussions and decisions of the Conference are always deep and worth considering," he added.

The Accra Archdiocesan Priests' Association on its part said: *"Your Ministry as our shepherd has always challenged us to be the best in every aspect of our life as you never relent in rebuking us when necessary but most importantly encouraging us every time because you do not accept mediocrity as an attitude and you abhor excuses for our ineffectiveness."*

In a message, the Laity Council said: *"May your Silver Jubilee celebration in the episcopate renew the face of our Archdiocese and purge the entire Christ's faithful from any kind of corruption that deprive the vulnerable of the reliefs they deserve."*

He entered Pope John XXIII Secondary School and Minor Seminary, Effiduase, Koforidua at the age of 13 and upon completion of secondary education, he was sent in 1971 by the then Bishop of Accra, Most Rev. Joseph Oliver BOWERS, SVD., DD., JCL., to the Pontifical Urban College and University, Rome, Italy. He completed the seminary training with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and another in Sacred Theology. On his return home to Ghana, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 12, 1976 by Most Rev. Dominic K. ANDOH, DD., JCD., then Bishop of Accra at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Accra, Ghana.

After three years of priestly ministry as Diocesan Youth Chaplain and Vocation's Director as well as Teacher and Student's Chaplain of his Alma Mater, Pope John XXIII Secondary and Minor Seminary, Father Palmer-Buckle went back for post-graduate studies at the Pontifical Salesian University, Rome, Italy.

In 1984, he returned home with a Doctorate Degree in Sacred Theology and was appointed Teacher and Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School in Accra and Diocesan Laity Chaplain.

In 1985, he was transferred to Achimota Secondary School as Catholic Chaplain and Teacher, where he remained till 1992. During the period (1985-1992), he served as **Acting Editor of the National Catholic Weekly, The Standard**, Priest in Charge of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Achimota and President of the National Union of Catholic Diocesan Priests' Associations (NUGDPA).



The Archbishop with family members

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TESMAG 2018

A HUGE SUCCESS

Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, SPSK has described the 2018 Inter Tertiary Institutions Tertiary Students Marshallan Association of Ghana (TESMAG) Conference held in Cape Coast from February 16-18, 2018 **“as a huge success.”**

SPEAKING TO THE BRIDGE, at the end of the Conference which marked its 10th Anniversary under the theme: **“The Faith And Discernment Of Marriage Vocation As A Marshallan,”** Sir Kt. Bro. Amoako-Arhen noted with pride the gains made by the Association over the years which had among other things seen matured members moving into the Junior Order into the adult Councils and Courts. **“I wish to assure you that the future of the Noble Order is certainly bright judging from the involvement of the Catholics in the affairs of the Noble Order and in other Catholic Societies.”** **“I am proud to say that the vision of the Thirteen Founding Fathers to encourage**

the youth and all Catholic faithful among other things, to play an important role in the evangelization agenda of the Church, is reaping good results. I wish to encourage TESMAG members to migrate to the Adult Councils and Courts on the completion of your studies.”

On his part, Sir Kt. Bro. Dr. Charles Oti Boateng, Supreme TESMAG Coordinator praised Catholic parents for supporting the activities of their wards in the affairs of TESMAG which, he described, **as a major plus** towards advancing the growth of the Junior Order.

The three-day conference, which drew over 200 participants, was hosted by the University of Cape Coast Branch of the Association, was under the Chairmanship of Sir Kt. Bro. Amoako-Arhen.

The participating institutions were University of Education, Winneba, University of Ghana, University of

Development Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, University of Mines and Technology and the University of Cape Coast.

Delivering a paper on the theme of the conference, Rev. Fr. Aristide Biney, a tutor at Holy Cross Brothers of St Br. Andre High School, called on participants to constantly reflect on what they would wish to leave behind in the event of their death and called on them to put God at the centre stage of all their activities.

In a chat with TESMAG National President and his vice Jnr. Bro. Enock Atidoh Clinton and Jnr. Sis Eunice Komson, they reiterated the need for regional or institutional patrons from the adult councils and courts to help monitor and coordinate activities of TESMAG on various campuses. They also encouraged members in higher educational institutions to make conscious efforts to join the adult councils and courts after their education. **During the conference**, participating students had the opportunity to visit various tourist sites in the Central Region.

A Bridge Desk Report with additional file by Jnr. Bro. Enoch Atidoh Clinton and Jnr. Sis Eunice Komson



TOP NEWS

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Council 143 and Court 138 Consecrated At Daffiama, Upper West Region

April 7, 2018: A new Council and Court, have been consecrated in Daffiama in the North West Region, Upper West Region.

The consecration of the new council and court, Council 143 and Court 138, was conducted by the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah and the Immediate Past Grand Lady, MRL Sis Alice Stella Ayebi respectively.

Other members of the consecration team for Council 143 were W/B Charles Nuoriye, Consecration Secretary; W/B David Frank Yawson, Consecration Guard and Sir. Kt. Bro. Rev. Fr. Stephen Kamwinnaang, Consecration Chaplain.

Council 143 is headed by Bro. Remy Tenzagh as Grand Knight with Bro. Vitalis Tiibu as Deputy Grand Knight.

Other office bearers include Bro. Gabriel Anataba - Secretary; Bro. Felix Mwineyele - Secretary of Finance; Bro. Bede Baminekang - Auditor; Bro. Castor Dormuo Dery - Communications Officer; Bro. Mathias Dakura - Treasurer and Bro. Gabriel Kaaninge - Master of Ceremonies.

For Court 138, R.L Sis. Cynthia Baffour, Grand Membership Coordinator, R.L Sis Mary Ampofo, Assistant Grand Secretary served as Consecration Secretary and Consecration Sentry respectively.

Sis Marceline Faanye, a retired Educationist and an Honorary Past Noble Lady at her mother court, Court 71, Nadowli heads Court 138 with Sis Marceline Kabir, a retired health worker as Deputy Noble Lady.

Key office bearers include Sis Mavis Besangn, Secretary and Communication Officer; Sis Susanna Dakorah, Assistant Secretary; Sis Edith Tenzagh, Treasurer; Sis Angelina Dakorah, Financial Secretary; Sis Benedicta Pelbe, Captain of Sentries and Organist and Sis Magdalene Galyuoni, Auditor.

INSTALLATION - COUNCIL

The installation of the new office bearers for the Council and Court was conducted by W/B Valentine Domapielee - Installation Officer; Bro. Declan Baneo - Installation Secretary; W/B Amatus Saanikuu - Installation Guard and Sir. Kt. Bro. Rev. Fr. Stephen Kamwinnaang, Chaplain.

INSTALLATION - COURT

PGL MRL Sis Victoria Mbama Yellu, led the installation team for Court 138 and was assisted by RL Sis Mary Ampofo, Assistant Grand Secretary, Installation Secretary, RL Sis Dame Dr. Agatha Akua Bonney, Chaplain and RL Sis Cynthia Baffour, Grand Membership Co-ordinator, Installation Sentry.

In their remarks after the installation, the Grand Knight Bro. Tenzagh and Noble Lady Sis. Faanye said they would work in unity to ensure the expansion and growth of the new council and court in Daffiama as well as its environment. They expressed their determination to seek funding from brothers, philanthropists for the construction of a befitting Marshallan Temple.

TOP NEWS

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FORUM DES GRANDS CHEVALIERS ET NOBLES DAMES DES CONSEIL ET COUR D'ETAT TOGO / BENIN

Le Forum Marshallien a réuni les Grands Chevaliers et les Nobles Dames, les Grands Chevaliers Régionaux et les Nobles Dames Régionales et leurs Adjoints du samedi 3 mars au dimanche 4 mars 2018, sous la conduite du Grand Chevalier d'Etat, l'Honorable Frère Cyrille ATTIOGBEY et de la Noble Dame d'Etat, la Respectable Dame Félicissime CRINOT au Centre Léon XIII à Agoè-Assiyé au nord de Lomé avec pour thème : Laudato Si et ses implications dans le développement de l'être humain : Le rôle du Marshallien.

L'ouverture des travaux a débuté à 15h 15 par la prière d'ouverture, la présentation des officiels, le mot de bienvenue par la Noble Dame d'ETAT, la Respectable Dame, Sœur Félicissime CRINOT et la présentation du programme du forum par le Secrétaire d'Etat. Le thème Laudatio Si et ses implications dans le développement de l'être humain : le rôle du Marshallien a été présenté par l'Honorable Frère RP Casimir KODO, Curé de la paroisse Saint Boniface de Kovié et Directeur du Centre Marial de la même localité.

Dans son développement l'orateur a présenté les chapitres du Laudato Si qui est la 2ème encyclique du Pape François sur la sauvegarde de la maison commune. Elle est

consacrée aux questions environnementales et sociales, et de façon générale à la sauvegarde de la Création. Le Pape parle dans son livre de la politique écologique qui ne doit pas dominer l'environnement, de l'inégalité planétaire et de la faiblesse des réactions des hommes.

Dans le 2ème chapitre le Pape s'est appuyé sur l'Evangile en parlant de la beauté de la création.

Dans le chapitre 3 le Pape a insisté sur les racines humaines de la crise écologique avec les innovations technologiques.

Le Pape a ensuite parlé dans son livre de la crise écologique intégrale ou chacun peut se retrouver dans une politique commune écologique.

Le conférencier est tombé sur le chapitre 6 où le Pape a énuméré les grandes lignes qui vont servir d'actions pour sortir de la spirale d'auto destruction de l'humanité dans laquelle nous nous engageons. Il a parlé de dialogue entre l'environnement dans la politique internationale pour un projet commun. Il a également évoqué le dialogue et transparence dans le processus de prise de décision : éviter la corruption. L'Honorable Frère RP KODO a chuté sur le rôle du Marshallien qui se trouve selon lui dans ce chapitre 6.

Le Pape dit que le rôle du chrétien

Marshallien est d'arriver à une éducation et spiritualité écologiques. Pour cela il faut miser sur un autre type de vie. Il faut influencer les producteurs, modifier le comportement des entreprises en les forçant à produire bio, et mutualiser nos forces. Nous Marshalliens, nous devons reconnaître nos propres péchés dans la lutte contre la désertification. Il nous demande de prendre une conscience amoureuse de partager avec les autres. Il ajoute que pour y arriver il faut supprimer la dépendance du bien matériel.

Le Pape dit qu'il veut proposer aux chrétiens, donc aux Marshalliens quelques lignes d'une spiritualité écologique qui trouvent leur origine dans des convictions de notre foi car ce que nous enseigne l'Evangile a des conséquences sur notre façon de penser, de sentir et de vivre. Il ne s'agit pas de parler de tant d'idées mais surtout de motivations qui naissent de la spiritualité pour alimenter la passion et la préservation du monde.

Nous devons reconnaître que nous Marshalliens nous n'avons pas toujours recueilli et développé les richesses que DIEU a données à l'Eglise où la spiritualité n'est déconnectée ni de notre propre corps, ni de la nature, ni des réalités de ce monde.

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LEADERSHIP

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TRAITS



LIKEABILITY: It is important that you not only seek to be respected, but that you are likable as well. It's very obvious, people want to work with and be around people they like and distance themselves from people they don't. One who aspires to be a

We continue from the previous article which defined the meaning of leadership and the various categories. This article examines the different traits needed to become a successful and effective leader.

APPRECIATIVENESS: A wise leader values their team and the person. Success is only achieved with the help of others. Genuine appreciation provides encouragement, develops confidence and builds on strengths. One way to do this for example, is when the Grand Knight or the Noble Lady publicly expresses appreciation for the good works of the guards and sentries in addition to private appreciation already shown. It could be extended to other office bearers or members who assist at committee level and in various other ways.

CONFIDENCE: A leader must beam with confidence always. Some have confidence naturally but I believe it can be practiced and learned. To build confidence you need to be open to new experiences and be unafraid to fail or else you will not grow and find the strength needed to push the limits of what you are capable of. If you have stage fright, you can never overcome it without actually practicing to overcome it, undertaking it and even failing a few times on the road to perfection.

SELF-MOTIVATION: Motivated leaders desire to achieve above and beyond expectations. This comes from their passion, pride and desire to become better and the motivation to do things better than everyone else. To succeed as a leader, you need to be motivated, and no one else can do that for you except yourself. A Grand Knight or Noble Lady's desire to see the Council or Court excel in the region in a particular area or generally is motivation enough for the leaders to work hard. Brothers and Sisters bearing other responsibilities will surely succeed if they are self motivated and subsequently become a solid foundation for undertaking bigger responsibilities.

STANDARDS: Leaders hold themselves and the people around them to a higher standard than most, both on a personal and professional level. Leaders understand that in order to achieve higher standards, they need to have strong values, hold themselves accountable for their words, actions and never make excuses. In the Noble Order, aside the practice of abiding by our code of ethics one can attain high standards in various capacities when one associates with Brothers and Sisters who exhibit these high standards.

By W/Bro. Dr. Andre Kwasi Kumah

OPTIMISM AND POSITIVITY: Where others might think a project or task is too difficult, leaders face those challenges with energy and positivity. Positivity is contagious, so be sure to focus on your attitude and understand you set the tone for your task and the people around you. The Council or Court has not been able to cross say 50 members on the roll for many years due to many factors but you believe that a number of 80 can be achieved in a few years. It is important you continuously highlight this positive target and get others on board to bring it into fruition.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Being accountable means that you accept responsibility for the outcomes expected of you, both good and bad. You don't blame others. And you don't blame things that were out of your control. Until you take responsibility, you are a victim. And being a victim is the exact opposite of being a leader. Financial accountability is also a very important aspect of leadership.

COURAGE: Aristotle called courage the first virtue, because it makes all of the other virtues possible. Leadership sometimes involves making unpopular decisions which requires a certain level of bravery. If you want to be more courageous you need to try new things, have more trust and confidence in others, as well as be able to raise difficult issues that others would leave unresolved. It takes courage for a Grand Knight for example to call to order a Senior Brother who repeatedly disrupts meetings.

HUMOUR: Many leaders are perfectionists, which tends to make them critical of themselves and the people around them. You should have a healthy sense of humour about life and not take yourself too seriously which can be difficult when you want others to take you seriously. However, leaders who take themselves too seriously risk alienating people. Effective leaders have the ability to laugh at themselves and understand that they are only human and can make mistakes like everyone else.

