



**Installation as  
Supreme Knight**





Motto: Unity, Charity and Fraternity

THE NOBLE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARSHALL  
(A CATHOLIC FRIENDLY SOCIETY)

INSTALLATION OF  
**SIR KT BRO. CHARLES L. L. COBB**  
AS  
33RD SUPREME KNIGHT  
(2019-2021)

On Saturday, September 14, 2019  
At the Marshallan Temple, Sekondi



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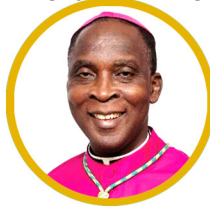
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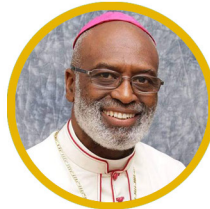
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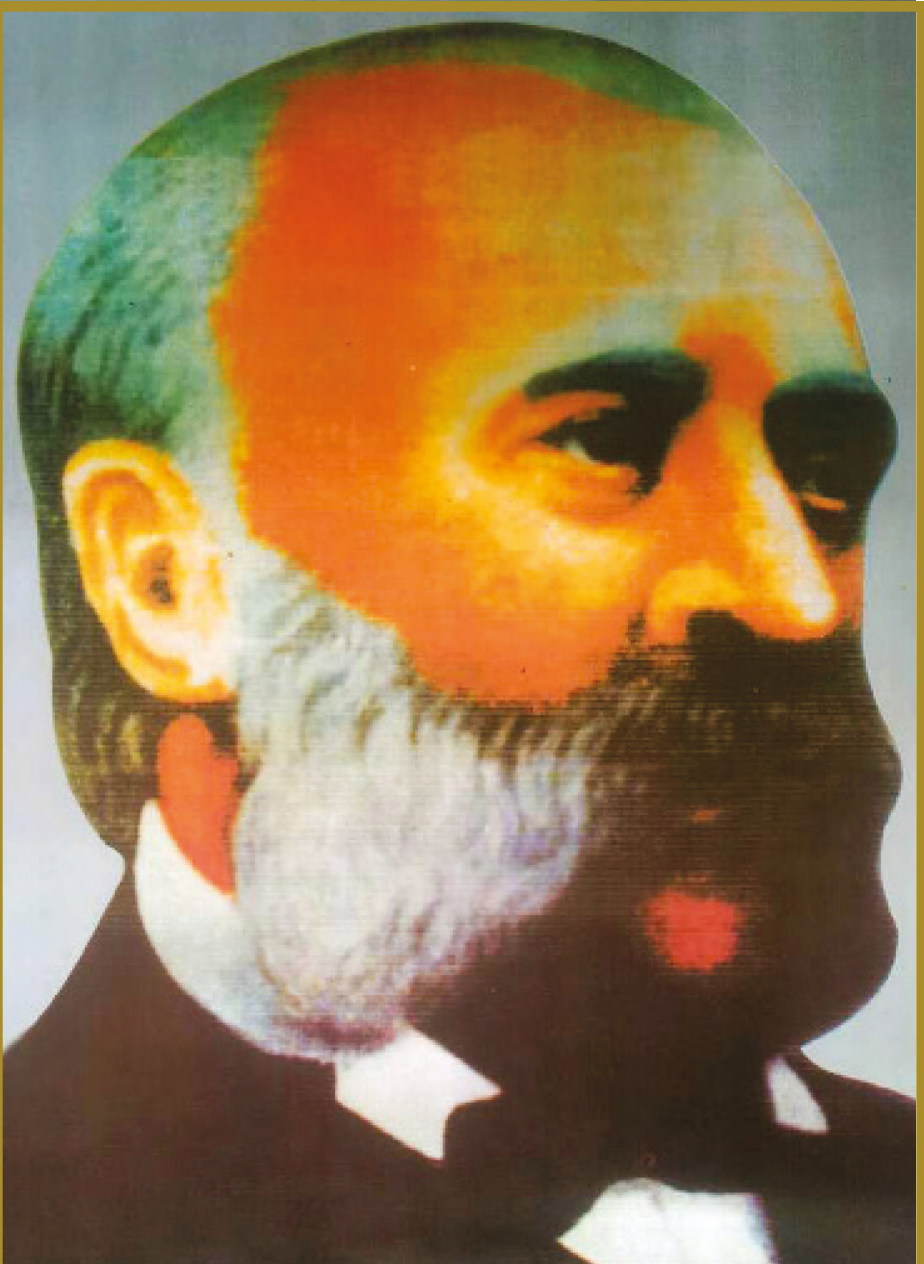
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**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
*Patron Saint of the Knights of Marshall*



**Sir James Marshall**  
*MA, BL, CMG, KCSG*

# Sir James Marshall

18•12•1829 - 09•08•1889

- **Born:** 18/12/1829, Edinburgh.
- **Parentage:** Father - a Presbyterian Minister who converted in 1841 to the Anglican Church. Mother - a housewife.
- **Disabled:** Through an accidental gunshot in 1845 at age 16, Sir James Marshall have his right arm amputated.
- **Education:** Oxford University for a degree in 1847 at age 18.
- **Appointment:** 1852 - Anglican Minister (Curate) at Trysull.
- 1854 - Anglican Minister (Curate) at St. Bartholomew (London).
- **Conversion:** 21/11/1857- Converted from an Ordained Minister of the Anglican Church to a Layman in the Catholic Church (By Rev. Fr. Robert Coffin, later Bishop Coffin).
- **Further Eduction:** Read Law and called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1868 (Lincoln's Inn).
- **Appointment:** 1873 - Chief Magistrate and Judicial Assessor of the Gold Coast.
- **Marriage:** Married in 1877 to Alice Young and blessed with two children.
- **Appointment:** 1879, Chief Justice for British West Africa (Ghana and Nigeria).
- **Missionary Zeal:** - Worked hard for the re-establishment of the Catholic Church in Ghana. Was instrumental in Rev. Frs. Auguste Moreau and Eugene Murat (SMA) coming to the Gold Coast on 18/05/1880.
- **Knighthood:** 29/06/1882 - Knighted, KCMG by the Queen Victoria of Great Britain. Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory (KCSG) by Pope Leo XIII in Rome - 20/01/1889.
- **Appointment:** Chief Justice of Nigeria 1887 - Declined due to ill health but helped to establish the Judicial System in Nigeria.
- **Death:** 09/08/1889 at Margate and buried at Mortlake (London). Lesson and Motivation for us as Marshallans: "Disability is not inability."



**Kt Vet. Bro. Cdr. Sir Dr E. S. K. Kwaw**  
*Supreme Director*

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 ROLL OF SUBSTANTIVE
 

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# Past Supreme Knights



Sir Kt. Bro. J.A.  
Kwesi Aaba  
1930-1933



Sir Kt. Bro. Carl  
H.B. Rhule  
1937-1941



Sir Kt. Bro.  
W. E Tannikie  
1941-1944



Sir Kt. Bro.  
P.I Mussey  
1947-1953



Sir Kt. Bro. J.E  
Korsah  
1962-1968



Sir Kt. Bro. J.A  
Nuamah  
1968-1970



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Anthony Mensah  
1970-1972



Sir Kt. Bro.  
J. B. Aidoo  
1975-1977



Sir Kt. Bro. A.  
K. Osei  
1977-1979



Sir Kt. Bro. F. B. B.  
Appiagyei  
1979 - 1981



Sir Kt. Bro.  
J.J. Mensah-Kane  
1981 - 1983



Sir Kt. Bro.  
V.A. Kondoh  
1983 - 1985



Sir Kt. Bro.  
George A. Habib  
1985 - 1987



Sir Kt. Bro. Cdr.  
Dr. E.S.K Kwaw  
1987-1991



Sir Kt. Bro.  
H.P Nelson  
1991-1993



Sir Kt. Bro. A.K.  
Adu-Amankwah  
1993-1995



Sir Kt. Bro. Cdr Sir  
L. Owusu A. Prempeh  
1995-1997



Sir Kt. Bro. James  
A. Adomako  
1997-1999



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Mathew K. Nti  
1999-2001



Sir Kt. Bro. Kwadwo  
Ofori-Kuragu  
2001-2003



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Samuel Barnes  
2003-2005



Sir Kt. Bro Prof.  
Dr. Dr. Sir G.  
Wireko-Brobby  
2005-2007



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Edward  
Aloysius Prah  
2007-2009



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Anthony C.  
Kemavor  
2009-2011



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Victor Derox  
Baffour  
2011-2013



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Joseph Ekow  
Paintsil  
2013-2015



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Ernest  
Amoako-Arhen  
2015-2017

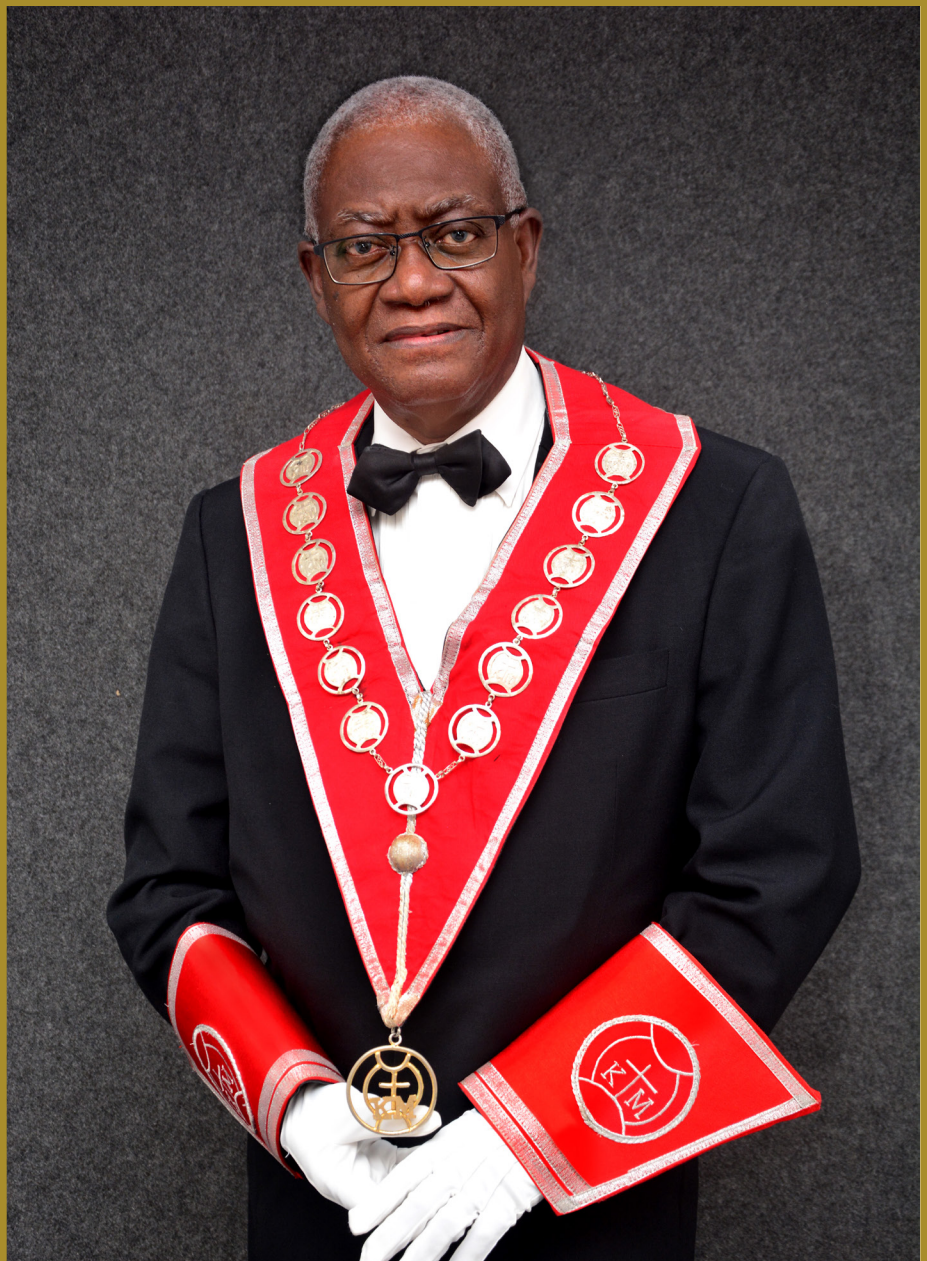


Sir Kt. Bro.  
Ambrose Akyebe  
Yennah  
2017-2019



Sir Kt. Bro.  
Charles L. L. Cobb  
2019 -





**Grand Chevalier d'Etat**  
*Togo Bénin Côte d'Ivoire*



**W/Bro Gregory Mieh**  
*Liberia State Grand Knight*



**Sir Kt Bro Charles L. L. Cobb**  
*33rd Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marhsall*

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## WHO IS

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### Sir Knight Bro. Charles L. L. Cobb?

The Supreme Knight, Sir Knight Bro. Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb was initiated into the Noble Order on June 6, 1996 by Council 29, Sunyani as part of the founder members of Council 65, Techiman.

His late father, Sir Knight Bro Lawrence Chiir Lieber Cobb was himself a Marshallan, a Past Substantive Regional Grand Knight of the then North West Regional Council. Many Marshallans visited the family during his youthful days on account of his father and he and his siblings had to serve these gentlemen. He became well known to many of them but his father never prevailed upon him to join the Order until later when he himself had the edge to do so during his working life which had then taken him to Techiman in the then Brong Ahafo Region. He regrets not having joined the Noble Order much earlier.

In 2002, he became the Grand Knight of Council 65, Techiman, having been elected massively as Deputy Grand Knight, two years earlier. He became a visiting brother at Council 37, Tema due to work related relocation. Per his hard work and visibility as a visiting Brother of the Council, he was able to attract key officers from Tema to attend meeting sessions with him in Techiman enabling knowledge transfer, a concept he was later to champion at the Supreme Council as **TWINING**.

In 2006, he was appointed as the Master of Ceremonies for the erstwhile Brong Ahafo Regional Council, and was later elected as Deputy Regional Grand Knight in 2008.

In 2010, he was installed Regional Grand Knight with 10 Adult Councils under his supervision.

He was installed by Sir Knight Bro. Sir Prof Dr. Dr. George Wireko-Brobby, then a Substantive Past Supreme Knight at a colourful Regional Conference held in Kintampo in August 2010. He found his feet very fast in the ranks of Regional Grand Knights of the Order when he had to host the Standing Committee of the Supreme Council a few weeks after his installation and followed that with the hosting of the Grand Knights and Noble Ladies Forum both in Sunyani at the Bishop James Owusu Conference Hall.

By dint of hard work as Regional Grand Knight on the Standing Committee of the Supreme Council, Sir Knight Bro Charles Cobb caught the eye of the Supreme Cabinet and was appointed Assistant Supreme Propagandist for Ashanti/Brong Ahafo Regions in 2013 and upon further commendations he was later appointed the Substantive Membership Coordinator, a position now renamed Supreme Membership Coordinator, in 2015.

He was elected Deputy Supreme Knight in 2017 at the 91st Supreme Council meeting in Sekondi.

### **Roles played in the Noble Order**

During his tenure as Regional Grand Knight for the Brong Ahafo Region, Sir Kt Bro Cobb introduced Regional Games and Regional Socialisation through which members of the Noble Order engaged members of the Knights of St. John International and their Ladies Auxiliary in various sporting activities and indoor games.

He also introduced Annual Orientation programmes for Deputy Grand Knights and Deputy Noble Ladies in the region before they ascended the throne.

It was during his tenure in 2010 that the erstwhile Brong Ahafo Regional Council had the singular opportunity of hosting the Standing Committee Meeting of the Supreme Council as well as the Grand Knights and Noble Ladies Forum in Sunyani in February 2011.

He presided over the celebration of the erstwhile Regional Council's Silver Jubilee in 2012, leaving behind him great landmarks.

He has been a long-standing member of the Supreme Council's ICT Committee.

As Supreme Membership Coordinator, Sir Knight Bro Charles Cobb facilitated, across the Marshallan world, the

consecration of 23 new Adult Councils and the consequential increase of the number of Regional Councils from 24 to 27.

The number of State Councils was increased from one to two, with the consecration of the Liberia State Council under his stewardship.