INTEGRITY: Having strong moral values is an important leadership trait because it will allow others to clearly identify with you. Having sincerity and honesty in all your dealings assures your followers of your intentions. A leader in our Noble Order which is a Christian organisation should not be seen to be exhibiting unchristian behaviour or seen at places which are less than desirable.

Order must mix with members, genuinely like them and be liked in return.

LOYALTY: Loyalty is not a one way street. You need to give and show firm, constant support to your followers if you ever hope that they will give the same to you. A leader in our organisation should not be one who will betray Brothers and Sisters or speak bad about his Council or Court. It is better to help resolve issues within than washing one's dirty linen in public.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE: The ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you is crucial. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Once you can understand your emotions, you can learn to control them. The ability to stay calm boils down to self-control. One needs this skill to feel what followers are feeling and act accordingly either immediately or at the earliest opportunity. For example, a leader should be able to gauge the feelings of Brothers and Sisters during a very long and boring speech and act accordingly so that the essence of that speech and time spent is not lost. Another example is assuming that the lack of disagreement to a particular policy translates into consent. This assumption could lead to a policy failure and one needs emotional intelligence in such circumstances to gauge the genuine feelings of members.

HUMILITY AND DISCIPLINE: Leaders should be humble by seeking out feedback and focusing on the needs of others. You need to be open to people's feedback and criticisms and find ways of adjusting to changing trends.

Discipline in leadership is less about punishing and rewarding others, but rather having self-control, inner calm and outer resolve. A high level of determination and willpower play a significant part in your ability to be self-disciplined. A good disciplined person in leadership will exhibit time consciousness, follow rules, eat and drink moderately and these virtues become examples for others to follow.

(To be continued in October-December, 2018 Edition)

Late Peter Cardinal Porekuu Dery

“A Man Of Faith And Deep Trust In God’s Providence”

(Excerpts from a presentation by Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah at St Georges Cathedral, Koforidua on March 18, 2018 as part of Pre-Activities talk for the Celebration of Cardinal Dery’s 100th Birthday)

Birth and Baptism: Late Peter Cardinal Porekuu Dery was born on May 10, 1918, in Zimuopare, a village in the Nandom Traditional Area, in the Upper West Region of Ghana. He was the fourth child of the ten children.

He was a shepherd boy and was very close to his uncle, Ngmankurinaa, a renowned traditional priest in the area. On account of his good upbringing, his uncle took him along with him whenever he was going to establish his many and varied fetishes for prominent people of the Nandom Traditional area, and beyond into Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso). The young boy's main duty was to help his uncle slay the animals that were required for the establishment of these fetishes.

He later abandoned this traditional duty as assistant priest to his uncle Ngmankurinaa and followed his father, Porekuu, who was a very successful and widely travelled businessman.

One such business trip took him to Jirapa. There he was introduced to the Missionaries, *The White Fathers* who started missionary work in Jirapa in 1929. Porekuu was immediately attracted to follow the way of the White Fathers. This was vehemently opposed by his uncle Ngmankurinaa but eventually allowed young Dery to follow the way of the Missionaries.

After this breakthrough, many people followed Porekuu to Jirapa, and embraced the Christian religion. This was the beginning of change and development for the Upper West Region of Ghana especially in the area of education and healthcare and religious formation. Peter Cardinal Dery was baptized at Jirapa on Christmas Eve in 1932. For the record, Peter Cardinal Dery was one the first eleven persons to be baptized in the whole of the Upper West Region of Ghana.

Today, we celebrate him as an eminent Statesman, a Prince of the Roman Catholic Church, and now Servant of God, Peter Cardinal Porekuu Dery on his way to becoming a first Saint of the Catholic Church in Ghana.

Education and Vocation: Peter Cardinal Dery was already quite grown when he was introduced to Western Education. The Missionaries had opened a catechist school in Jirapa in 1932 to train lay leaders to aid them in their evangelization work. The Missionaries decided to enroll Dery among

the adult trainee catechists. His exceptional brilliance was soon noticed as he gained a remarkable mastery of the English Language. This prompted the Missionaries to send him to the St. Paul's Junior School in Navrongo in 1934. There he was placed straightaway in the class of Standard Two (Primary Five). A year later, in May 1935, he was promoted to the Immaculate Conception Junior Seminary, also in Navrongo, and four years later, in 1939, Peter Dery completed the Junior Seminary ("O"-Level) and was admitted to the Higher School (Sixth Form). Alongside his Sixth Form Studies, he enrolled in St. John Bosco's Training College. In 1941, Peter Dery completed the "A"- Level studies and at the same time, graduated as a trained teacher with Teachers' Certificate B. This was the highest level of education attainable in the North at the time.

Priesthood: Peter Porekuu Dery was attracted to the priesthood when he was still an illiterate boy working at the Jirapa mission and so when he completed his teachers' training course in Navrongo, Peter Dery began his priestly formation in St. Theresa's Major Seminary, Amisano, in the Archdiocese of Cape Coast. After three years of philosophy and two years of theology, he was transferred with other students of northern extraction to start the St. Victor's Major Seminary then located in Wiagha in 1946. In 1951, he successfully completed his priestly formation and was ordained to the priesthood on February 11, 1951, in the St. Theresa's Church, Nandom, by Rt. Gerard Bertrand, M. Afr., Bishop of Tamale. He was the first Catholic Priest from the Upper West Region of Ghana.



Fr. Peter Dery after his ordination, was appointed to Nandom Parish, and besides pastoral work he was local manager of schools. He worked in Ko, Nandom and Kaleo all of the Wa Diocese. Several lay persons who occupy prominent positions in Ghana today and who hail from the region, were greatly influenced and or sponsored by him.

Studies Abroad: Between 1957 and 1958, Fr. Peter Dery studied at the St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada, where he obtained a Diploma in Social Studies. He also pursued a course in Religious Education in Brussels where he obtained his "Diplome", the equivalent of the B.A in the British system.

Episcopate: When Fr. Peter Porekuu Dery returned from studies, he was appointed Vicar-General of the Tamale Diocese, as well as General Manger of Schools, in addition to being in charge of the Socio-economic development of Tamale Diocese (which included the present Wa Diocese as part of the Tamale Diocese).

In November 1959, Rome carved out of the Tamale Diocese a new Diocese called, Wa Diocese and Fr. Peter P. Dery was elected its first bishop on March 16, 1960. He was consecrated Bishop of Wa on May 8, 1960, in the St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, by Pope John XXIII. He served as Bishop of Wa for fifteen years until 1975. When the Seat of the Tamale Diocese was vacant with the retirement of Bishop Gabriel Champagne, Bishop Dery was appointed the Apostolic Administrator of Tamale. He was subsequently transferred to Tamale on November 18, 1974, and installed Bishop of Tamale on March 23, 1975. He was promoted to the rank of Metropolitan Archbishop of Tamale, when Tamale Diocese was elevated to the rank of an Archdiocese on May 30, 1977. He retired as Archbishop of Tamale on March 26, 1994.

Cardinalate: Archbishop Peter Porekuu Dery was created a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on March 24, 2006 at the age of eighty-eight (88).

Death: Peter Cardinal Porekuu Dery died peacefully in his residence in Tamale, on March 6, 2008, on the occasion of Ghana's 51st Independence Day at the ripe age of 90. He was given a State funeral held at the newly constructed Tamale Sports Stadium. He was buried on April 1, 2008, in the Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral, Tamale.

Recognition: Cardinal Peter Porekuu Dery is fondly remembered for what he stood for, and what he accomplished during his lifetime as a person, a Priest, a Bishop and a Cardinal.

ACHIEVEMENTS

A joyful person: Cardinal Dery was an extremely pleasant personality who radiated joy and human warmth imbued with cheerful and infectious smiles.

Man of the people and for people:

Cardinal Dery had great faith in people, he loved and trusted people. People marvel at his extraordinary gift of remembering names. He called each person he had encountered before by their names. The Cardinal's love for people was general and non-discriminatory: he loved Christians and non-Christians alike; people within his diocese and people outside of his diocese, he loved the young and the old, rich and poor; he loved everybody. He had a soft spot particularly for the youth, the aged and the vulnerable. He loved especially disadvantaged women and he vehemently denounced customary practices that tended to discriminate against the dignity of women and their worth as persons.

His love for people saw him devote all of his energies as a Priest and a Bishop to the promotion of the human person i.e. *Integral development of the human person*. This drove him to work relentlessly for the development and promotion of people in every respect. The numerous educational institutions he founded have provided quality education for countless people, particularly in the Upper West Region and Northern Region. Worth mentioning are health institutions, socio-economic venture Credit Unions, Farmers' Cooperatives and agricultural and animal traction projects which today continue to improve the standard of living of the rural poor particularly in the Northern Region.

WELLS AND BOREHOLES

Cardinal Peter Porekuu Dery had the special gift of dousing water and he personally supervised the digging of countless wells and the drilling of boreholes to provide good drinking water for many rural communities; this helped to eradicate guinea worm in the diocese of Wa in the Upper West Region. He was indeed a pastor worthy of the name and lived to the truth of his motto; *"Apostolus Jesu Christi" (Apostle of Jesus Christ)*.

Man of culture: Cardinal Dery had a deep appreciation of culture. He sought to promote the cultural values of his people and Africans in general. If today we celebrate Mass in the local languages and sing local melodies to the accompaniment of local musical instruments and even dance, it is largely thanks to Cardinal Dery. He himself composed the first Dagaare Mass and this initiative, even in pre-Vatican II times, was a milestone in the Africanization of the Church in Ghana and in Africa in general.

Man of faith and deep trust in God's

providence: Cardinal Dery had great faith in God, a faith that was so transparent and which he eagerly sought to share through his pastoral ministry. In a characteristically personal way, he promoted numerous vocations to the priestly and religious lives, and also marriages. He not only challenged but supported the laity to take up and play their unique roles in the Church's evangelization mission. In all these pastoral endeavours and initiatives he had a special devotion to Mother Mary and the

Rosary. The rosary was his constant companion on his frequent and often long pastoral journeys.

He also had a great devotion to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, On his death, he had the image of St. Theresa.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION - CARDINAL DERY FOUNDATION:

The Cardinal Dery Foundation is registered at the Registrar Generals Department, Accra with a Certificate of Registration No. G-3,099 issued on 24th April 1998 as a company limited by guarantee. The Cardinal Dery Foundation was re-launched on 15th June 2013 at the Jubilee Park in Tamale by His Grace, Most Rev. Philip Naameh, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Tamale. *The Cardinal Dery Foundation for Integral Human Development at its inception has as its objectives - to provide access to education for under privileged youth and women, to provide health care facility for deprived persons in various communities*

Other Interest Areas

These are supporting Youth formation, Priestly formation and Education, especially, for the Girl-child. The Foundation sponsors annually, 10 Girls from the three Northern Regions under the Girl Child Educational Support Project (GCESP). The 10 selected should at least be two girls from each of the 4 Dioceses of Navrongo/Bolgatanga, Tamale, Damango and Wa; and any other two to make a total of 10 a year. The Foundation also has a USA registered Affiliate through the efforts of Mr. William Ato Coleman who continues to support the Girl child education project with funds raised in the USA.

Sector Representation on the Board of

Trustees: Members of the Board of Trustees are selected to reflect the various areas of interest of the Foundation; i.e. Religious, Gender and Development work, Medical (Health, Water & Sanitation), Education, Peace building and Youth Development.

Membership and Annual Subscription:

Membership is through annual subscriptions as in three categories; Ordinary members, Associate members and Honorary members. All Board members and Patrons by virtue of their contribution to the seed capital and other funding activities of the Foundation have been classified under Ordinary member as fully subscribed. The different categories of members have different levels of subscriptions payable annually as determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

Grand Knights and Noble Ladies Forum in Togo-Benin

The Forum for Grand Knights and Noble Ladies of the State Council and Court of Togo-Benin was held in Lome from March 3-4, 2018 under the theme: *Laudato Si and its implications for human development: The role of the Marshallan*.

The forum was held under the auspices of the State Grand Knight Bro. Cyrille Attiogbey and the State Noble Lady RL Sis Dame Félicissime Crinot.

Bro. Rev. Casimir Kodo RP, Parish Priest of Saint Boniface Catholic Church at Kovié spoke on the theme of the Conference and discussed various issues relating to *Laudato Si*. Major themes in *Laudato Si* which is the second encyclical of Pope Francis, highlight environmental and social issues such as protection of the family, preservation of Creation, ecological policies which must inure to the benefit of the human race,

transparency in decision-making so as to avoid corruption.

He urged Marshallans to work together and support programmes that would support the protection of the environment and its attendant consequences.

After the presentation, the Deputy State Knight, Bro. Marc Kpotogbey and the Deputy State Noble Lady RL Sis Léontine Akakpo took participants through the responsibilities of the Grand Knights and Noble Ladies, prescribed courses and rituals. During the forum, Grand Knight of the Council 25, Kpalimé and Grand Knight of the Council 124, Dapaong, the Sir Kt. Bro. Michel Gbeasor and the RL Sis. Olivia Kouevi made presentations on some aspects of the revised constitution.

The forum ended on March 4, 2018 after a thanksgiving Mass presided over by Bros Rev. Frs. Ephrem Folly and Gaston Adjora respectively. (Translation of TOPNEWS2)

food for thought

POWER OF THE TONGUE

Words can inspire or discourage, they can lead others to faith or turn them away from God. When we speak about those in leadership positions, we must focus on the strengths (good deeds) rather than their weaknesses. Speak from a peaceful and loving heart. Be able to restrain those under our charge from becoming rebellious. We are not called to work for righteousness in the Society/Church, nor to speak of the evils within the leadership of the Society/Church.

Those who listen to such talks come to despise all leadership and will not grow in holiness and humility. Pray that the Lord must teach us how to use words that can heal and restore the Society/Church.

Words are powerful. They can build up or tear down a whole community, Society/Church in a matter of days. As Christians our constitution is the Holy Bible and we exercise our power from it. The Scripture, Old and New Testaments alike are God's authoritative word to man 2 Timothy 3:16. God is the only one who has absolute authority.

As Christians in Society/Church, we are taught to go to God in silence, listen to ourselves, to thoughts that really bother us, bring us to better understanding of ourselves and to know ourselves as we really are. To reflect on ourselves using the word of God, makes it easier to overcome sin and our failings and helps us to be more conscious of our strengths and weaknesses. It also makes us more holy and more Godlike. It will be difficult to grow in holiness if we do not spend time with God.

We should be truthful to ourselves. See other people the way God sees them with compassion, forgiveness, and love, because we see ourselves are forgiven and loved by God.

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Most Rev Osei Bonsu - Excerpts From A Presentation

From Inside cover

Family Life and Homosexuality: From the biblical point of view, marriage is between one man and one woman and so same-sex marriage is not considered marriage. However, we live in a country where some people are now vigorously advocating the legalization of homosexuality and the marriage of homosexual couples. Nevertheless, we must know that the practice of homosexuality goes against the teaching of the Bible. In the opening chapters of Genesis, the creation of the sexes by God is presented as having a two-fold purpose: men and women are meant to come together in a one-flesh unity of life (*Gen 2:24*) and to beget children (*Gen 1:28*). Since sexual activity was seen to be ordered to procreation and the continuance of the human race, any form of sexual activity other than heterosexual intercourse is against nature and is a clear violation of right reason.

To choose someone of the same sex for one's sexual activity or for marriage is to annul the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of God's sexual design.

Homosexuality is condemned in no uncertain terms in a number of biblical passages including the following: *Lev 18:22, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination"; Lev 20:13, "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them"; Gen 19:1-28*, which deals with the sin of people of Sodom who attempted to have sexual relations with Lot's male visitors who were indeed angels. The men of Sodom in this context were punished with death for their desire to commit this abomination.

Most of the references to homosexuality in the *New Testament* occur in the *Letters of Paul*. The clearest is *Rom 1:26-27* where Paul argues that pagans, even without the biblical revelation, ought to have honoured the true God but they turned instead to idolatry. As a consequence of this primary disorder, God gave them over to sexual disorder as well, both women and men exchanging natural relations for unnatural ones. In *Rom 1:26* we read, **"For this reason God gave them up to dishonourable**

passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error". In *1 Cor 6:9-10* Paul says, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God". In *1 Tim. 1:10* Paul speaks of **"immoral persons, sodomites, kidnapers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine"**. The terms **"sexual perverts"** and **"sodomites"** in the two passages translate the same Greek word (*arsenokoi*) and refer to homosexuals.

The Church sees the practice of homosexuality as something condemned by the Scriptures and cites in its documents the biblical passages that condemn homosexuality. The Church makes a distinction between "the homosexual condition or tendency" and "individual homosexual actions". For the Church, the latter is **"intrinsically disordered" and is "in no case to be approved of"**. In other words, while the Church does not condemn people for being homosexuals or for having the homosexual tendency, it condemns the homosexual acts that homosexuals perform.

Even though the Church strongly condemns homosexual acts, it insists that the rights of homosexuals as persons should be respected.

Nevertheless, according to the Church's understanding of human rights, **the rights of homosexuals as persons do not include the right of a man to marry a man or of a woman to marry a woman**. For the Church, this is morally wrong and goes against God's purpose for marriage.

In this connection, I must commend the Noble Order for the Press Statement that it issued in Accra in February 2013 condemning Homosexuality and Lesbianism. The Noble Order should be alert all the time to defend our Christian religious values and tenets.

Thank You And God Bless You All

Junior Corner



43J, (Our Lady of Lourdes), Dansoman



GK Bro. Emmanuel Prince-Agbodjan and Sis Philomena Efua Assan assist in cutting the anniversary cake.

The Junior Order of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, Council 71 and Court 63 (43J, *Our Lady of Lourdes*), Dansoman, consecrated on December 28, 2002 on December 31, 2017, climaxed its 15th anniversary celebration with a thanksgiving Mass at the St Margaret Mary Parish.

The Junior Council and Court is currently headed by Jnr Bro Nana Diatuo Kwateng Amaning and Jnr. Sis Rita Agbo.

Highlights of its year-long activities include lenten retreat, charity outreach at the Osu Remand Home and educational trip to Boti Falls.

32J, (Our Lady Of Mercy), Dunkwa

December 23, 2017: New officers have been installed for 32J, (*Our Lady Of Mercy*), Dunkwa. They are Jnr. Bro Abraham Kpogoh, Junior Grand Knight, Jnr. Sis. Priscilla Addae, Junior Noble Lady, while Junior Brother Felix Tano-Donkor and Junior Sister Anthoniette Abaidoo were also installed as their Deputies. The installation was conducted by Sir Kt. Bro. Anthony Dadzie and Sis. Theresa Badu Tawiah. Inset: Jnr. Bro Abraham Kpogoh and Jnr. Sis. Priscilla Addae.



83J, (Queen of Patriarch), Wa-Mangu



February 10, 2018: The Junior order 83J, (*Queen of Patriarch*), St Cecilia Parish, Wa-Mangu, initiated six candidates at St. Cecilia Parish, Wa-Mangu.

The six initiates are made up a girl and five boys. W/B Stanislaus Bigrah of Council 113, conducted the initiation with the support of Sis. Leticia Naako of Court 108.

31J, (Virgin Most Merciful), Winneba

December 16, 2017: Fifteen new members have been initiated into 31J, (*Virgin Most Merciful*), Winneba. The initiation took place at the St. Don Bosco School, Winneba.

The new members are made up of eight boys and seven girls. The initiation was conducted by Bro. Peter Nimo, Grand Knight, Council 17. He was assisted by Sis. Celestine Zusurekuu, Noble Lady of Court 20, Winneba. The group was named the *Delightful Fifteen*.





Junior Corner

13J, (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour), Obuasi

APRIL 7, 2018, 13J, (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour), a Junior Council and Court of Council 14 and Court 13, Obuasi have initiated 18 Junior brothers and sisters. The Junior Order currently has Jnr. Bro. Frank Gyamerah and Jnr. Sis. Salomey Asoni as Junior Grand Knight and Junior Noble Lady respectively.

The initiation was conducted by Sir. Kt. Bro. Anthony Dadzie, Past Regional Youth Coordinator, Ashanti-South/ Denkyira. He was supported by Sis. Francisca Obeng - Darko, Deputy Grand Youth Coordinator and Rev. Fr. Charles Baffour - Awuah, Regional Chaplain, Ashanti-South/ Denkyira.



5J, (Mirror Of Justice), Accra

Junior Council and Court, (5J, Mirror of Justice), of Council 10 and Court 5, Accra on December 26, 2017 installed new office bearers. They are Jnr. Bro. Gerald Aperegdina, Junior Grand Knight with Jnr. Bro Emmanuel Twum as his Deputy while Jnr Sis Georgina Yaaba Yankey took over as the new Junior Noble Lady with Sis Ramscis Afriyie as her Deputy. W/B Samuel Kingsford Arthur, IPRGK, Accra East Region and Sis Winifred Yennah, DRNL, Accra East Region conducted the installation with Bro. Rev. Fr. Dodji Gadesodji as Installation Chaplain. At the installation



Cutting the Anniversary Cake

banquet, Junior Bro Paul Fiagbenu and Junior Sis Esther Bubune were crowned the Best Junior Brother and Best Junior Sister for the year 2017.

35th Anniversary: On January 14, 2018 the Junior Order attended a Thanksgiving Mass at the Christ the King Parish,

Cantonments, Accra, to climax its 35th anniversary celebration. The Mass, was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Anthony Agnes. *In an address*, the Junior Grand Knight, Jnr. Bro. Gerald Aperegdina and Junior Noble Lady, Jnr. Sis. Georgina Yaaba Yankey encouraged the congregation, especially, the youth to strive hard for excellence.

The Goh Siblings Lead 12J, (Gate Of Heaven), HO.



Jnr. Bro. Thomas Mawuse Goh and Jnr. Sis. Joan Etornam Goh were December 30, 2017 installed as JGK and JNL respectively. The installation was conducted by the North Volta RYC, Bro. Richmond Edem Kpotosu and MRL Sis. Jane Aidam. In his installation speech, the Junior Grand Knight Bro. Goh asked members to focus on making impacts in little things as this according to him will eventually lead to the achievement of greater things. The Installation was preceded by the initiation of 18 new members into the Junior Order.

29J, (Immaculate Conception), Kpando



January 6, 2018: 29J, (Immaculate Conception), Kpando, of the Junior Order of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, on initiated 12 candidates into the Noble Order at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School premises at Kpando. Most Respected Lady Sister Theresa Doble of Court 4 Kpando, conducted the initiation with Bro. Edem Constance Tanson, IPGK of Council 6 Kpando as the Chaplain.

MaSIF: Fund For The Living

In first of the series, *The Bridge* talks to the Supreme Councillor and Chairman of the Marshallan Savings and Investment Fund, (MaSIF), W/B Dr. Stephen Komla Deku on some aspects of the scheme.



W/B Dr. Stephen Komla Deku

Q1. What are the objectives of MaSIF?

ANS. The following are the objectives:
(a) - to free contributors from annual payment of dues and levies in the Order
(b) - to free the Order from being dependent on members for financial sustainability

© - to promote thrift among its members by providing them a means of savings.

(d)- to provide assistance to institutions within the Order to establish businesses.

Q2. Could you explain the concept of Capital Base and Mobilisation Structure?

Ans. Under the Capital Base, the scheme anticipates the development of

shareholding scheme. Under the mobilization structure, each member is required to contribute a minimum of Gh¢1,200 or more over a 24-month period. Supreme Council and Grand Court - 500 shares; Regional Council & Court = 100 shares; Local Council and Court = 50 shares each.

Q3. What are the respective maturity dates?

Ans. Strategy: 2-5-12:2 Years fund mobilization, 5th year fund maturity;12th year.

Q4. When is the start-up year?

Ans. The scheme came into effect September 2017 and is expected to issue quarterly, half yearly and annual reports. The first Cycle of MaSIF has entered its 2nd & final year of mobilization in 2018 and will close by November 30, 2018.

Q5. How are benefits effected?

Ans. Each shareholder and savings holder receives 50% of contribution every year for ever. Years 12: Amount of Gh¢5m each is made available for distribution to participating Councils/Courts for project.
Year 12 - Gh¢10,000,000 - For income

generating project: Year 21- Gh¢10,000,000 - Restructuring of Marshallan Welfare Scheme (MWS) and the Marshallan Medical Fund (MMF): Year 26 - Gh¢20,000,000 - Seed capital for establishment of an insurance company: Year 33 -Gh¢40,000,000 - Fund for modernization of SC and GC structures: Year 40 - Gh¢100,000,000 - Seed capital for a medical facility

Q6. What are the Councils and Courts expected to do to become members?

Ans. The first thing is the completion of application form, payment of Gh¢10.00 registration fee, each Council or Court shall appoint two persons: a MaSIF Officer and an Assistant MaSIF Officer to be solely responsible for collection and banking of MaSIF monies.

Q7. Into which account should MaSIF monies be deposited?

Ans. MaSIF monies SHALL BE banked into the dedicated MaSIF Bank Account on the next available working day.

ACCOUNT NAME: MARSHALLAN SAVINGS & INVESTMENT FUND.
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 101113-000-2664. BANK: GCB BANK. BRANCH: HIGH STREET. ACCRA.

All lodgements should identify the names of Councils/Courts and individual brothers and sisters.

Q9. What should be the expectation of shareholders?

Ans. It is a good scheme which should be embraced by all members, Councils and Court.

Remember our payout rate on maturity is 50%. MaSIF is your Permanent Interest, not your permanent friend. MaSIF is Fund for the Living.

Archbishop Palmer-Buckle 25 YEARS IN EPISCOPACY

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Bishop Of Koforidua: In November 1992, Fr. Palmer-Buckle was nominated first Bishop of the newly created Catholic Diocese of Koforidua, carved out of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. From 1994 to 2004, the Most Rev. Palmer-Buckle was the Bishop-Chairman for the Department of Socio-Economic Development of the Catholic Bishop's Conference, and from 1995 to 2003 he was for two terms President of Caritas Africa Region and First Vice President of Caritas International, a federation of 198 member-organisations in

154 countries all over the world with headquarters in the Vatican City.

National Reconciliation Commission (NRC): In May 2002, he was appointed one of the 9-member National Reconciliation Commission (NRC) of Ghana by His Excellency John Agyekum KUFORUO, President of the Republic of Ghana, to help bring reconciliation and healing of the past to fellow Ghanaians. He served on this commission till October 2004, when it concluded the assignment and submitted the report.

In November 2004, Bishop Palmer-Buckle was elected Vice President of Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference, and

made the Bishop-Chairman of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Conference.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra: On March 30, 2005, he was appointed Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra by His Holiness John Paul II of blessed memory. He has remained vocal in the political scene of Ghana and Africa on issues including political violence and homosexuality. He is currently the Vice President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Write-up by: Bro. Demain Avevor

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

THE ROLE OF THE EXECUTOR

An executor is a person appointed by a testator in a will to ensure that his or her intentions contained in the will are carried out. An executor's role in the administration of estates of a deceased person is governed by the *Administration of Estates Act, 1961 (Act 63)*, *Probate and Administration Rules, 1992 (LI. 1515)*.

Under the *Wills Act, 1971 (Act 360)*, a testator is required to appoint a person of or above the age of twenty-one years who has capacity to enter into a contract as an executor. It is preferable that at least two executors are appointed. The rationale behind this is that in the event of one dying or becoming incapable of performing his or her duty; the other will perform. In appointing an executor it is important to consider an educated and trustworthy person who cannot be influenced by others easily. In effect, an executor must be one who would be in the position to ensure that the right thing is done without fear or favour.

The law provides that the estate (movable and immovable property) of a deceased person devolves on the executor with effect from the date of death. Therefore the first duty of the executor is to apply for probate from the court. Probate is a legal document that authorizes or empowers an executor to carry out the intention of the testator as contained in a will. Without this authority from the court any action carried out by the executor with regards to the estate of the deceased is invalid.