Sir Knight Bro. Charles Cobb was part of the advance team that prepared the grounds for the entry of the Noble Order into the Republic of Sierra Leone.

It was also under his tenure that the Noble Order made its first entry into Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire.

Within the same period, the Noble Order made an entry into northern Togo with the consecration of a Council in Dapaong in the Togo-Benin State Council on 14th May, 2016. This consecration had been preceded by eight years of inactivity in expansion within the State.

During his tenure as Supreme Membership Coordinator, he instituted a quarterly meeting of all Assistant Supreme Membership Coordinators during which working strategies were formulated and detailed for implementation,

Each of the Membership Coordinators was expected to report on activities within their jurisdictions, particularly on their programmes on strengthening of weak Councils and the expansion of the Order, with a view to creating new

ones to enable Councils to be indexed to Parishes and Regions aligned to our existing Diocesan boundaries.

### **Business**

Sir Knight Bro Charles Cobb worked with Ghana Telecom/Vodafone from 1996-2012 and rose through the ranks as Commercial Manager, Regional Manager and General Manager. He was Commercial Manager at the Tema Area office where he was promoted to Regional Manager in Charge of the Western Regional Commercial operations of the Company from 2002 to 2005 from where he was appointed General Manager Residential Sales from 2005 to 2009. He exited Vodafone Ghana in 2012 having risen to the position of Head of Fixed Sales. Under his watch Vodafone became the leader in the Broadband sales in the industry.

Before his long service with Vodafone Ghana, he had started his Marketing career with the erstwhile Farmers Services Company of the Upper Region which took him to the Upper East and West Regions and later the Brong Ahafo as their Commercial Manager. After graduation he had the opportunity of attending a Management Traineeship Programme with John Lewis Plc of the United Kingdom at Bristol. He worked at various levels in the organisation and at various departments with excellence.

He is currently a consultant in Marketing, Sales and Customer Care and Director of the Solidarity International School, an institution

with a vision to provide a place of excellence and an institution of choice in the Ashaiman-Tema area.

Sir Knight Bro Charles Cobb, upon exiting Vodafone Ghana and having more time on his hands engaged in some farming. He has acquired a 150-acre land on which maize and other cereals are produced on a large scale. The venture is also starting an all-year-round vegetable production to supply the immediate markets in the Ejura-Sekyedumase District in the Ashanti Region and beyond.

### **Education**

Sir Kt Bro Charles Cobb is a graduate of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi where he graduated with a BA in Social Sciences in 1989.

He also holds an MBA in Marketing from the University of Ghana Business School, Legon.

He is a member of the Chartered Institution of Marketing Ghana and also a member of the Canadian Institute of Marketing.

As a management staff of FASCOM and VODAFONE, he has attended many Courses, Seminars and Workshops which have aided in making him the all-round personality that he has become in the Sales and Management fields.

## Church Activities

He is a member of the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Community 8, Tema and the immediate past Vice Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council, a position he held from 2013 to 2017.

He had been the Chairman of the Laity Council and the Liturgical Committee of the Church for various terms prior to becoming Vice Chairman of the Pastoral Council.

Before relocating to Tema and whilst in Techiman he was an active parishioner of the St. Paul's Cathedral Parish where he was for many years the Chief of the Sunday Group and Patron of the Dagaaba Catholic Association through which they rallied the many transitory youth of the Upper West to keep their Catholic faith and support the Church in its activities.

The Supreme Knight has served for two terms on the National Catholic Knighthood Forum, a forum of the leadership of the Noble Order of Knights and Ladies of Marshall and Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary from 2013 to 2017. He currently serves on the Accra Archdiocesan DEPSOCOM Committee which has been working to establish a Digital Television Broadcasting Project (LUMEN CHRISTI) having successfully written a Business Plan for the enterprise.

## Family Life

Sir Knight Bro Cobb comes from Nandom in the Upper West Region of Ghana but combined his early life in Accra and Nandom. His late father, as a Police officer stationed in Accra, made sure his vacations were spent in Nandom with the larger family and the younger Cobb always had to be temporarily released to join another class in Nandom so that whilst the family was on vacation, he became a pupil in his hometown, giving him two classmates, one group in Accra and the other in Nandom.

He is the first of ten siblings. Two of his younger brothers are Priests of the Catholic Church, attesting to the strong Catholic upbringing they all enjoyed.

He got into the Sales and Marketing business so early in life which necessitated frequent travels but he always made time to be with his family. He dedicates so much of his time to friends and family and will seek them out wherever they may be. He will be the first to know where family and friends reside and will not fail to pay surprise visits.

He is married to Respected Lady Sis Sophia Sorviel Cobb, the Assistant Grand Youth Coordinator, Brong Ahafo and Regional Secretary of Finance of the Brong Ahafo North Regional Court.

They have four children and all are Marshallans. To God be the glory.



**Sir Kt Bro Charles L. L. Cobb and wife  
Respected Lady Sister Sophia Cobb**



## PHOTO GALLERY

**Gallery of Pictures with Family**



Installation of Sir Kt Bro. Charles L. L. Cobb as 33rd Supreme Knight



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PROGRAMME OF INSTALLATION

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## Installation Council



### **Installation Officer**

Sir Kt Vet. Bro. Cdr. Sir Dr E. S. K. Kwaw,  
Supreme Director

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### **Installation Secretary**

Sir Kt Bro James Augustine Adomako

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### **Installation Guard**

Sir Kt Bro Ing. Samuel Barnes

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### **Installation Chaplain**

Sir Kt Bro Monsignor John Opoku-Agyeman,  
Supreme Chaplain

## Ceremonial

- i. Opening and Welcome Statement
- ii. Swearing in of New Members
- iii. Reading and adoption of Minutes
- iv. Matters arising from the Minutes
- v. Correspondence
- vi. Annual Reports
  - Supreme Knight's Annual Report
  - Supreme Secretaries Report
  - Supreme Secretary of Finance Report
  - Supreme Auditors Report
  - Report of Strategic Plan Committee
- vii. Good of the Order
- viii. Election and Appointment of Officers
- ix. Installation of Officers
- x. Address by the Supreme Knight
- xi. Brief Remarks by Installation Officer
- xii. Closing of Supreme Council Session

## SUPREME KNIGHT'S

**Installation Address**

The Supreme Director, Sir Kt. Vet. Bro. Cdr. Sir Dr Edmund S. K. Kwaw, KCSG, PIP, IACK, SPSK, all Substantive Past Supreme Knights and Past International Presidents of the Alliance here assembled; Our Supreme Spiritual Director, His Lordship, Most Rev. Joseph Osei Bonsu, Immediate Past President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops Conference and Bishop of Konongo-Mampong Diocese; His Grace Most Rev. Philip Naameh, President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops Conference and Archbishop of Tamale; Most Rev. Edward Tamba Charles, Archbishop of Freetown, our special Ambassador who lit the flame of the Noble Order of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall in the Republic of Sierra Leone, Supreme Chaplain, Sir Kt. Bro. Monsignor Dr John Opoku-Agyeman and your worthy Assistant Supreme Chaplains, Sir Knights, Our Special Guests, Substantive Past Grand Ladies and freshly out of the oven Grand Lady, Most Respected Lady Sis. Dame Dr Agatha Akua Bonney, Worthy Brothers of the Standing Committee of the Supreme Council and our hardworking Grand Knights;

Kindly allow me give praise and honour to the Almighty for the graces He has bestowed upon me and my family that the events of this day have come to pass and I have become the

Primus Inter Pares of the Knights of Marshall, having just been installed as the 33RD Supreme Knight of the Noble Order. My gratitude also goes to the Installation team ably led by the Supreme Director himself, Sir Knight Brother James Augustine Adomako, Sir Knight Brother Sam K. Barnes, PIP IACK with the spiritual guidance of our Chaplain Sir Kt. Brother Msgr. Dr John Opoku-Agyeman. I am also grateful but humbled by the presence of the President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops Conference who I believe is visiting the Marshallan Center for the first time and who though is already the Patron of our fold in the Tamale Archdiocese deserves a special recognition by our leadership for the support he has been giving for the growth of the Order in the Ecclesiastic Province of Tamale and illuminating our path in our quest for Sainthood for Sir James Marshall. I trust this will not be the last time we shall be inviting you to sit alongside your brother Bishop, our Spiritual Director, Most Rev. Joseph Osei Bonsu.