Likewise, when a person dies intestate (without leaving a will) the legal authority that enables a personal representative to administer the estate is called letters of administration. *Under Order 66 rule 13 of the High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2004 (CI 47)* persons entitled to grant of letters of administration in order of priority are any surviving: (a) spouse; (b) children; (c) parents; and the customary successor of the deceased. Before an application for letters of administration is made one important step that needs to be taken is the identification of all properties of the deceased. This information will be



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required for the preparation of an inventory of the deceased's estate.

The caution however is that a person who takes possession of or deals with the property of a deceased person without having been named as an executor or appointed by the court as an administrator of the estate shall be guilty of the offence of intermeddling which is liable to a fine not exceeding 500 penalty units or twice the value of the estate intermeddled with or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both.

- It is also the duty of the executor to distribute the estate and assent to the vesting of immovable properties to the beneficiaries under the will. Vesting assent is the means of legally transferring the devised property to the beneficiary. Consequently, a vesting assent cloaks the beneficiary with the power of ownership. In effect, a vesting assent grants a beneficiary the capacity to deal with the property in his own right. However, the law also requires that vesting of the property in a beneficiary would not be complete until it is registered with the Lands Commission. These requirements have been established in *the case of Conney v Bentum-Williams [1984-86] 2 GLR 301* where the Court of Appeal stated that:

- a will had no legal effect until it had been admitted to probate,

- a beneficiary of any real estate must have the property vested in his name, and
- even after the vesting assent had been executed, it would still not have any legal efficacy until after it has been registered under the *Land Registry Act, 1962 (Act 122)*.

In the process of carrying out the above, an executor is empowered under the law to reclaim all monies owed to the deceased and also convert into money both movable and immovable property of the deceased for the purposes of paying off expenses with regards to administration of the estate, all just debts of the deceased and also make provision for pecuniary legacies if the deceased bequeathed any. This implies that a beneficiary can only be vested with a property after the executor has completely paid off all debts of the deceased's estate.

The executor also has the duty to ensure that the interests of minors are protected. In this regard an executor may appoint a trustee(s) to be in charge of the share of the estate which the minor is entitled to until the time that the minor reaches adulthood. In ensuring that the interest of the minor is protected; the executor must spell out the manner in which the trustee(s) is authorised to deal with the minor's share of the estate in the instrument by which the trustee is appointed.

In summary, an executor is basically required to take charge of the estate of the deceased, obtain probate, distribute the estate to beneficiaries, vest property in beneficiaries and register same.

However, to avoid the difficulties and misunderstandings that usually characterize the administration of estates, it is recommended that a lawyer is always consulted to ensure that the wishes of the deceased are carried out effectively.

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PHOTO Gallery

Leadership Of The Noble Order Pays Courtesy Call On The Apostolic Nuncio, Most Rev. Jean-Marie Antoine Speich



Apostolic Nuncio Most Rev. Speich flanked by Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah, MRL Sis Grace Budu-Smith and other high officers after the courtesy call on February 5, 2018

PIX 1

At Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Peter Cardinal Appiah Turkson at Cape Coast



April 8, 2018: Snapshots of dignitaries. (PIX 1) Cardinal Peter Appiah Turkson, (4th from right) Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, pictured with Bishops and special guests including the First Lady, Mrs. Rebecca Akufo-Addo (5th from right) who attended the epoch-making event. Vet Bro. Cdr. E.S.K Kwaw, SPSK, (7th from right) led the Marshallan delegation). Other members include the Grand Lady, MRL Sis Grace Budu-Smith, Kt. Bros. James Adomako and Anthony Cobblah Kemavor (8th and 9th from right)

New Council and Court, DAFFIAMA



Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah and Past Grand Lady MRL Sis Stella Alice Ayebi who led the consecration teams for both Council and Court pictured with some office bearers, brothers and sisters of both Council and Court.

*March 2, 2018
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Flash-Back: 2017 IACK International Alliance of Catholic Knights Meeting, Australia



The Supreme Knight, Kt. Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah (2nd from right) pictured with colleague heads of the Kindrey Orders of IACK after its Biennial Conference held in Washington DC, USA from September 7-15, 2017.

Leadership of the Noble Order and the Catholic Bishops' Conference



Promotion of Integral Human Development in the led the epoch-making event. PIX 2 - from right Sir Kt. is Grace Budu-Smith (6th from right) and SPSKs, Sir ht)



The Grand Lady, MRL Sis Budu-Smith (2nd from right) and the Supreme Knight (3rd from right) on February 22, 2018 held discussions with the leadership of the Catholic Bishops' Conference on issues relating to the growth of the Church. Seated (centre) in a group photograph is Metropolitan Archbishop of Tamale and the President of the Conference Most Rev. Philip Naamey.

Courtesy Call by the Supreme Council on Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi Diocese, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie



March 2, 2018: Sir Kt Bro. Ambrose Yennah(5th from right) pictured with the Supreme Director, (3rd from right) Sir Kt. Vet. Bro. Cdr. Dr. E.S.K Kwaw, and some key officers during the courtesy call on the Bishop, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, Bishop of Sekondi Takoradi Diocese, who, among other things pledged to support the beatification of Sir James Marshall.

An encounter with Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle



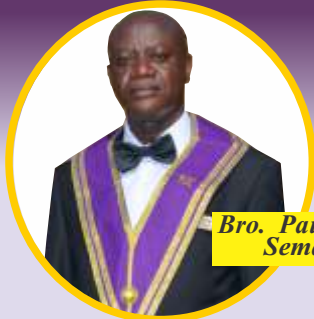
February 23, 2018: PGK, Bro. Nana Kwamena Anyensah I of Council 89, Sakumono pictured in a warm encounter at the forecourt of the State House with the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. Palmer-Buckle. Occasion: Funeral of late Prof. Francis Allotey, an eminent Ghanaian Mathematician and Physicist.

Newest

Grand Knights & Noble Ladies

New Grand Knights and Noble Ladies were in December 2017 installed for the respective Councils and Courts throughout the country and in territories outside Ghana. Reproduced are the second part of reports from some of the councils and courts at the time of going to press.

COUNCIL 125, ASHAIMAN & COURT 120, ASHAIMAN



Bro. Paul Alfred Semavor



Sis. Teresa Nadia Abugah

Council 125 and Court 120, Ashaiman on December 2, 2017 installed a new Grand Knight, Noble Lady and other officers of the second administration. **Bro. Paul Alfred Semavor**, Administrative Director of the Afri Freight Limited in Tema heads Council 125, with Bro. Daniel Amuzu Wenyah as Deputy Grand Knight. **Other officers installed** include Bro. Francis Akobre, Secretary; Bro. Ali Fuseini, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Hubert Adevor, Secretary of Finance; Bro. Patrick Ofosu, Assistant Secretary of Finance; Bro. Pius Gadzekpo, Treasurer; Bro. Israel O. Abafum, Auditor; Bro. John Atta Kumadey, Captain of Guards; Bro. Thomas Mba, Welfare Officer; Bro. Anthony Dadzie, Communication Officer and Bro. Rev. Fr. Hans G.M. Agbenafa, SVD, Chaplain.

The installation was conducted by Sir Kt. Bro. Francis Arthur-Collins, with the assistance of W/B Lambert Ocloo, Installation Secretary; Bro. Cletus Abodakpi, Installation Guard and Bro. Rev. Fr. Hans G. Agbenafa, Installation Chaplain.

The sister court, Court 120 is headed by Sis. Teresa Nadia Abugah, Head of The Social Protection and Occupational Safety, Health and Environment of the Trade Union Congress with Sis. Juliana Dede Tetteh as Deputy Noble Lady.

Other Officers are Sis. Agnes Korkor Wenyah, Secretary; Sis. Evelyn Akorfa Loh, Assistant Secretary; Sis. Sylvia Akobre, Secretary of Finance; Sis. Sarah Klutse, Treasurer, Sis. Irene Tamakloe-Dagbovie, Auditor; Sis. Constancia Sorkpor, Captain of Sentries; Sis. Felicia Abena Edzie, Membership Coordinator; Sis. Felicity Plange, Communications Officer; Sis. Catherine Conduah, Organist and Sis. Vincentia Asomontsi, IT Officer.

MRL Sis. Mary Phyllis Aidoo Markham conducted the installation. She was assisted by Sis. Vivian Arthur-Collins, Installation Secretary; Sis. Belinda Banini, Installation Sentry and W/Bro. Rev. Fr. Dennis Opoku, Installation Chaplain.

In their maiden addresses, Bro. Semavor and Sis Abugah spoke of their determination to maintain the momentum and drive of their predecessors and thanked brothers for their massive show of support.

By Bro. Kojo Tito Vieta, PGA/RADV

COURT 90, ADENTA

Sis Janet Seyram Vordzorgbe on December 10, 2017 took over office as the new Noble Lady for Court 90, Adenta with Sis Irene Kokoi Abor as the Deputy.

The installation was conducted by RL Sis Clare Banoeng-Yakubo. She was assisted by RL Sis Bellona-Gerard Vittor-Wuao, Installation Secretary, Sis. Anita Sankuma, Installation Sentry and W/B Rev. Fr. David Ankrah, Installation Chaplain.

The new office bearers include Sis. Josephine Akpanya-Hlovor, Secretary; Sis Racheal Addo, Financial Secretary and Sis Abigail Amo-Tweneboah, IT Officer.



Sis Janet Seyram Vordzorgbe

COUNCIL 78, KNUST



Bro. Prof. Simon Kafui Yawo Gawu

December, 23, 2017: Bro. Prof. Simon Kafui Yawo Gawu, was installed the 13th Grand Knight of Council 78, KNUST. The installation was conducted by Sir Kt. Bro. Emmanuel Kofi Bani and was assisted by W/B Constantine Kudzedzi, Installation Secretary, W/B Msgr. Dr. John Opoku-Agyeman, Installation Chaplain and Bro. Vincent Opoku-Antwi, Installation Guard.

Office bearers for the new administration include Bro. John Paul Kpebesaan Dell, Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Gabriel Antwi, Secretary; Bro. Dr. Jacob Agbenorhevi, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Zachariah Kyiiru, Treasurer; Bro. Francis Blasus, Secretary of Finance; Bro. Alex Kweku Boham, Auditor and W/B Rev. Msgr. Dr. John Opoku, Chaplain.

In his maiden address, Bro. Prof. Gawu urged brothers use their different gifts bestowed on them by God to help **“grow, attract and retain members, offer service to our church, assist the aged and help Brothers in need.”** He said he would focus during the year on the continuation of the Temple Project, membership drive, expansion of the Junior Order and the spiritual growth and development of members.

Bro. Prof. Gawu, acknowledged the various roles played by his predecessors in the growth and development of his Council the successes achieved as well as the opportunities created by past Grand Knights and their Administrations.

In her maiden address, Sis Vordzorgbe among other things, called for the support and cooperation of all sisters so as to move the Court to a higher pedestal.

Newest

Grand Knights &

Noble Ladies

COUNCIL 89 & COURT 85, SAKUMONO

COURT 74, KNUST



**Bro. Patrick
Ato Ashun**



**Sis. Dr. Ivy Maame
Adwoa Abu**



**Sis Anne
Gyamfua Andoh**

December 16, 2017: Bro. Patrick Ato Ashun, an Economic and Financial Consultant assumed office as the 10th Grand Knight of Council 89, Sakumono.

Other officers of the 10th Administration of Council 89 are: Bro. Paul Yao Asafo, Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Andrew Ackah, Secretary; Bro. Christopher Hanson, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Peter Frimpong-Manson, Secretary of Finance; Bro. Edward Asante, Assistant Secretary of Finance; David Sasu Kumi, Treasurer; Bro. George Essien, Auditor; Bro. Abraham Quashigah, Captain of Guards; Bro. Vincent Akubia, Welfare Officer; Bro. Emmanuel Godi, Communications Officer; Bro. Nicholas Asare, Information Technology Officer; Bro. David Doh, Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Godfred Tetteh-Ayenou, Membership Co-ordinator; Bro. Bro. Alfred Acolatse, MaSIF Officer and W/B Very Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Gosu, Chaplain.

The installation was conducted by Sir Kt. Bro. Joseph Ekow Paintsil, SPSK. He was assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. Wilberforce Bedu-Mensah, Installation Secretary; W/B Wisdom Abotsikumah, Installation Guard and Bro. Rev. Fr. Francis Oteng-Bawuah and W/B Very Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Casmir Gosu, Installation Chaplains.

In his maiden address, Bro. Ashun, said, among other things, that he would establish an effective and robust financial management and reporting system for the Council. He added that he would inspire brothers to portray, by precept and example, their belief in God and the motto of the Noble Order, **Unity, Fraternity, Charity and Service**. Bro. Ashun said he would institute a three-year financial strategy to address the development and subsequent construction of a befitting temple for Council 89 and Court 85.

Sis. Dr. Ivy Maame Adwoa Abu, a Quantity Surveyor by Profession, heads Court 85, Sakumono as Noble Lady with Sis. Ethel Musey as Deputy Noble Lady. Other Officers are Sis. Rita Talata Ayine, Secretary; Sis. Patience Abu, Assistant Secretary; Sis. Francisca Soto, Financial Secretary; Sis. Lawrence Soglo, Treasurer, Sis. Isabella Nunoo, Auditor; Sis. Florence Nti-Nuamah, Captain of Sentries; Sis. Hannah Agbewornu, Communications Officer; Sis. Rebecca Asante, Organist; Sis. Mary Donnir Anku, IT Officer; Sis. Mina Aidoo, MaSIF Officer; Sis. Esther Tia, Reader and Lecturer; and Sis. Margaret Akorley, Sis. Samira Ali, Sis. Josephine Ofoi and Sis. Charity Banini all as Membership Co-ordinators.

Installation

RL Dame Dr. Agatha Akua Bonney, Deputy Noble Lady and mother of Sis. Dr. Abu, conducted the installation at Court 85. She was assisted by Sis. Cecilia Owusu Prempeh, Installation Secretary; Sis. Matilda Issah, Installation Sentry and W/B Rev. Fr. Dennis Opoku, Installation Chaplain.

Speaking after her installation, Sis Abu appealed for tacit support for the new administration to enable it to continue to walk along the rich paths the Court had carved over the years. She also pledged her support to all the initiatives of her predecessors and more importantly, towards the construction of a Temple for Council 89 and Court 85, Sakumono.