On behalf of my good self and members of my administration just installed, I wish to express our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to members of the past administration for holding on successfully the baton and passing it on to us this day graciously.

At about age 33, Christ returning to the Father said: "It is finished". I cannot say we are finished at this stage but we have made landmark progress from the days of our Founders to today in terms of embracing the vision that engendered that bond that has been kept till today, numbers of Councils, geographic spread, socio-political impact and our relevance internationally and at home. For us as humans and struggling to imbibe into our being the spirit of God, it is just the beginning!

I pay glowing tribute to our Founding Fathers for bringing this Order to being. I doff my hat to great past leaders such as our Supreme Director through whose effort global mentorship was established for Grand Knights of this Order in an annual Forum that has come to stay and for leading us to become a part of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights and Unum Omnes, Sir Knight Bro Owusu-Prempeh, for making the current Supreme Knight a Marshallan by founding Council 65, Techiman in the Bono East Region, Sir Knight Bro. James Augustine Adomako for keeping alive our rich Rituals, Procedures, tenets and wisdom of our forebears to ensure we are an Order keeping to our traditions even as we now approach our centenary as an Order, Sir Knight Bro. Sam K. Barnes who calmly pointed us to the path of investment and deepened our fraternity within the International Alliance of Catholic

Knights, Sir Knight Bro Prof. Dr Dr Sir George Wireko-Brobby, the only Prof amongst my predecessors who has left us a wealth of fine academic pronouncements laced with impeccable Latin that for long will enrich our libraries and also brought into leadership dynamism leading him to become the Petro upon whom the Lord built our House, completing the Marshallan Center started by his own elder brother Sir Knight Bro. Matthew Nti and robed us to look like the true Knights that we are, Sir Knight Edward Alloysius Prah further widened our international relevance in becoming the first African head of Unum Omnes, Sir Knight Tony Komla Kemavor modernized our accounting system and heralded the consolidation of our many investment portfolios, Sir Knight Victor Derx Baffour brought strongly to bear on us the spiritual dimension of our Order so thanks to him today we have a sacred place of meditation, Sir Knight Bro Joseph Ekow Paintsil, the visionary who got us thinking of our Centenary; Sir Knight Bro Ernest Amoako-Arhen who dress rehearsed the Order for our Centenary with a colourful 90th Anniversary celebration and charged our investment appetite with the rubber plantation and the Marshallans Savings and Investment Fund (MASIF) and hastened the growth of the Order towards its centenary and Sir Knight Bro Ambrose Achebe Yennah, our immediate Past Supreme Knight, who also ensured that the legal



framework for a smooth investment climate was established and pushed the frontiers of the Sainthood Cause of Sir James Marshall.

As the 33rd leader, I close one page for the start of a new one as a new dawn shines upon the Noble Order. The foundations having been laid with many a dream abounding in installation address upon installation address bequeath to us, I now herald the beginning of the end of an epoch with the implementation, of results, of following the path of our founders, our forebears in living the dreams and realizing the vision to truly make the Noble Order Humanitarian, a veritable partner to the hierarchy of the Church, a leader of the Laity in whichever country we find a presence and to let Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Service be felt amongst our membership and to the ends of the world.

The responsibility history bestowed upon us in this administration is also to set the tone and coordinates of the Order to arrive at our Centenary in 2026 a mature organisation able to make the impact our kindred Knighthood Order, the Knights of Columbus make in the global Catholic world at least within our borders. In 2021 we very likely will be hosting our International Alliance partners here in Ghana and I trust we have the human resource, the goodwill and the attitude to prosecute a very successful Conference which then

shall prepare us for a safe berth in the 2026 celebration.

Our focus therefore in this term will be the following;

1. Continue to grow the Order. The Noble Order as a vehicle for bringing adult Catholics to Christ shall be enhanced as we increase our membership both within existing Councils and endeavour to make our presence felt in orphaned parishes.

2. Deepen our Spirituality. In the spirit of the New Evangelization which as an Order we embraced, we shall now actively involve our Chaplains and Higher Officers in increased spiritual activities and encourage our membership to deepen their spirituality. Many more daily and monthly spiritual activities shall be instituted. Our Chaplains shall be engaged more and encouraged to work on the spiritual development of members. The Everyday Prayer Book which we attempted at a stage to institutionalise shall now be a companion of members of the Standing Committee and Grand Knights as a starter. It shall be part of our Travelers Mass across the Order and users are enjoined to commit to the daily morning and evening prayers therein provided.

3. Increase fraternal relations amongst members and Councils

and make our Order visible to the world. As we draw near the centenary we ought to live our tenets and make our coming together at meetings more meaningful to our membership and in doing this we shall let our light shine so that the outside world will see our good deeds and be attracted to us. We shall open a bonding amongst the Africa-based International Alliance of Catholic Knighthood Orders with a view to learning from one another and joining hands to meet the needs of our society. We shall work in very close collaboration with our Bishops and their Conferences wherever we have a presence, ensuring our membership give appropriate support to the Church hierarchy by playing a leadership role within the Laity as venerable partners of Church leadership and heed their guidance.

4. Strengthening our financial muscle. As we grow in numbers in the service of God and Country, we shall put our energies together in backing the current Savings/ Investment portfolio vehicles of the Order, Marshallan Security Trust (MST) and The Marshallan Savings and Investment Fund (MaSIF) and make them generate adequate resource to make members financially sufficient in supporting activities of the

Order in the future. The Rubber Plantation will receive maximum support to make that investment an envy of many similar organisations such as ours.

Further to these, we shall pursue other viable business ventures within the ambit of our registered business name using the expertise of our own membership from the Knights and Ladies and where necessary expertise from other respected Catholic men and women.

5. Increased support for the growth of the Junior Order. The growing support for the Junior Order is very much appreciated and many Supreme Knights in the past have shown an interest in the progress of the junior wing of the Order. We shall ensure the agreed protocols for the transitioning of maturing Junior Brothers and Sisters into the Adult Order are respected and supported. We shall invest time and other resources to ensure the formation of these boys and girls result in good practising Catholics and transition into the Adult Order as morally strong Catholic Marshallans.

6. ICT has generally become the lubricant within which many modern managements function, hence we intend to deepen our

use of Information Technology tools to facilitate the efficient management of the Order at our Councils and Courts up to our highest levels. In this regard, it is imperative that all Councils/Courts complete the updating of personal data of all Brothers and Sisters in the Marshall Information Management System (MIMS) application deployed by our IT team to assist them put in place suitable information management tools for the use of leadership at all levels of the Order.

### **Growing the Noble Order**

The populations of our various countries is growing and with it is the Catholic population, hence new communities are being built up, compelling existing Parishes to either expand and/or build new ones to take care of the pastoral needs of these growing population. The Knights of Marshall, therefore, has the compelling need to also expand its membership to ensure that “the good materials” men and women in these communities are brought into the Marshallan fraternity to facilitate lay Catholic action.

In consonance with the evangelizing spirit of the Church, the Knights of Marshall, being an active part of this mission ought not remain stagnant or grow at its own pace irrespective of what is happening around and dictated by the world. We are called to evangelise the world as per the charge

of Jesus when he says to the disciples “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned”. This charge is being addressed to all Catholics, and we are enjoined in our own set-up to ensure per our practices and action that we take up the huge responsibility in responding to this command. The need, therefore, to evangelize or expand as Marshallans does not lie in our mouths to command but an eternal duty imposed on us by accepting to be Marshallans and Catholics for that matter.

The Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall having been formed along the lines of the Knights of Columbus of the USA, is enjoined as a progeny to mirror the good deeds which the Knights of Columbus are well known for, which in the main are Charity and Service to humanity. The Noble Order is so far excelling in these virtues. However, it takes resources and indeed money to realize these noble tenets but this is achievable with the power of numbers. Hence we have to grow our numbers so that the strength of our coming together in large numbers can aid us achieve whatever resource we require to resolve a challenge, to meet the need of a member (s) or a community etc.

## Strategy

1. Within the next 6 years, all Parishes should have their own Councils or blessed with an active Marshallan Association. The Order shall be Parish-based and we should make ourselves very relevant in our Parishes and Dioceses. At our highest levels, we should identify ourselves with the crucial challenges and needs of the Bishops' Conferences as an Order.

2. All Marshallans must act as membership coordinators in whichever Parish we find ourselves and actively seek to win resourceful and well-meaning Catholics to join the Order. If they are heavier than we can handle, we should pick their numbers and have some senior officers work on them. Every Marshallan must seek to win a new brother every year!

3. Introduce another route of entry for elderly but very prominent Catholics who otherwise would find it inconvenient to start off as ninth degree (9°) Brothers e.g. the Catholic DGs or CEOs etc. The ages and status of such personalities would certainly call for a closer look at their entry requirements since inevitably they will not eye the Grand Knight's chair but join to team up with us to meet our charitable societal obligations. Those who in spite of meeting such criteria would wish to go through the mill are welcome. The entry of such personalities surely enhances

our public image and brings with it resource to meet our agenda to the Church. I strongly request that we give it urgent attention in line with the new evangelization drive we are pursuing and our Membership Coordination team are charged to work out the modalities for this drive by our next Standing Committee meeting.

## Deepening of Our Spirituality

We shall reintroduce the monthly spiritual reflections that we hitherto enjoyed during Council sessions. In line with same, we shall publicize monthly themes with the help of our Chaplains to aid all Councils to start off this monthly exercise during Council meetings from January 2020. This 10 minutes exercise shall be led by our Chaplains. We shall arrange to be supplied copies of the Everyday Prayer Books for sale to all Standing Committee Members and Grand Knights and you are enjoined to have your Chaplains or Parish Priests guide you in their use. This, my brothers, may be a way to respond to the Holy Father's call to holiness made to us all in his Apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete Et Exsultate*.

We encourage all Knights to introduce daily night prayers with their families if this is not already being done and ensure it is part of the activities of the family as Catholics. Keep it simple and agree on a regular time for it daily. Many of us have benefited from graces

unrelated to any works of ours because we came out of praying families and we should not let this strong Catholic virtue be lost on our youth.

In line with this theme, we shall continue to give a strong impetus to the Cause of Beatification of Sir James Marshall which cause though of immediate interest to Marshallans is indeed a national one since he literally brought Catholicism to the difficult coast of Ghana in West Africa. The Grand Lady and I, in consultation with the Supreme Director direct that we shall from hence celebrate 16TH OCTOBER, the day our Supreme Director and the Parish Priest of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Mortlake found the grave of Sir James Marshall, as MEMORIAL DAY during which all Councils and Courts shall organize Masses in remembrance of this great personality in the history of our Church here in West Africa. 16th October this year by the grace of God the Grand Lady and I, will be with Brothers and Sisters of the UK to celebrate the first MEMORIAL DAY at Mortlake. We propose that once during the tenure of every Supreme Knight and Grand Lady they join our Brothers and Sisters in the annual celebration at Mortlake and lay wreaths on his tombstone and invite the Catholic world and especially the Knights of St. Columba to join us pray for the beatification of Sir James Marshall. This should further

boost our prayerful support for the canonization of Sir James Marshall rather than attempting to relocate his remains to Ghana.

### **Fraternal Relations**

Since the Knights of Marshall became the 14th member of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. To date, we are four African members in the international Council and I propose that we strengthen the ties amongst the Africa group, since we are likely to have closer related challenges facing the communion here and hence putting our Orders together we could make a bigger impact than we are doing individually. I, therefore, wish to challenge the Supreme Knight of St. Mulumba and his team present here not to make this special visit the last of its kind but further the relationship by having a landmark project here and to open their doors for us to also maintain regular visits to meetings of this nature in Nigeria.

I have been in talks with the Knights of Da Gama on how they are running their flagship investment programme, Knights Insurance Brokerage (KIB) in South Africa with the support of Sir Knight Bros Sam Barnes and Derox Baffour and it has guided us in setting the foundations of a similar Brokerage venture leveraging our numbers and to eventually build the muscle to own an Insurance venture. We have put a Committee in place to execute this agenda.

I trust that with these collaborations, we shall become more engaged and have more common grounds of collaboration amongst these African Orders and eventually also reach out to our Brothers of Ss Peter & Paul in the Gambia.

We intend to have a closer and stronger relation with our Conferences of Bishops and in accordance with this the Fraternal Relations team is charged to collaborate with State Grand Knights and the Supreme Secretary for the leadership of the Order to know the calendar and programmes of the Conferences so that we can ensure our membership are effectively collaborating in the name of the Order and individually with the Conferences. Here in Ghana our Conference is scheduled for 8th to 17th November 2019 at Cape Coast and we expect to make our presence felt. Since we plan to have a very active Chaplaincy supporting our Councils and Courts it is our prayer that our Bishops will avail us of Priests to guide us in our spiritual journey in the Order so we shall continue to support our Seminaries which we understand are becoming increasingly more costly to run.

Our fraternity must first be enjoyed by our own members, hence we shall champion the Twining programme suggested by our Membership Coordinating team and endorsed by our Strategic Plan Implementation Committee and make sure stronger

Councils and Courts are twining with weaker or disadvantaged ones and building synergies for the overall good of the Order. Older and disadvantaged brothers and sisters have to be the concern of the generality of the Order so that we do not have very high mountains and deep valleys within the same playing field but rather a common high ground for playing the game of life. Scripture says whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did unto me.

### **Strengthening our Financial Muscle**

Over the years by virtue of forward-looking packages we have various investment portfolios that we sometimes underrate or even undermine. However, as leaders of the Laity and men and women formed after the good deed of Sir James Marshall, we cannot but as lay people support the Church with our finances but one cannot give what one does not have. That is why we must all rally round the various investment vehicles the Order has so far embraced; MaSIF (Marshallan Savings and Investment Fund), which is an ingenious capital generation tool upon which great investments can be realized in the name of the Order in the very near future and which also facilitates the resolution of personal liabilities to the Order beyond one's employment period; MST (Marshallan Security Trust), a tool designed to stimulate the savings culture and creation

of available funds at easy reach to members in time of need. The Supreme Council and the Grand Court already are major investors in MaSIF with Regional and Adult Councils also allotted a significant share. It is my prayer that since both portfolios are hinged on numbers of investors all Marshallans, both Brothers and Sisters, will seriously put in their one-time investment in MaSIF and watch their money grow and create a growing fund to support them respond to the charitable need of society without stress and also monthly put away idle funds in MST monthly, creating a financial safety net for themselves and their families.

Currently, between the two Funds, we are worth Gh¢5.9 million and expect to grow geometrically within the next two years since we shall increase marketing support to the Committees handling these funds.

The Noble Order shall also take inspiration from the good track record of our kindred Order, Knights of da Gama and establish a **Brokerage entity** to liaise with our membership and Insurance Companies in the country. It will aim to secure good deals for Brothers and Sisters and make some earnings that will be secure in the name of the Order. So that as long as our members take insurance packages, the Order should make some modest earnings and hence build capital for other investment purposes for the

good of the Order. A Committee headed by Bro. Stephen Amegatse of Council 48, Mamprobi-Accra and a renowned banker with many years of experience at the Bank of Ghana shall be responsible for championing the smooth start of the venture, ensuring transparency, efficient management, appropriate use of IT tools and proper investment of funds therefrom.

On the floor of this very house, Sir Knight Bro Kantinka Kwabena Donkoh Fordworh, based on his own experience, admonished the Noble Order to invest in Teak Plantation as to him it was to solve the perennial need of asking for financial contributions from brothers to meet urgent but charitable needs of members and that of society at large. We did not respond then and it hurt the experienced finance expert that we did not buy into his bright idea. However, many years later, the 31st Supreme Knight, Sir Knight Bro. Ernest Amoako Arhen, by the providence of the Almighty realized this dream although it was received with little belief by some of us. It was in his quest to put the Order in an investment mode as a prelude to raising funds to execute a successful Centenary celebration. This led him to meet Chiefs in the rainforest areas of the Western Region for the start of the modest investment in a Rubber Plantation. The new Administration very much buys into this vision and shall, therefore, initiate steps to

expand the venture from the current 35 acres of land acquired to 100 acres. Accordingly, a Management Committee shall be set up with professionals and interested Brothers with the appropriate expertise in agribusiness with specific terms to ensure the Order makes a cash cow out of this investment.