December 23, 2017 MRL Sis Margaret Gaisie-Essilfie conducted the installation of Sis Anne Gyamfua Andoh, as the Noble Lady of Court 74, KNUST. She was assisted by RL Sis Irene Smith, Installation Secretary; Sis Vivian Edoh Gyamfi, Installation Sentry and W/B Msgr Dr. John Opoku Agyeman Quainoo, Installation Chaplain. Key office bearers for the new Court include Sis Patricia Atta-Poku, Deputy Noble Lady; Sis Yayra Dora Avuglah, Secretary; Sis Benita Afrifa, Assistant Secretary; Sis Mary Appia Kubi, Treasurer; Sis Vida Evelyn Siesegh, Secretary of Finance and Sis Elizabeth Dery, Auditor

In her speech, Sis Andoh, daughter of Sir Kt. Bro. Anthony Stephen Yao Andoh, the second Registrar of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and MRL Sis Beatrice Andoh, described the Noble Order, as a **fraternal society of great value** and called on sisters in all operating councils and courts to continue to live by the tenets of Noble Order embedded on **unity, charity, fraternity and service**.

She acknowledged the efforts of her predecessors who had collectively blazed an admirable trail and kept the light of Court 74 shining brightly in the Noble Order.

COUNCIL 109, NEW APLAKU



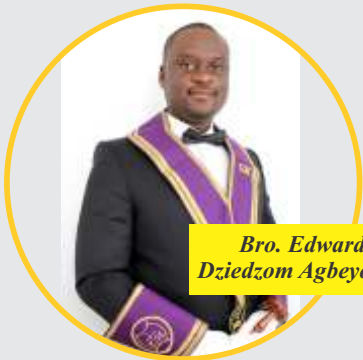
**GK, Bro Clarence
Nyanzu Blay**

December 16, 2017: Bro Clarence Nyanzu Blay, took over the reign of office as the new Grand Knight of Council 109, New Aplaku.

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Grand Knights & Noble Ladies

COUNCIL 74, ACCRA CENTRAL



Bro. Edward Dziejdom Agbeyome

December 16, 2017: Bro. Edward Dziejdom Agbeyome, took over office as the 17th Grand Knight of Council 74, Accra Central

In his maiden speech, Bro Agbeyome congratulated his predecessors for a good job done over the years and promised to improve upon the gains made by them during his tenure of office.

Bro Abgeyome congratulated the new office bearers for agreeing to serve the Council and expressed the hope that they would bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment in the discharge of their duties.

COURT 138, NLESHIE AMANFRO



Sis Gloria Cecilia Ohene-Adjei

Sis Gloria Cecilia Ohene-Adjei, a former staff of the Electricity Company of Ghana, Projects Office was on August 17, 2017 installed Noble Lady of the newly consecrated court, Court 138, Nleshie Amanfro.

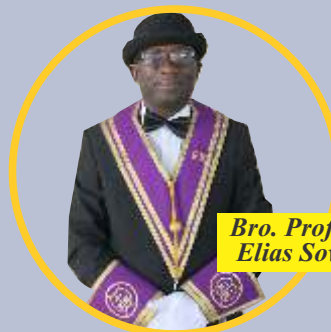
The consecration was conducted by MRL Sis Alice Stella Ayebe. She was assisted by RL Sis. Emelia Arthur, Installation Secretary; RL Sis. Charlotte Plange, Installation Sentry and Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Acheampong, Installation Chaplain.

Office bearers include Sis. Isabella Tormety, Deputy Noble Lady; Sis. Stella Abutiante, Secretary; Sis. Helena Slippi-Mensah, Assistant Secretary, Sis. Faustina Awaadze Thompson, Secretary of Finance; Sis. Augustina Pat Shirimori, Assistant Finance Secretary; Sis Betty

Amofa Appiah, Treasurer and Sis. Augustina Afua Afful, Auditor.

In her remarks, Sis Ohene-Adjei promised to work hard to justified the confidence reposed in her by the leadership of the Grand Court and stressed that she would during her administration ensure the growth and expansion of the new Court in line with the kenneth of the Noble Order.

COUNCIL 27, TAMALE



Bro. Professor Elias Sowley

The 2017/2018 administration of Council 27 was installed at a Council Session held at the Sir Kt. Bro. Rev. Fr. Peter Roth Memorial Marshallan Temple in Tamale on December 9, 2017. The new administration is headed by Bro. Professor Elias Sowley, a Plant Pathologist at the Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, University for Development with Bro. Alhassan John Issah as his Deputy.

The installation was performed by Sir Kt. Bro. Chief C. N. Kasei, and assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. Gabriel Yengyie, Installation Secretary; Bro. Rev. Fr. Anthony Frimpong, Installation Chaplain and Sir Kt. Bro. Abraham Yankson, Installation Guard.

In his maiden speech, Bro. Prof. Sowley regarded his installation as a call to serve, and promised to discharge his duties with passion in line with the tenets of the Noble Order.

Bro. Prof. Sowley said he would during his tenure of office, among many things organise orientation for all officers and office bearers on their roles and responsibilities and increase cohesion among brothers through social events such an annual parties and home visitations to aged, infirmed and delinquent brothers.

Key office bearers of the new administration include Bro. Michael Miyella, Secretary; Bro. Christopher Ayaga, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Clovis Tugpiel, Financial Secretary; Bro.

Bonaventure Adagiyele, Assistant Secretary of Finance; Bro. Samuel Dramani, Treasurer; Bro. David Kwoyiri, Auditor and Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, Communications Officer.

COUNCIL 25, KPALIME, TOGO



Bro. R. P. Ephrem Folly

Le Conseil 25 Kpalimé au Togo a procédé à l'installation de son nouveau bureau ce samedi 17 février 2018 à Kpalimé.

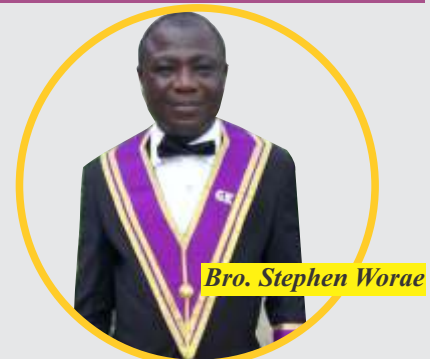
L'équipe d'installation était composée de l'Honorable Frère Francis FOLIGAN, comme Officier Installateur, du Passé Grand Conseiller Dominique GLAKAR, Secrétaire d'installation, du Frère François AMEGAN, Garde d'installation et du frère R.P. Claude KOKOU comme Aumônier d'installation.

Le nouveau Grand Chevalier, le Frère R. P. Ephrem FOLLY a dans son intervention remercié tous les Frères et a promis tout mettre en œuvre pour relever le Conseil 25 par la formation et l'initiation de nouveaux membres.

L'Officier installateur quant à lui, souhaité du courage au nouveau bureau et a insisté sur l'importance des serments que nous prêtons et a demandé aux Frères de les respecter.

Par l'Hon. Fr. Simon C. KUEGAH,

COUNCIL 12, KOFORIDUA



Bro. Stephen Worae

Bro Stephen Worae, an Accountant at Ministry of Education, Koforidua on December 9, 2017 took over the mantle of leadership as the 40th Grand Knight of Council 12, Koforidua.

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Sir Kt. Bro Henry Addo, PSK conducted the installation and was assisted by W/B Paul Evans Amuzu, PRGK, Installation Secretary, Bro Cosmos Avorkliyah, PGA, Installation Guard and Bro. Rev Bro Paul Daninteng, Installation Chaplain.

Officers his Administration include Bros. Samuel Teddy Tetteh - Deputy Grand Knight, Trebar K. Amedeker - Secretary, Abraham Ayivi - Assistant Secretary, Joseph Darku Markayah - Secretary of Finance, Richard Frimpong Kwabi-Assistant Secretary of Finance and Bro. Godfred K. Mensah - Treasurer.

In his remarks, Bro. Worae entreated all brothers to be one another's keeper in order to achieve the main objectives of the founding fathers of the Noble Order; *unity charity fraternity and service.*

COUNCIL 17, WINNEBA



GK, Bro. Samuel Avi

Rev. Fr. Joseph Domfeh, (SVD) Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Parish, Winneba, the Mother Parish of the Noble Order was installed Chaplain of Council 17 and Court 20, Winneba.

Sir Kt. Bro. Francis Arthur-Collins conducted installation and was assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. Prof. Mawuadem K. Amedeker, Installation Secretary; Bro. Francis Amu, Installation Guard; and W/B Joachim Fynn, Installation Chaplain. With regard to the office bearers there was no formal installation since most of the officers retained their positions.

The officers are Bro. Samuel Avi, Grand Knight; Bro. Christopher Nkrumah, Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Charles Addison, Secretary; Bro. Nathaniel Fiifi Bortey, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Michael Tetteh, Treasurer and Bro. Paa Paintsil, Communications Officer.

In a short speech, the Grand Knight Bro. Avi pledged to continue the good work of the previous administration and promised to enhance the spiritual upliftment of the Council by pursuing vibrant mystical psychology sessions and other spiritual exercises.

COUNCIL 113, WA-MANGU



Bro. Damian Pengnyin

December 9, 2017: Bro. Damian Pengnyin assumed the reign of office as the fourth Grand Knight of Council 113, Wa-Mangu with Bro. Henry Yeleduor as his Deputy.

The installation team was led by W/B Mathew Song-Aabo and was assisted by W/B John Bosco Zagleh, Installation Secretary; W/B Merven Yalkum, Installation Guard and Bro. Rev. Fr. Charles Naawontuo, Installation Chaplain.

COUNCIL 83 & COURT 84, ADIEMBRA



Bro. Albert Biney & Sis Maureen Thompson Amoah

Bro. Albert Biney, a Chemistry Tutor at the Takoradi Technical Institute and Sis Maureen Thompson Amoah on December 2, 2017 took over as Grand Knight and Noble Lady of Council 83 and Court 84,

Adiembra.

Bro. Biney, who serves as Assistant Secretary of the Western South Regional Council joined the Junior Order of Council 27, Tamale 14J (Queen of Heaven) in 1993, at the Ola Cathedral. He was formally initiated into Council 83, on the November 27, 2010 where he served as Secretary for 5 years and later Deputy Grand knight.

Sir Bro. Kt. James Augustine Adomako, conducted the installation process with W/B Constance Kudzedzi, Supreme Advocate, Installation Officer; W/B Charles Entsuah, Regional Grand Knight for Western South Council, Installation Secretary; Rev. Fr. Michael Buah, Installation Chaplain and W/B Peter Jimpete -Djan, Supreme Guard, Installation Guard.

In their maiden remarks, Bro. Biney and Sis Maureen Thompson Amoah said they would work to improve the welfare system of the council and court and initiate the process towards the construction of a befitting temple.

COURT 13, ASANTE MAMPONG



Sis. Rose Osei-Bonsu

January 27, 2018, saw the installation of Sis. Rose Osei-Bonsu, a Deputy Director of Nursing Services at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi as the new Noble Lady of Court 13, Asante Mampong. The position of Deputy Noble Lady went to Sis. Faustina Boakye Dankwa.

The installation was led by RL Sis. Martha Appiagyei. Assisting her were RL Sis. Martha Ampomah, Installation Secretary, RL Sis. Felicia Agyemang, Installation Sentry and MRL Sis. Augustina Opoku Amoako, Installation Chaplain.

In her maiden address, Sis Osei-Bonsu thanked her predecessors for lifting aloft the banner of the Thirteen Founding Fathers.

Newest

Grand Knights & Noble Ladies

COUNCIL 35 & COURT 23, HOHOE



Bro. Vincent Dotse Nutakor & Sis Patience Hilda Mawunedi Amuzu

Council 35 and Court 23, Hohoe on December 16, 2017, installed Bro. Vincent Dotse Nutakor as the 18th Grand Knight for the Council and Sis Patience Hilda Mawunedi Amuzu as the 19th Noble Lady for the Court respectively.

The installation was conducted by Sir Kt. Bro. Patrice Agbatey of Council 6, Kpando. W/B Stanislaus Domingo, Installation Secretary; Bro. Denis Gamese, Installation Guard and Bro. Rev Fr. John Bosco Boso, Installation Chaplain.

In his maiden remark, Bro. Nutakor called for support from officers and all brothers and urged them to use the occasion to humbly reflect on their attitude and approach to the roles they had been assigned to them.

On her part, the Noble Lady, Sis Amuzu called on Sisters to help the delinquent members to return to the fraternity and added that she would make conscious effort to address the issue.

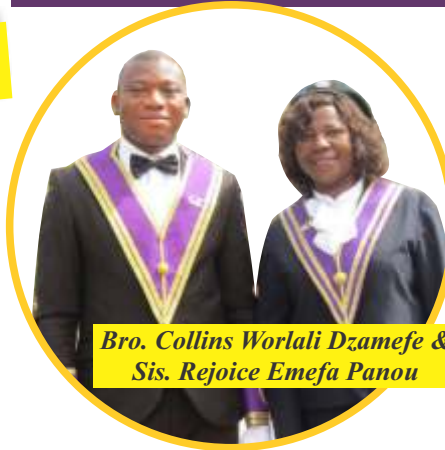
Her installation team comprised MRL Sis Woedem Awunyo Akaba, Installation Officer; MRL Sis Patience Esi Pomary, Installation Secretary, MRL Sis Elizabeth Apietu, Chaplain and Sis Elizabeth Mensah, Sentry.

By Tony Tsra and Sister Emma Adzimah Yeboah



Sis Vivian Paazine

COUNCIL 122 AND COURT 118, HO-DOME



Bro. Collins Worlali Dzamefe & Sis. Rejoice Emefa Panou

December 16, 2017: New office bearers for Council 122 and Court 118, Ho-Dome have taken office for 2018/2019 administration.

Sir Kt. Bro. Kofi Torku conducted the installation of Bro. Collins Worlali Dzamefe as the second Grand Knight of Council 112 with Bro. James Senyo Wegbe as his Deputy. He was assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. A. P. Y. Agbodza, Installation Secretary; Sir Kt. Bro. Very Rev. Msgr. Hilary Senoo, Installation Chaplain and W/Bro. J. E. K. Agbleze, a Past Supreme Guard, Installation Guard.

For the ladies, Court 118 the installation of Sis. Rejoice Emefa Panou as Noble Lady and Sis. Rose Wegbe as her Deputy and other office bearers was conducted by the Immediate Past Grand Lady, MRL Sis. Alice Stella Ayebi and was assisted by RL Sis. Christine Kofi, Installation Secretary; RL Sis. Veronica Torku, Installation Sentry and Rev. Fr. Ken Debre, Installation Chaplain.

Speaking after their installations, Bro. Dzamefe and Sis Panou expressed their determination to build upon the successes made by their predecessors. They pledged to under take expansion drive and increase the spirituality of brothers and sisters.

COUNCIL 2, SALTPOND



January 27, 2017: Bro. Anthony Appiah Mends, a tutor at the Winneba Senior High School was installed the 31st Grand Knight of Council 2, Saltpond with Bro. Gabriel Ekow Ankrah, as his Deputy.

The installation team was led by Sir Kt. Bro. Joseph Kenneth Otoo of Council 37, Tema. Assisting him were Sir Kt. Bro. C. P. Ekyem, Installation Secretary; Bro. James Bota Odoro, Installation Guard and Rev Fr. Francis A. Nyarkoh, Installation Chaplain.

COURT 67, ACCRA CENTRAL



Sis Akanbanghiem Agamu Asokea

December 16, 2017: Sis Akanbanghiem Agamu Asokea, a former Legal Officer of the Ghana Commercial Bank, took office as the 17th Noble Lady of Court 67, Accra Central with Sis. Dr. Marian Tsega as her Deputy.

The installation was conducted by RL Sis Elizabeth Anderson-Yebuah and was assisted by Sis Elizabeth Bulley, Installation Secretary; Sis Agnes Mawuli, Installation Sentry and Rev. Fr. Patrick Tindana, Installation Chaplain.

COURT 108, MANGU

Sis Vivian Paazine was installed the 4th Noble Lady of Court 108, Mangu with Sis. Alice Wieh as her Deputy at a Court meeting held at St. Cecilia Parish Hall, on December 2, 2017. The installation was conducted by RL Sis. Felicitas Wanzam and was assisted by RL Sis. Cecilia Aasongmin, Installation Secretary; Sis Helen Aakyir, Installation

Sentry and Bro. Rev. Fr. Charles Naawontuo, Installation Chaplain.

In her maiden remarks, Sis. Paazine, among other things, pledged to take steps to bring back all delinquent sisters back into the fold and work hard to justify the confidence reposed in her and her administration.

Newest

Grand Knights & Noble Ladies

COUNCIL 15, KONONGO



Bro. Jude Atuahene

December 30, 2017: Bro. Jude Atuahene was installed the 23rd Grand Knight Council 15, Konongo with Bro. Paul Addai-Amoah as his Deputy.

The installation was conducted by Sir Kt. Bro. Matthew Gyamfi. W/B Dr. Amponsah Gorman, Installation Secretary; with Bro Rev. Fr. Patrick Abu-Bonsra, Installation Chaplain.

In his address, Bro Atuahene thanked his predecessors for their hard-work which had moved the Council to a higher pedestal.

COUNCIL 31, OFFINSO

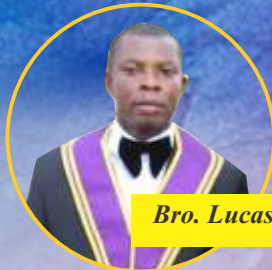


Bro. John Gyasi

Bro. John Gyasi heads Council 31, Offinso with Bro Augustine Lumor as his Deputy.

The installation team was led by W/B Nana Amoako Poku. He was assisted by W/B John Apeagyei, Installation Secretary, Sir Kt. Bro. Thomas Osei Kwame, Installation Chaplain and Bro Gabriel Nkansah Gyan, Installation Guard

COUNCIL 61 AND COURT 52, AKATSI



Bro. Lucas Akpadie



Sis Rejoice Sefakor Agbemenya

A new Grand Knight and Noble Lady for Council 61 and Court 52, Akatsi, were on January 20, 2018 installed for the 2018/2019 administration.

Bro. Lucas Akpadie assumed office as the 13th Grand Knight of the Council with Bro. Wisdom Dzebu as his Deputy.

For the Ladies, Sis Rejoice Sefakor Agbemenya took over responsibility as the Noble Lady for Court 52 with Sis. Sheila Amekuedi, as her Deputy.

The installation team for Council 61 comprised Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest

Amoako-Arhen, SPSK, W/B Simeon Amuzu, Installation Secretary; Bro. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Emmanuel Dorgbetor, Installation Chaplain and Bro. Dominic Kofi Ocloo, Immediate Past Grand Knight of Council 63, Madina, Installation Guard.

For the ladies, the installation was conducted by MRL Sis Felicia Alobuia with RL Sis Josephine Dzakpasu, Installation Secretary; RL Sis Marina Agbemebiase, Installation Sentry and Bro. Rev. Fr. Stanley Azameti, Installation Chaplain.

COUNCIL 98 AND COURT 100, SANTASI



Bro Fidelis Kamaayi



Sis Dora Bamfowah

The installation of the 2018 administration of Council 98 and Court 100, Santasi successfully took place at the Christian Village Kumasi on December 16, 2017.

Bro Fidelis Kamaayi was installed the 6th Grand Knight of Council 98 with Bro Sebastian Baffour-Awuah as his Deputy while Sis Dora Bamfowah took office as the 5th Noble Lady of Court 100. The position of Deputy Noble Lady went to Sis Jennifer Amanda Duodo.

INSTALLATION - KNIGHTS

The installation team for the Knights was led by Sir Kt. Bro. C.K Ayem and was assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. J. H Quansah, Installation Secretary; W/Bro D. F. Yawson, Installation Guard and Bro Rev Fr. Augustine K Owusu, Installation Chaplain.

INSTALLATION - LADIES

For the ladies, the installation was led by MRL Sis Joyce Asiedu Quansah and was assisted by Sis Fidelia B. Forson, Installation Secretary and Sis Akosua Konadu Prempeh, Installation Sentry.

COURT ONE, KUMASI



Sis. Barbara Owusu Afriyie

December 9, 2017: Sis. Barbara Owusu Afriyie, a Banker by profession, was installed as the 54th Noble Lady of Court 1, Kumasi with Sis Angelina Quayson as her Deputy.

The installation team was led by MRL Sis. Philomena Kuffour and was assisted by MRL Sis. Phillmena Prempeh, Installation Secretary and MRL Sis Mary Nimo Installation Sentry.

Members of the administration include Sis Lydia Owusu Wiredu, Secretary;

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Grand Knights & Noble Ladies

Sis. Mary Vanessa Opoku, Assistant Secretary; Sis. Genevive Fusieni Treasurer, Sis. Raphaelka Aba Tenkorang, Financial Secretary; Sis. Gloria Nana Yaa Fremah Agbadoku, Auditor; Sis. Theresa Oforiwa Amanfo, Membership Coordinator and Sis Esther Manu, Communications Officer.

In her installation address, Sis Afriyie acknowledged the role her predecessor had played in the growth and development of Court One and appealed to sisters to help put a smile on the faces of the sick and aged sisters in the Noble Order.

Sis. Afriyie was initiated into the Junior Order 10J (*Queen of Angels*) Kumasi in 1995. She rose through the ranks become the Junior Noble Lady.

Sis. Afriyie was initiated into the Adult Court in October 23, 2004 and rose up to become the Deputy Noble Lady in 2017.

COUNCIL ONE, SEKONDI



Bro. Dereck Prince-Agbodjan

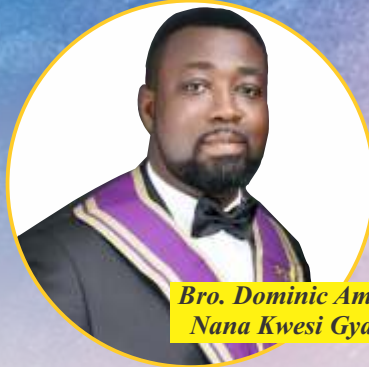
Bro. Dereck Prince-Agbodjan on December 9, 2017 took over the reign of office as the 68th Grand Knight of the Premier Council, Council one, Sekondi with Bro. George Sarkwa as his Deputy.

SPSK Sir Kt. Bro. Edward Aloysius Prah conducted the installation and was assisted by W/B Constantine Kudzedzi, Installation Secretary, W/B Peter Jimpetey-Djan, Installation Guard and Rev. Fr. Ebulley Afful, Installation Chaplain,

In his remarks after the installation Bro. Prince-Agbojan reminded all brothers both delinquent and active to renew their initiation vows within themselves and rally behind him in his administration.

At a thanksgiving Mass, Bro. Agbodjan donated a set of vestments to the Knights of the Altar at the St. Paul's Pro Cathedral, Sekondi.

COUNCIL 139, NGLESHIE AMANFRO



Bro. Dominic Amakye Nana Kwesi Gyamfi

Bro. Dominic Amakye Nana Kwesi Gyamfi, a Credit Control Manager of Ghana Civil Aviation Authority, currently heads Council 139, Ngleshie Amanfro which was consecrated by a team led by Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, SPSK, on July 22, 2017. Other members of the consecration team include W/B James Ekow Rhule, Consecration Secretary; W/B Wisdom Abotsikumah, Consecration Guard and Bro. Rev. Fr. Bernard Kofi Annan Ackon, Consecration Chaplain.

The installation of office bearers was conducted by W/B Evaristus Kuatsinu and was assisted by Bro. Henry Ashun, W/B Francis Kwegyir-Afful and Bro. Fr. Bernard Kofi Annan Ackon.

Office bearers of the new administration include Bro. Robert Vincent Arthur, Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Daniel Vincent Arthur- Secretary; Bro. William Sedoame, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Emmanuel Fiifi Baah, Secretary of Finance; Bro. Samuel Adofo, Treasurer; Bro. Daniel Brown, Auditor and Bro. Duah Kwakye, Reporter.

In his remarks after his installation, Bro. Gyamfi promised to work hard to justify the confidence reposed on him and his administration. He called for fruitful collaboration with all brothers so as to

develop a strong council among the elite of the Noble Order on the basis spell out the Thirteen Founding fathers.

COURT 12, TAMALE



Sis. Sheila Zinale

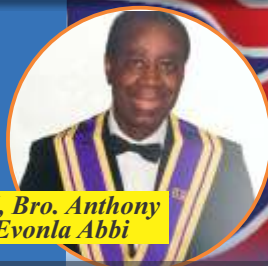
Sis. Sheila Zinale, an Administrative Officer, assumed the reign of office as the 28th Noble Lady of Court 12 following her installation at a Court meeting held at the Sir Kt. Bro. Rev. Fr. Peter Roth Memorial Marshallan Temple in Tamale on December 2, 2017.

The installation was conducted by RL Sis. Patricia Dunenye. She was supported by RL Sis. Mary Kyiu, Installation Secretary; Sis. Rebecca Atalia, Installation Chaplain and RL Sis. Beatrice Seidu, Installation Sentry.

Officers of the new administration include Sisters Cecilia Wedjong Deputy Noble; Prudence Yaro, Secretary; Georgina Donlebo, Assistant Secretary; Rachel Sowley, Financial Secretary; Georgina Puorideme, Treasurer; Gladys Tang, Auditor/MaSIF Coordinator and Elizabeth Paaya, Communications Officer/Reporter.

In her maiden speech, Sis. Sheila Zinale pledged to dedicate herself to the welfare and service of the Church and the Noble Order, and resolved to uphold her tenets of **Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Service**.

COUNCIL 87, LONDON



GK, Bro. Anthony Evonla Abbi

On December 11, 2017, Bro. Anthony Evonla Abbi, a Civil Engineer took over the mantle from Bro. Eric Kpatakpa as the 7th Grand Knight of Council 87, London.

COUNCIL 62, LONDON



GK, Bro Joseph Andrew Okerchiri

Bro Joseph Andrew Okerchiri on December 6, 2017, assumed office as the 13th Grand Knight of Council 62, London with Bro Isaac Ohemeng-Manu as Deputy Grand Knight.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Editor regrets the interchange of pictures on the above stories in the January to March Edition, 2018 which has necessitated the republication of their pictures.

Call To Unity, Charity, Fraternity And Service: The Role Of The Marshallan

Excerpts from a presentation by W/B Rev. Deacon Joseph Baffour-Awuah at the 2017 London Regional Council and Court Conference held in London at the St George's Cathedral Westminster Bridge Road



A CALL TO UNITY AND CHARITY

Love, forgiveness, peace, unity and mercy are all common beliefs and teachings which set the Christian faith apart from other beliefs and religions. However, confined within the different denominations of the Christian faith are small “civil wars” which divide the believers ill Jesus Christ as opposed to bringing them together in unity. Jesus prayed that believers must be one just as the Father and the Son are one (John 17:20-23)

Importants of Unity

- **Unity requires you to lead and work as a unit (or as a Councilor a Court) without jeopardizing individual interest in any way as far as the result of the work is concerned.**
- **When fostered, your Council or Court will feel oneness, togetherness, and harmony for a common purpose and goals.**
- **When joined in unity your Council or Court will accomplish much bigger work, and collectively put forth the necessary energy to achieve it.**
- **Strength is derived from unity, so when people act in unison with one another their strength increases in thousand-fold. Think of the thin fibres of jute, when twisted together into a rope, can control an elephant.**

Our unity as God's family and Christ's Body is vital to our Christian life and mission and nothing should lessen our passionate commitment to strive for ever deeper unity whatever the obstacles-old and new-arise. United we stand divided we fall!

The Restoration of Charity: The first thing that leads to the restoration of the life of charity with us is to fight against the evils in one's self, and repent; and the second, is to do good to our neighbour. This is the explanation of Jesus to the

Pharisees, whom He called hypocrites: **“Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.” (Matthew 23:26).** We too must strive to cleanse our life, particularly by refraining from doing any evil against our neighbour, especially against members of the Noble Order. As we succeed in putting away evils, and the Lord's affection of good will flow into us, and we will become an instrument of charity for Him.

If our charitable goal is to see that the greatest good is done, many intelligent decisions must be made, even if some of them are unpopular.”