### **The Youth Wing of the Order**

To appreciate that our Order has a future, one has to follow the growth and development of the Junior Order. In the last 10 years, the number of Junior Council & Courts have increased from 60 to 112 and in the last 4 years, this growth has been phenomenal, pointing to a potentially great influx of mature Juniors into the Adult Councils and Courts in the near future.

For some few years now, we have tried to segregate the Juniors in the tertiary institutions from the others. However, this segmentation has not been effective in enhancing their formation and transition into the Adult Councils and Courts. Upon broad consultation, we plan to merge the leadership of the Youth Wing for the two to work together under one canopy for the effective realization of the formation we intend for the Juniors.

We shall appoint some more Youth Coordinators responsible for those in the tertiary institutions who shall be responsible for the collection of

Juniors within particular zones to ensure Junior members who enrol in tertiary institutions within their zones continue to fraternize within their fold in Junior Council and Courts nearest them. This will make them part of the formation approved for the Juniors. These Coordinators shall organize activities for them on their campuses and follow their activities within the Catholic Chaplaincies ensuring they actively participate in church youth activities. These Coordinators shall assist the Assistant Supreme Youth Coordinator (Tertiary) and Grand Court Youth Coordinator (Tertiary) in delivering their mandate to the Supreme Council and Grand Court.

We hope this will forge a stronger youth front and increase mentorship and motivation. Let us be mindful that now by age 16, 17 our children are entering the tertiary institutions so they are still very much part of our regular Juniors.

### **Effective use of IT for the progress of the Order**

Since as a modern society we dare not attempt to function without the effective use of ICT tools, we shall empower the IT team of the Supreme Council and Grand Court to work with their regional teams to ensure we are effectively computerized in the major and sensitive operations of the Order within the next two years.

All Regional Grand Knights are, therefore, enjoined to liaise with



their Lady counterparts to organise training sessions for the IT officers, Secretaries, Secretaries of Finance and other officers on the use of the MIMS and other tools necessary for their function going forward. The Supreme IT Officer will assign teams to assist in these training sessions as soon as possible. I am certain the usage of these tools will address most of the difficulties regarding information management of Brothers and Sisters, financial transactions and other related documentation matters and immediately reduce to zero unidentified payments.

From today you should all reach the Supreme Knight via the official email address of the Supreme Council [supremecouncil@marshallan.org](mailto:supremecouncil@marshallan.org) and direct emails from my office shall be from the email address [supremeknight@marshallan.org](mailto:supremeknight@marshallan.org). Please take note for immediate use. I trust in this way my successors will have all correspondence emanating from and getting to the office for their action since this email address shall be permanent.

### **Giving our Guards a Pivotal Role**

Ever since we introduced our ceremonial gowns and started using our Guards in Parades and Guards of Honour it has become imperative that we give them an elevated attention to ensure that what we want them to do is done to near perfection and therefore our public or outdoor use of

the Guards are done with some finesse and a standard established.

We, therefore, plan to organize the Guards and Sentries and institutionalise their outdoor activities across the Order with the support of the Supreme Guard and his team. I, therefore, again ask for the support of Regional Grand Knights and Regional Noble Ladies in facilitating the activities of the Guards and Sentries when these training sessions commence.

### **Conclusion**

I take this opportunity to thank all Marshallan brothers for this honour done me and pledge to be there for you all and to imitate the servant leadership we witnessed in Christ Jesus. Let us walk in the path He has set and let those who will, follow.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work of my Installation Planning Committee members led by Sir Kt Bro Albert Salia for the massive support they gave me. I owe a debt of gratitude to Sir Knight Brothers Derx Baffour, Ekow Paintsil, Amoako Arhen and Dzigbodi Adjiman, who provided me space to prove my mettle. Many others were those who supported my installation planning financially and with their ideas and prayers who want to stay anonymous. I ask for the blessings of the Lord Almighty upon them and their families.

I thank again the Installation Team for the beauty of their performance and crave the indulgence of the Almighty to guide me in my every step and pronouncement.

On behalf of the Regional Councils & Courts in Bono and Ahafo, I thank you all for giving us our first Supreme Knight!

Long live the Noble Order,

Long live the Holy Mother the Catholic Church

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

## **Allocution D'investiture Du Chevalier Suprême, Le Sir Chevalier Frere Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb, 33Eme Chevalier Suprême De L'ordre Noble Des Chevaliers De Marshall**

Le Directeur Suprême, Sir Chevalier Vétéran Frère Cdr. Edmund S. K. Kwaw , KCSG, PIP , IACK , SPSK, tous les Précédents Chevaliers Suprêmes et les Présidents Internationaux de l'Alliance réunis ici, notre Directeur Spirituel Suprême , Son Excellence Mgr. Joseph Osei Bonsu, Président sortant de la Conférence des Evêques Catholiques du Ghana et Evêque du diocèse de Konongo - Mampong, Son Excellence Mgr. Philip Naameh , Président de la Conférence des Evêques Catholiques du Ghana et Archevêque de Tamale, S. Ex. Mgr Edward Tamba Charles, Archevêque de Freetown , notre ambassadeur spécial qui a allumé la flamme de l'Ordre Noble des Chevaliers et Dames de Marshall en République du Sierra Leone , l'Aumônier Suprême , Sir Chevalier Frère Monseigneur Dr. John Opoku-Agyeman et vos dignes Aumôniers Adjoints suprêmes, les Passés Chevaliers Suprêmes , Distingués invités, les Passées Grandes Dames et la très nouvelle Grande Dame, Très Respectable Dame Dr. Agatha Akua Bonney, les Honorables Frères du Comité Permanent du Conseil Suprême et nos très actifs Grands Chevaliers, Permettez-moi de bien vouloir rendre grâce et honneur au Tout - Puissant pour les grâces qu'il a accordé à moi et ma famille pour que l'évènement de ce jour eu lieu et a fait de moi le Primus Inter Pares des Chevaliers

de Marshall, en étant juste investit comme le 33 eme Chevalier Suprême de l'Ordre Noble.

Ma gratitude va également à l'équipe d'investiture, dirigée avec compétence par le Directeur Suprême lui-même, le Sir Chevalier Frère James Augustine Adomako, le Sir Chevalier Frère Sam K. Barnes, PIP IACK, sous la direction spirituelle de notre Aumônier, le Sir Chevalier Frère Mgr. Dr John Opoku-Agyeman. Je suis également reconnaissant et touché par la présence du Président de la Conférence des Evêques Catholiques du Ghana, qui, je crois, visite le Centre Marshallien pour la première fois et qui, demeure déjà le patron de notre groupe dans l'archidiocèse de Tamale. Il mérite une reconnaissance spéciale de la part de notre leadership pour le soutien qu'il a apporté à la croissance de l'Ordre dans la province ecclésiastique de Tamale et a éclairé notre chemin dans notre quête de la sainteté pour Sir James Marshall. J'espère que ce ne sera pas la dernière fois que nous vous inviterons à siéger à côté de votre frère, notre Evêque, notre Directeur Spirituel, Son Excellence Mgr Joseph Osei Bonsu.

En mon nom propre et au nom des membres de mon administration qui viennent d'être investit, je tiens à exprimer notre profond sentiment de gratitude et de re-

connaissance aux membres de l'administration passé pour avoir porté avec succès le bâton et nous l'avoir transmis aujourd'hui gracieusement.

A l'âge de 33 ans, le Christ retournant auprès du Père dit : «C'est fini». Je ne peux pas dire que nous avons tout accompli à ce stade, mais nous avons fait des progrès décisifs depuis l'époque de nos fondateurs jusqu'à aujourd'hui en ce qui concerne l'appropriation de la vision qui a engendré ce lien qui a été maintenu jusqu'à aujourd'hui, nombre de Conseils, répartition géographique, impact socio-politique et pertinent à l'international et chez nous. Pour nous les hommes et luttant pour imprégner notre être de l'esprit de Dieu, ce n'est que le début!