A Call to Fraternity is a feeling of friendship and support that exists between the members of a group or society. The Fraternal Order aims to build bridges of friendship and togetherness among its members, but not walls of divisions and hatred. **Those who build walls of hatred often end up on wrong side.**

What constitutes the call of God to special service?

The call of God is that deep, inward conviction, accompanied by peace in the heart and confirmed by the Word of God, that He would have us do a certain work in a certain place. The truth is that God's call comes unexpectedly and to unlikely people as illustrated throughout the Bible and in the experience of God's people in every generation. Once we respond to God's call we become involved in a spiritual warfare and we become special targets for the Devil - **Ephesians 6:12.** We as Marshallan must together strive, to find God's purpose for us so that we may be obedient to Him in fulfilling His call to serve Him, One another, and our neighbours. You can make a difference, you must make a difference. God is counting on you to make a difference.

A guide to Marshallan unity, charity, fraternity and service

- **Unify around your team's Purpose, Vision, and values.**
- **Recognize that your council or court has a variety of gifts but keep them focused on the pursuit of the common purpose and vision.**
- **Know that everyone has a positive contribution to make, based on their unique strengths.**

- **Foster team harmony and mutual care.**

We can work together to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our Courts and Council, to our Parish Communities and to the Ghanaian Community, both in explicit evangelisation and in bringing God's care, love and justice to the sick and the sad, the poor and hungry, the oppressed and afflicted. We can be friends together, enjoying each other's company as fellow disciples and companions of the Risen Lord.

Marshallans have so much to learn and receive from one another. We can be enriched by one another in an exchange of services, fraternal love, solidarity and charity without losing our Service. They are our share in Christ's prayer that we must be completely one as He and the Father are one in love of the Holy Spirit.

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ELEVATIONS

Initiations



Bro. Dr. Cammy Chigozie Akubugali, CL.64, Teshie Nungua - HPGK and Tema Regional Council Physician.

New Worthy Brothers



From left New Worthy Brothers: Kobla Mensa-Kuma, ASR&E (UK); Edmund Orleans Fiifi D'Whyte, ASYC (UK); Peter Badimak Yaro, ASCO pictured with W/B Michael Botse-Baidoo (2nd from left) of Council 89, Sakumono.

NEW HPGK AT COUNCIL 102, TAMALE

Bro. Peter Ankole, was on February 24, 2018, elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Knight (HPGK) in recognition of his invaluable services to Council 102, Tamale.



Our Supreme Guards



From left: W/B Wisdom Abostikumah, DSG; W/B Peter Jimpetey Djan, SG and W/B Francis Kwegyir-Afful, ASG

Council 64, Teshie-Nungua



Three brothers were elevated from the rank of third degree to sixth degree status on February 24, 2018

New Initiates For Council 117 and Court 113, Bogoso



Ten brothers and six sisters were on February 17, 2018 initiated into Council 117 and Court 113, Bogoso

Council 128, Abuakwa



Five brothers including two priests were on February 24, 2018 elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Knights (PGKs). The Priests are Bro. Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Effah-Agyei, the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Abuakwa, Bro. Rev. Fr. Clement Addo-Fordwuo, the Parish Priest of St. Peter's Catholic Church

Council 135, Sampa



February 17, 2018: Ten brothers elevated to the rank of Ninth Degree

Council 116, Penkwase, Sunyani



Eleven brothers elevated to 9th degree status on February 24, 2018 pose for the camera after the elevation

Council 109, New Aplaku



Newly-elevated PGK Bro. Samuel Anokye (middle) pictured with the installation team. From right Bro. Paul Ametame, Bro. Paul Eduafo Enninful, DRGK, Bro. Rev. Fr. Bernard Kofi Ackon, and Bro. John Enninful

New HPNLs for Court 85, Sakumono



From Left Sis. Lydia Ampah, Sis. Lawrencecia Prempeh, Sis. Monica Foley and Sis. Rita Kumah pictured with Bro. Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Ofori Srem after the elevation.

Council 136, Kenyasi



Four brothers were on January 23, 2018 initiated into Council 136, Kenyasi. The new initiates, are Brothers Hayford Asumadu, Samuel Boadi, Ebenezer Peprah and Gregory Adu Ofori.

Council 30, Wa



Four brothers were on February 24, 2018 elevated to the rank of Ninth Degree. They are Bro. M.D. Johnson, Bro. Anko Baba Chrisantus, Bro. Diku Oscar and Bro. Richard Dapaalo.

CHARITY WORKS

Councils and Courts continue to champion the cause of charity.
Reproduced are some reports of charity works as at the time of going to press.



Northern Region

North Region Marshallans Support Upkeep Of Seminarians



On February 3, 2018: The North Regional Council and Court, donated assorted food items and an amount of GHc2,500.00 to the St. Augustine's Millennium Major Seminary in Tamale to support the upkeep of

Seminarians. MRL Sis. Alice Belbaar assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. G. Z. Yengyie, Sir Kt. Bro. Timothy Kipo, Worthy Bro. Cosmas Hassan Alhassan, the Regional Grand Knight and RL Sis. Beatrice Seidu, the Regional Noble Lady,

presented the items on behalf of Marshallans to Very Rev. Fr. Jerome Damnyag, the Rector of the Seminary. On behalf of the Seminarians, Mr. Amfo Kwabena Bernard, expressed gratitude to Marshallans for the kind gesture.



Tamale

NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR 80J

SPKS Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen on August 3, 2017 on behalf of Council 102, Tamale presented a set of new musical instruments to its Junior Order, **80J (Mary Gate of Heaven)**. The instruments, according to GK Bro Conrad Kunder, were procured through the generosity of some brothers of the council. Present at the ceremony were Sir Kt. Bro. Joseph Erskine. W.Bro. Charles Cobb, DSK (then Supreme Propagandist, other senior officers and Rev. Joseph Sackey, Chaplain, Council 102.)

From Sister Angela Arhin-Adrah to Volta Orphanage Home

Sis Angela Arhin-Adrah, a member of Court 10, Ho in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Ho marked her birthday on January 27, 2018 with a donation of variety of goods including beverages, toiletries and stationeries to the Volta Orphanage Home located in Ve-Deme

in the Afadzato South district of the Volta Region.

Mr. B. K. Aklama on behalf of the Rotary Club of Ho and the Volta Orphanage Home thanked Sister Arhin -Adrah for the kind gesture.



Sister Angela Arhin-Adrah

Ho, Volta Region

Council 139 and Court 132, Ngleshie Amanfro



Council 139 and Court 132, Ngleshie Amanfro on March 16, 2018 led by the Grand Knight Bro. Dominic Amakye Gyamfi and the Noble Lady Sis Gloria Ahene Adjei presented a 500 - gallon water tank to INFANT JESUS CATHOLIC Health Centre located at Kasoa Bawjiase Road as part of its ongoing charity activities.

ALAKPLE MARSHALLANS DONATE TO HOME PARISH

The Knights and Ladies of Marshallan from Alakple in the Keta-Akatsi Diocese, on April 1, 2018 donated unspecified amount to support the Mission House Project of their home Parish, the St. Joseph the Worker Quasi Parish. The presentation

was made on behalf of the Marshallans by Sir Kt. Bro. Michael Tettey and Worthy Bro. Ben Quarshie. The donation was in response to an appeal by the home Parish to Alakple Catholics domiciled in Accra, Tema, Ho, Kumasi, Takoradi, Koforidua

and other places to support the Mission House project which is currently at the roofing stage. Currently, Marshallans of Alakple descent are about 40 including Bro. Paul Akpanya and Sis. Janet Vodzorgbe, Grand Knight and Noble Lady of Adenta Council and Court respectively.

Our Spiritual Director, **MOST REV. JOSEPH OSEI-BONSU** Turns **SEVENTY**

Our Spiritual Director, Most Rev. Joseph Osei-Bonsu, Bishop of Konongo Mampong Diocese on February 8, 2017 turned seventy (70) with a Thanksgiving Mass.

The Mass which was concelebrated by eight Bishops including the Archbishop Emeritus of Kumasi, Most Rev. Peter Sarpong, also saw a host of Priests and Religious from the Diocese.

The other Bishops present were Most Rev. Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle, Archbishop of Accra; Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Yaw Anokye, Archbishop of Kumasi; Most Rev. Joseph Francis K. Essien, Bishop of Wiawso; Most Rev. Dominic Yeboah Nyarko, Bishop of Techiman and Most Rev. John Yaw Afoakwa, Bishop of Obuasi.

The rest are Most Rev. Gabriel Kumordji, Bishop of Keta-Akatsi; Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, Bishop of Goaso and Most Rev. Matthew Gyamfi, Bishop of Sunyani.

The Mass was also attended by the Papal Knights and Dames; the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary; Christian Mothers Association; Sacred Heart Confraternity, Catholic Organization for Social and Religious Advancement (COSRA), St Theresa of the Child Jesus and Reverend Sisters serving in the Diocese.

In his homily, Archbishop Palmer-Buckle entreated Christians to always show appreciation to God for his blessings and providence. **“God does not countenance ingratitude especially from believers as gratitude to God is also a mark of faith in God’s divine providence.”** he added.

On behalf of the **Ghana Catholic**

Bishops’ Conference, Most Rev. Palmer-Buckle congratulated the celebrant and wished him God’s grace and blessings in the years ahead.

Bishop Osei-Bonsu on his part was grateful to God for how far he brought him and also paid glowing tributes to his benefactors and parents.

After the Mass, a special fund-raising was conducted to raise funds for the construction of a retired Bishops Home for the Konongo Mampong Diocese.

Various pledges were made by individuals and groups including the Knights and Ladies of Marshall to ensure the completion of the project within five years.

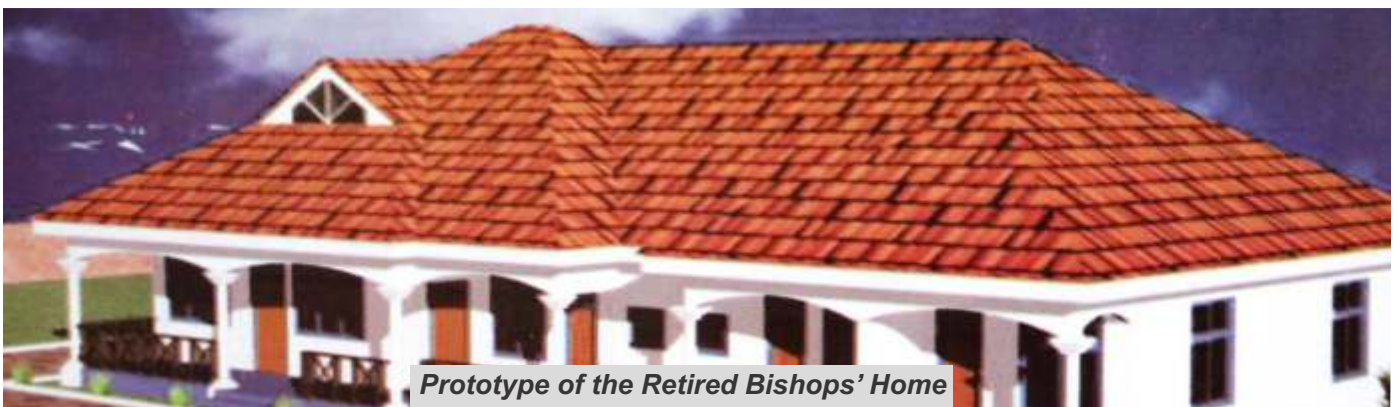
From Bro. Kwadwo Baffle Donkor, Council 94, Adenta



Archbishop Emeritus of Kumasi, Most Rev. Peter Akwasi Sarpong (right) congratulates Most Rev. Bishop Osei-Bonsu after the Mass.



The Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Ambrose Akyebe Yennah (left) poses with some high officers during a courtesy call on Most Rev. Bishop Osei-Bonsu



Prototype of the Retired Bishops’ Home



BANQUET ETAT TOGO-BENIN



Le Forum Marshallien a réuni les Grands Chevaliers et les Nobles Dames, les Grands Chevaliers Régionaux et les Nobles Dames Régionales et leurs Adjoints du samedi 3 mars au dimanche 4 mars 2018, sous la conduite du Grand Chevalier d'Etat, l'Honorable Frère Cyrille ATTIOGBEY et de la Noble Dame d'Etat, la Respectable Dame Félicissime CRINOT au Centre Léon XIII à Agoè-Assiyéyè au nord de Lomé avec pour thème : Laudato Si et ses implications dans le développement de l'être humain : Le rôle du Marshallien. L'ouverture des travaux a débuté à 15h 15 par la prière d'ouverture, la présentation des officiels, le mot de bienvenue par la Noble Dame d'ETAT, la Respectable Dame, Sœur Félicissime CRINOT et la présentation du programme du forum par le Secrétaire d'Etat.

Le thème Laudatio Si et ses implications dans le développement de l'être humain : le rôle du Marshallien a été présenté par l'Honorable Frère RP Casimir KODO, Curé de la paroisse Saint Boniface de Kovié et Directeur du Centre Marial de la même localité.

Dans son développement l'orateur a présenté les chapitres du Laudato Si qui est la 2ème encyclique du Pape François sur la sauvegarde de la maison commune. Elle est consacrée aux questions environnementales et sociales, et de façon générale à la sauvegarde de la Création. Le Papa parle dans son livre de la politique écologique qui ne doit pas dominer l'environnement, de l'inégalité planétaire et de la faiblesse des réactions des hommes.

Dans le 2ème chapitre le Pape s'est appuyé sur l'Evangile en parlant de la beauté de la création.

Dans le chapitre 3 le Pape a insisté sur les racines humaines de la crise écologique avec les innovations technologiques.

Le Pape a ensuite parlé dans son livre de la crise écologique intégrale ou chacun peut se retrouver dans une politique commune

écologique.

Le conférencier est tombé sur le chapitre 6 où le Pape a énuméré les grandes lignes qui vont servir d'actions pour sortir de la spirale d'auto destruction de l'humanité dans laquelle nous nous engageons. Il a parlé de dialogue entre l'environnement dans la politique internationale pour un projet commun. Il a également évoqué le dialogue et transparence dans le processus de prise de décision : éviter la corruption.