Je rends un hommage élogieux à nos pères fondateurs pour avoir donné naissance à cet Ordre. Je lève mon chapeau en hommage aux grands Leaders du passé tels que notre Directeur Suprême dont l'effort global de mentorat a été établi pour les Grands Chevaliers de cet Ordre dans un forum annuel mis en place et pour nous conduire à devenir membre de l'Alliance Internationale des Chevaliers Catholiques et Unum Omnes , le Sir Chevalier Frère Owusu-Prempeh, pour avoir fait de l'actuel Chevalier Suprême un Marshallien en fondant le Conseil 65, Techiman dans la région de Bono East, le Sir Chevalier Frère. James Augustine Adomako pour avoir maintenu en vie nos riches Rituels, procédures, principes et sagesse de nos ancêtres et pour assurer que nous sommes un Ordre qui maintient nos traditions quand bien même que nous approchons maintenant notre centenaire comme Ordre, le Sir Chevalier Frère Sam K. Barnes qui

nous a calmement montré le chemin de l'investissement et a approfondi notre fraternité au sein de l'Alliance Internationale des Chevaliers Catholiques, le Sir Chevalier Frère Prof. Dr. Dr. George Wireko-Brobby, le seul professeur parmi mes prédécesseurs à nous avoir légué une profusion de belles déclarations académiques teinté de latin impeccable qui enrichira longtemps nos bibliothèques et qui a également conduit à un dynamisme de leadership le conduisant à devenir le *Petro* sur qui le Seigneur a construit notre maison, en achevant le Centre Marshallien créé par son frère aîné, le Sir Chevalier Frère Matthew Nti et a fait que nous ressemblons à de vrais Chevaliers tel que nous sommes, le Sir Chevalier Frère Edward Alloysius Prah qui a élargi notre influence internationale au point de devenir le premier président africain de Unum Omnes, le Sir Chevalier Frère Tony Komla Kemavor qui a modernisé notre système de comptabilité et a lancé la consolidation de nos nombreux portefeuilles d'investissements, le Sir Chevalier Frère Victor Derx Baffour qui nous a fortement inculqué la dimension spirituelle de notre Ordre, grâce à lui nous avons donc un lieu de méditation sacré , le Sir Chevalier Frère Joseph Ekow Paintsil, un visionnaire qui nous a emmené à réfléchir sur notre centenaire, le Sir Chevalier Frère Ernest Amoako-Arhen qui a préparé l'Ordre pour le centenaire avec un 90e anniversaire célébré avec beaucoup de couleur et qui a nourrit notre appétit d'investir avec la création d'une plantation de caoutchouc et le fond d'épargne et d'investissement (MASIF) et hâta la croissance de l'Ordre vers son centenaire et le Sir Chevalier Frère Ambrose Achebe Yennah, notre immédiat Passé Chevalier Suprême, qui

a également assuré le cadre favorable d'un climat propice aux investissements et fit des avancées dans la cause de canonisation de Sir James Marshall .

En tant que 33ème dirigeant, je ferme une page pour le début d'une nouvelle puisqu'une aube nouvelle se lève sur l'Ordre. Les fondations ayant été posées avec beaucoup de rêve foisonnant dans les allocutions d'investiture , je lance maintenant le début de la fin d'une époque avec la mise en œuvre, des résultats du suivi du chemin de nos fondateurs, nos ancêtres, en vivant les rêves et la réalisation de la vision de rendre vraiment l'Ordre Noble humanitaire, un véritable partenaire pour la hiérarchie de l'Eglise, un chef de file du laïcat dans n'importe quel pays où nous avons une présence et laisser l'unité, la charité, la fraternité et le service se faire sentir parmi nos membres et jusqu'aux extrémités du monde.

La responsabilité historique qui nous revient dans cette administration est également de donner le ton et de coordonner l'Ordre afin qu'à notre centenaire en 2026, il soit une organisation mature capable d'impacter notre chevalerie sœur de Colombus dans l'univers catholique ou au moins en notre sein. En 2021, nous allons très probablement accueillir nos partenaires de l'Alliance internationale ici au Ghana et je suis convaincu que nous disposons des ressources humaines, de la bonne volonté et de l'attitude nécessaire pour mener à bien une conférence couronnée de succès qui nous préparera ensuite pour la célébration de 2026.

### **Notre objectif en ce sens sera donc le suivant:**

1. Continuer à faire grandir l'Ordre. L'Ordre Noble en tant que moyen pour amener les adultes catholiques au Christ doit être renforcée afin que nous augmentions nos membres à la fois au sein des conseils existants et renforcer nos efforts à de faire sentir notre présence dans les Paroisses orphelines.

2. Approfondir notre Spiritualité. Dans l'esprit de la nouvelle Évangélisation qui, comme Ordre, nous avons adopté, nous allons maintenant faire participer activement nos Aumôniers et Officiers Supérieurs dans les activités spirituelles accrues et encourager nos membres à approfondir leur spiritualité. De nombreuses autres activités spirituelles quotidiennes et mensuelles seront instituées. Nos aumôniers doivent être davantage impliqués et encouragés à travailler au développement spirituel des membres. Le livre de prière de tous les jours, que nous avons tenté d'institutionnaliser à un stade donné, doit désormais être le compagnon des membres du Comité permanent et des Grands Chevaliers comme début. Il fera partie de la messe des voyageurs à travers l'Ordre et les utilisateurs sont invités à s'engager à prier chaque matin et chaque soir avec.

3. Augmenter les relations fraternelles entre membres et les conseils et rendre notre Ordre visible au monde. À l'approche du centenaire, nous devons vivre selon nos principes et rendre notre rassemblement lors de réunions plus éloquentes pour nos membres. Ainsi, nous laisserons

notre lumière briller afin que le monde extérieur voie nos bonnes actions et soit attiré par nous. Nous allons créer un lien entre l'Alliance internationale des ordres de chevaliers catholiques, basée en Afrique, dans le but d'apprendre les uns des autres et de s'unir pour répondre aux besoins de notre société. Nous travaillerons en étroite collaboration avec nos évêques et leurs conférences partout où nous sommes présents de sorte que notre adhésion apporte un soutien approprié à la hiérarchie de l'Église et joue un rôle de chef de file au sein du laïcat en tant que vénérables partenaires de la direction de l'Église en tenant compte de leurs orientations.

4. Renforcer notre force financière. Comme nous grandissons en nombre au service de Dieu et pays nous devons mettre nos énergies ensemble dans le soutien actuelle des économies / et investissement de l'Ordre, le *Marshallan Security Trust (MST)* et le Fonds Marshallien d'épargne et d'investissement (MASIF) et faire qu'ils pourront générer des ressources adéquates pour rendre les membres financièrement suffisants pour soutenir les activités de l'Ordre dans le future. La Plantation de caoutchouc recevra le maximum de soutien pour faire de cet investissement une fierté pour de nombreuses organisations similaires comme la nôtre.

En plus de cela, nous poursuivrons d'autres entreprises viables dans le cadre de notre domaine d'activité en utilisant l'expertise de nos propres membres Chevaliers et des Dames et, si nécessaire, de l'expertise d'autres hommes et femmes catholiques respectés.

5. Accroître l'aide à la croissance de l'Ordre Junior. Le soutien croissant pour l'Ordre Junior est très apprécié et beaucoup de chevaliers suprêmes dans le passé ont manifesté leur intérêt pour les progrès de l'aile junior de l'Ordre. Nous assurerons que les dispositions convenues pour le passage des jeunes juniors matures à l'ordre adulte soient respectées et pris en charge. Nous investirons du temps et des ressources pour assurer la formation de ces garçons et filles avec pour objectif d'en faire de bon catholiques pratiquants et la transition à l'Ordre adulte comme Marshalliens catholiques moralement fort.

6. ICT (System de Communication informatique) est devenu généralement le lubrifiant dans lequel beaucoup de fonction de gestion moderne aide à approfondir notre utilisation des technologies de l'information pour faciliter la gestion efficace de l'Ordre au niveau des conseils, des Tribunaux et jusqu'aux plus hauts niveaux. À cet égard, il est impératif que tous les conseils / cours terminent la mise à jour des données personnelles de tous les frères et sœurs de l'application du Système de Gestion Marshallien de L'Information (MIMS) déployée par notre équipe informatique afin de les aider à mettre en place des outils de gestion de l'information adaptés servant au leadership à tous les niveaux de l'Ordre.