L'Honorable Frère RP KODO a chuté sur le rôle du Marshallien qui se trouve selon lui dans ce chapitre 6.

Le Pape dit que le rôle du chrétien Marshallien est d'arriver à une éducation et spiritualité écologiques. Pour cela il faut miser sur un autre type de vie. Il faut influencer les producteurs, modifier le comportement des entreprises en les forçant à produire bio, et mutualiser nos forces. Nous Marshalliens, nous devons reconnaître nos propres péchés dans la lutte contre la désertification. Il nous demande de prendre une conscience amoureuse de partager avec les autres. Il ajoute que pour y arriver il faut supprimer la dépendance du bien matériel.

Le Pape dit qu'il veut proposer aux chrétiens, donc aux Marshalliens quelques lignes d'une spiritualité écologique qui trouvent leur origine dans des convictions de notre foi car ce que nous enseigne l'Evangile a des conséquences sur notre façon de penser, de sentir et de vivre. Il ne s'agit pas de parler de tant d'idées mais surtout de motivations qui naissent de la spiritualité pour alimenter la passion et la préservation du monde.

Nous devons reconnaître que nous Marshalliens nous n'avons pas toujours recueilli et développé les richesses que DIEU a données à l'Eglise où la spiritualité n'est déconnectée ni de notre propre corps, ni de la nature, ni des

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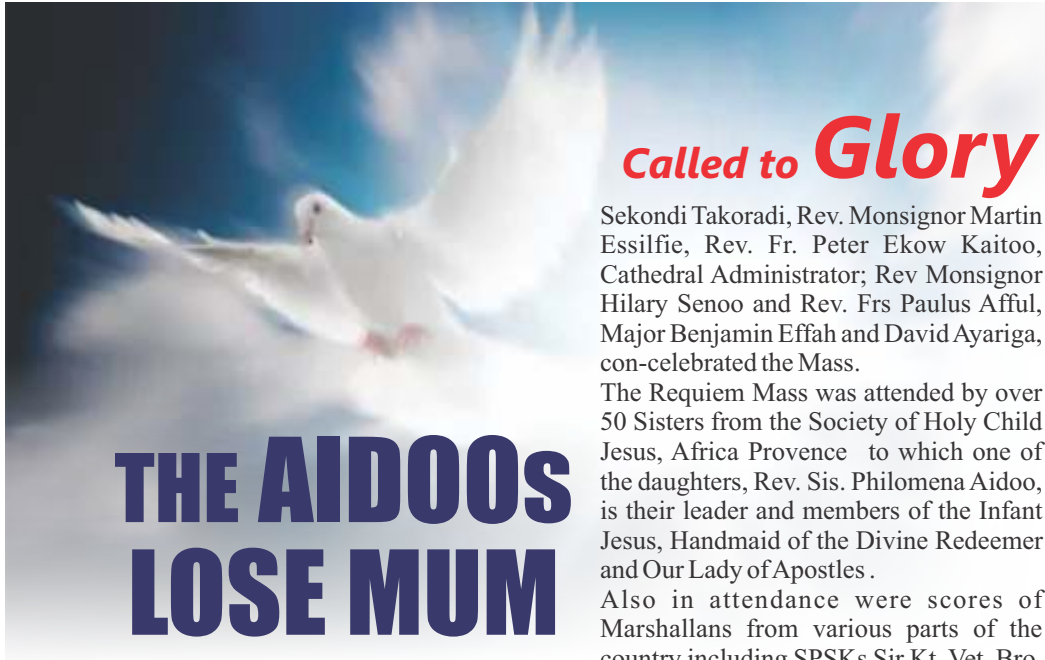
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Par l'Honorable Frère Simon C. KUEGAH, Coordinateur Suprême Adjoint Francophone Pour l'Information et la Technologie.





Called to **Glory**

THE AIDOOs LOSE MUM

Burial took place at Ketan Cemetery, Sekondi on February 24, 2018 of Mrs. Rose Aidoo, 90, wife of late Sir Kt. Bro. John Benjamin Aidoo, the 12th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall. She was the mother of MRL Sis Mary Markam Aidoo, R.L Joana Essel, R.L Sis Theresa Irene Aidoo, Sis Elizabeth Peprah and Rev. Sis Philomena Aidoo.

The burial was preceded by a Requiem Mass at the Star of the Sea Cathedral, Takoradi, presided over by Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, Bishop of the Sekondi Takoradi Diocese.

Twenty-five priests including Monsignor Francis Arbuah Quansah, Vicar-General

Sekondi Takoradi, Rev. Monsignor Martin Essilfie, Rev. Fr. Peter Ekow Kaitoo, Cathedral Administrator; Rev Monsignor Hilary Senoo and Rev. Frs Paulus Afful, Major Benjamin Effah and David Ayariga, con-celebrated the Mass.

The Requiem Mass was attended by over 50 Sisters from the Society of Holy Child Jesus, Africa Provence to which one of the daughters, Rev. Sis. Philomena Aidoo, is their leader and members of the Infant Jesus, Handmaid of the Divine Redeemer and Our Lady of Apostles.

Also in attendance were scores of Marshallans from various parts of the country including SPSKs Sir Kt. Vet. Bro. Dr. E.S.K Kwaw, Sir Kt. Bro. James Augustine Adomako, Sir Kt. Bro. Samuel Kweku Barnes, PSKs Dr. Joseph Christopholus Amuah, Dr. Sylvester Owusu Asare, Charles Brew-Hammond Asare and Francis Fritz Andoh, PGL MRLs Sis Margaret Yirenkyi, MRL Sis Cecilia Andoh, Efua Ankomah, Margaret Keeson and RL Sis Christiana Buadu.

A homily delivered by Monsignor Essilfie described late Mrs. Rose Aidoo **“very supportive of the husband in his drive to mobilize support for the Catholic faith.”**

He called on the congregation to take encouragement from the drive, the comportment and the initiative of late

Mrs. Rose Aidoo so as to create a platform for the future direction of young Catholics.

In a tribute, the Society of

Holy Child Jesus thanked God for her life and added that she had gone ahead **“to meet our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life.”**

“Let us in faith look to that Day when God will bring all His beloved children together at the Banquet Feast of Heaven,” it added.

The Catholic Women Association on its part, spoke of their love, respect and dynamism for a woman they described **“as a woman of grace and substance.”**

Rev Fr. Kaitoo commended Marshallans for their massive support during the period which she said was a demonstration of living up to the tenets of the Noble Order espoused on unity, charity, fraternity and service.

A Bridge Desk Report



Late Worthy Brother Joseph Kwaku Dua Boateng - Council 37, Tema

Brothers and Sisters, friends and relations turned up in their numbers on March 23, 2018, for the burial of late W/B Joseph Kwaku Dua Boateng in Duase, Kumasi, Ashanti Region after a Requiem Mass at the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Community 8, Tema.

The Requiem Mass was presided over by Most Rev. Joseph Osei-Bonsu, Bishop of Konongo-Mampong Diocese and the Spiritual Director of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall. He was supported by the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Anthony Asare and twelve other Priests.

In a homily, Most Rev. Osei-Bonsu shared fond memories he had of the late W/B Dua Boateng, since they were mates back in Jamasi Minor Seminary and Amissano Major Seminary in the 1960s before the deceased gave up on his dreams of becoming a Catholic Priest.

Late W/B Boateng was initiated into the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall Council 37 in 1992 together with 11 other Brothers who were christened *Twelve Apostles*. He was elevated to the rank of HPRGK on July 20, 2014.

Late W/B Dua Boateng, 73, left behind a wife, Mrs. Mercy Asiedua Boateng, nine children and 14 grand children.



Late Bro. Jacob Nsobila Asunyem Adongo - Council 106, Walewale

Burial took place at Bolgatanga on January 13, 2018 of late Bro. Jacob Nsobila Asunyem Adongo, a Past Grand Knight of Council 106, Walewale. The burial was preceded by a Requiem Mass at the St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church in Zuarungu,

concelebrated by two priests, Rev. Fr. George Asigri, Parish Priest of the Wiaga Catholic Church and Rev. Fr. Rowland Adombire, Curator at Wiaga Catholic Church.

In attendance were brothers and sisters from component Councils and Courts in the North East Region.



Late Bro. Paul Kwowono Atogebania - Council 79, Navrongo



Late Bro. Paul Kwowono Atogebania, Past Grand Knight of Council 79, Navrongo, was on January 20, 2018 laid to rest at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish Cemetery in Navrongo.

The burial was preceded over by a Requiem Mass held at the St. Joseph Catholic Church of the Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish in Navrongo. Most Rev. Alfred Agyenta, Bishop of the Navrongo-Bolgatanga Diocese presided over the Mass concelebrated by thirteen other priests.

Called to Glory

Late Sir Kt. Bro. Samuel Wilson Kuranchie - Council Three, Kumasi



Late Sir Kt. Bro. Samuel Wilson Kuranchie, a Past Supreme Reader and Examiner of the Knights of Marshall, and one-time Senior Lecturer of the Department of Geomatic Engineering, KNUST was laid to rest on March 1st, 2018 at Assin-Akropong in the Central Region. The burial was preceded by a Requiem Mass at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, KNUST, Kumasi which was concelebrated by Rev. Fr Dr. Peter Addai-Mensah (Chaplain - KNUST), W/Bro Rev. Fr Dr John Opoku Agyeman, Supreme

Chaplain and Rector of St Gregory Provincial Seminary -Paakoso - Ashanti, W/B Rev Fr. James Bour-Mensah, Assistant Supreme Chaplain and Rev. Fr. Dr. John Appiah Poku.

In attendance were Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, SPSK, Sir Kt Bro Fosuaba Mensah Banahene, PSK and Papal Knights, PGLs, MRL Sisters Dame Theresah Pobee, Margaret Gaisie Essilfie, Gifty Amofa and Janet Edith Mmieh and some past and current members of the Standing Committee of both the Supreme Council and the Grand Court, members of the university community, professional colleagues, family and friends.

In a homily, Rev. Fr. Addai Mensah reminded the congregation of the prayerful life of Sir Kt. Bro. Kuranchie and entreated all present to follow his good example.

Tributes read after the Mass highlighted his contribution to the Church, society, his generosity, hard-work and prayerful life.

Knights And Ladies Of Marshall: “

Our brother led a prayerful life and was an ardent Marian devotee and never hesitated to encourage brothers and sisters to be closer to our mother Mary.”

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-KNUST: “*He was one of the most regular people at daily Mass. At all weekday Masses he would request for Mass for increase in vocations and for all souls in purgatory.*”

FAMILY: “*He was really a family person who loved and cherished his family both nuclear and extended. He tried to build solidarity and trust in the family, coupled with heavy financial support when contacted for assistance.*”

Sir Kt. Bro. Kuranchie, a Surveyor by profession, was a member of the survey team that did the Resettlement surveys in connection with Volta River Dam works based at Yeji in 1962. He also served as a member of the team that did the chemistry mapping of sites for River Pra and Tano Dam Schemes between 1963 and 1965.

From Bro. Antoine Atta Brembah

Seminary, Amisano (1971-1973), then proceeded to St. Peter's Regional Seminary, Pedu (1973-1979).

Msgr. Baah attended the University of Cork in Ireland (1981-1985), and graduated with Bachelor of Arts in History with Higher Diploma in Education.

He also obtained Master's and Doctorate Degrees in spirituality at Fordham University - New York (?2001-2003) and Union Theological University in Chicago in 2007 respectively.

Msgr. Opong Baah was a member of the Diocesan College of Consultants.

He was assigned the Spiritual Director of St. Paul's Major Seminary at Sowutuom in Accra from 2001 to 2017.

The last encounter with the hierarchy of the Noble Order was at a special retreat held for newly-appointed Supreme Council and Grand Court Officers at Pedu Seminary Cape Coast in October 2017 where he served as the Retreat Master.

From Rev. Fr. Stephen Obour Yeboah and Michael Akornoba.

Late Msgr. Opong Baah Joins His Maker

Interment took place at the St. James Seminary Cemetery at Abesim near Sunyani on February 19, 2018 of late Sir Kt. Bro. Rev. Msgr. John Opong Baah, a former Spiritual Director at the St. Paul's Seminary, Sowutuom, Accra.

The burial was preceded with a Requiem Mass, presided over by Most Rev. Matthew Kwasi Gyamfi, Bishop of Sunyani. It was concelebrated by Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Anokye, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kumasi; Most Rev. John Afoakwah, Bishop of Obuasi; Most Rev. Peter Kwaku Atuahene, Bishop of Goaso; Most Rev. Dominic Yeboah Nyarko, Bishop of Techiman and Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp, Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi Diocese.

In a homily, Bishop Gyamfi described Msgr. Opong Baah *as a man of faith and hope who served God with his heart, mind and strength.*

Msgr. Opong Baah was ordained on July 7, 1979 in Sunyani. He devoted his life to the



Formation of Seminarians. He studied spirituality and wrote books to guide Seminarians and Formators. He was a Marian devotee (a Legionary), a member of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement in Ghana and Knights of Marshall.

Born on January 14, 1947 in Sunyani, he attended the Pope John Secondary and Minor Seminary in Koforidua from 1966 to 1971 and St. Theresa's Minor

Late Sir Kt. Bro. Eric Michael Kwame Anohene - Council 31, Offinso



The mortal remains of Sir Kt. Bro. Eric Michael Kwame Anohene, the first Grand Knight of Council 31, Offinso was on February 10, 2018 laid to rest at the Offinso Cemetery.

The burial was preceded by a Requiem Mass held at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Offinso. Six priests, namely, Rev. Fr. Stephen Akwasi Adomako, Rev. Fr. Francis Amankwah, Rev. Fr. Tadie Adomako, Rev. Fr. Patrick Nkrumah, Rev. Fr. Stephen Owusu-Sekeyere and W/B Rev. Fr. Joseph Bour Mensah, concelebrated the Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Patrick Kofi Boadu.

Sir Kt. Bro. Anohene, initiated into Council 3, Kumasi, in 1962, was born on December 5, 1937. He transferred to Council 31, Offinso when it was consecrated on January 10, 1976. He was made a Past Regional Grand Knight in January, 2005 and Past Supreme Knight in January, 2007.

By Bro. Kojo Tito Vieta



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