### **Croissance de l'Ordre Noble**

La population de nos différents pays est en croissance et avec elle, la population catholique avec cependant de nouvelles communautés qui se construisent combinant paroisses existantes avec celles à étendre ou les nouvelles à construire pour

prendre soin des besoins pastoraux de ces populations de plus en plus croissante. Les Chevaliers de Marshall ont donc le besoin impérieux d'élargir également le nombre de leurs membres afin de s'assurer que «les bons matériaux» hommes et femmes de ces communautés soient amenés dans la fraternité Marshallienne pour faciliter l'action des laïcs catholiques.

Conformément à l'esprit évangéliste de l'Église, les Chevaliers de Marshall participent activement à cette mission et ne doivent pas rester stagnants ni se développer à leur rythme, en dépit de ce qui se passe autour et dicté par le monde. Nous sommes appelés à évangéliser le monde selon les paroles de Jésus quand il dit aux disciples: «Allez dans le monde entier et proclamez la bonne nouvelle à toute la création. Celui qui croit et est baptisé sera sauvé, mais celui qui ne croit pas sera condamné ». Cette charge est la responsabilité de tous les catholiques et nous sommes invités, dans notre propre organisation, à veiller à ce que, conformément à nos pratiques et à nos actions, nous assumions la lourde responsabilité de répondre à cet ordre. La nécessité, par conséquent, d'évangéliser ou d'épandre comme Marshall ne se base pas sur notre capacité à commander, mais demeure un devoir éternel qui nous sont imposées en acceptant d'être Marshall et catholiques pour cette raison.

L'Ordre Noble des Chevaliers de Marshall ayant été formé sur le modèle des Chevaliers de Colomb des États-Unis, est considéré comme une progéniture pour refléter les bonnes actions pour lesquelles les Chevaliers de Colomb sont bien connus, qui sont principalement

la Charité et le Service à l'humanité. Le Noble Ordre excelle jusqu'à présent dans ces vertus. Toutefois, il faut des ressources et de l'argent pour réaliser ces nobles principes mais ceci ne se réalise que par la puissance du nombre. Par conséquent, nous devons augmenter notre nombre afin que la force de notre rassemblement en grand nombre puisse nous aider à atteindre toutes les ressources dont nous avons besoin pour résoudre les problèmes, pour répondre aux besoins d'un membre ou d'une communauté, etc.

### Stratégie

1. Au cours des six prochaines années, toutes les paroisses devraient avoir leur propre conseil ou être dotées d'une association active de Marshalliens. L'Ordre doit s'enraciner dans une paroisse et nous devrions nous rendre très utile dans nos Paroisses et Diocèses. A notre plus haut niveau, nous devons, comme Ordre, nous identifier avec les importants défis et les besoins des Conférences Episcopales.
2. Tous les Marshalliens doivent agir en tant que coordinateurs des membres de la paroisse dans laquelle nous nous trouvons et chercher activement à convaincre des catholiques ingénieux et bien intentionnés de rejoindre l'Ordre. S'ils sont plus lourds au point que nous ne pouvons en supporter, nous devrions prendre leur nombre et faire en sorte que des Officiers supérieurs y travaillent. Chaque Marshallien doit chercher à gagner un nouveau frère chaque année!
3. Introduire une autre voie d'entrée pour les personnes âgées, mais très éminents catholiques qui, autrement, trouveront peu pratique pour commencer

comme 9e frère, exemple : catholique DG ou PDG etc. L'âge et le statut de ces personnalités certainement appellent à regarder de plus près leur conditions d'entrée puisque inévitablement, ils ne viseront pas la chaise de Grand Chevalier mais s'uniront pour faire équipe avec nous afin de respecter nos obligations sociétales de bienfaisances. Ceux qui, malgré le respect de ces critères, souhaiteraient passer par la formation sont les bienvenus. L'entrée de telles personnalités améliore sans aucun doute notre image publique et apporte des ressources pour réaliser notre agenda vis-à-vis de l'Église. Je demande fermement que nous lui donnons une attention urgente en ligne avec la nouvelle ligne d'évangélisation que nous poursuivons et que notre équipe de coordination se charge d'élaborer les modalités que nous discuterons lors de notre prochaine réunion du Comité Permanent.

### **Approfondissement de notre spiritualité**

Nous allons réintroduire les réflexions spirituelles mensuelles dont nous avons jusqu'ici bénéficié lors des sessions des Conseils. Dans le même esprit, nous publierons des thèmes mensuels avec l'aide de nos aumôniers afin d'aider tous les conseils à lancer cet exercice mensuel lors des réunions du conseil de janvier 2020. Cet exercice de 15 minutes sera dirigé par nos aumôniers. Nous veillerons à ce que des exemplaires des livres de prières au quotidien soient distribués à tous les membres du comité permanent et aux grands chevaliers et il vous est demandé de demander à vos aumôniers ou à vos curés de vous guider dans leur utilisation. Ceci, mes frères, est peut être un moyen de répondre à l'appel à la sainteté lancé par le Saint-Père

dans son exhortation apostolique, *Gaudate et Exsultate*.

Nous encourageons tous les Chevaliers à introduire des prières quotidiennes du soir dans leurs familles si cela n'est pas déjà fait et à s'assurer que cela fait partie des activités de la famille en tant que catholiques. Restez simple et fixez-vous une heure régulière tous les jours. Beaucoup d'entre nous ont bénéficié de grâces sans lien avec aucune de nos œuvres parce que nous étions issus de familles de prière et que nous ne devrions pas laisser cette forte vertu catholique être perdue pour nos jeunes.

Dans la dynamique de ce thème, nous continuerons à donner une impulsion forte à la béatification de Mr James Marshall, qui, bien que présentant un intérêt immédiat pour les Marshalliens, est en fait national puisqu'il a littéralement amené le catholicisme sur les côtes difficiles du Ghana, en Afrique de l'Ouest. La Grande Dame et moi en consultation avec le directeur suprême ordonne que nous allons d'ici célébrer le 16 Octobre, le jour où notre directeur suprême et curé de la paroisse de Sainte - Marie - Madeleine, Mortlake ont retrouvé le lieu où se trouve le tombeau de Sir James Marshall, comme JOURNÉ COMMÉMORATIVE au cours de laquelle tous les Conseils et les Cours organiseront des messes en souvenir de cette grande personnalité de l'histoire de notre Église ici en Afrique de l'Ouest. Le 16 e Octobre de cette année par la grâce de Dieu la Grande Dame et moi seront avec les frères et sœurs du Royaume - Uni pour célébrer la première journée MEMORIALE à Mortlake. Nous pro-



posons qu'une fois pendant le mandat de chaque Chevalier Suprême et Grande Dame, ils rejoignent nos frères et sœurs dans la célébration annuelle à Mortlake et déposent des germes de fleurs sur sa tombe, en invitant le monde catholique et en particulier les Chevaliers de Saint Colombus à nous rejoindre pour prier pour la béatification de Sir James Marshall. Cela devrait renforcer davantage notre soutien spirituel à la canonisation de Sir James Marshall, plutôt que d'essayer de transférer sa dépouille mortelle au Ghana.

### Relations fraternelles

Depuis que les Chevaliers de Marshall sont devenus le 14ème membre de l'Alliance Internationale des Chevaliers Catholiques, à ce jour, nous sommes quatre membres africains dans ce Conseil International ; je propose donc que nous renforçons les liens dans le groupe africain, puisque nous sommes susceptibles d'avoir des défis connexes plus proches face à la communion ici et donc en unissant nos Ordres, nous pourrions avoir un plus grand impact que celui que nous avons individuellement. Je souhaite donc défier le Chevalier Suprême de St. Mulumba et son équipe présente ici de ne pas faire de cette visite spéciale la dernière du genre, mais d'entretenir ce lien en ayant un projet historique ici et d'ouvrir leurs portes pour nous à des participations régulières à des réunions de ce genre au Nigeria.

J'ai été en pourparlers avec les Chevaliers de Da Gama sur la façon dont ils gèrent leur programme d'investissement, Knights Insurance Brokerage (KIB) en Afrique du Sud avec le soutien des Sirs Chevaliers Frères Sam Barnes et Derx Baffour et ils nous ont guidés dans la mise en place des

bases d'une entreprise de courtage similaire tirant parti de nos chiffres et raffermissant nos potentialités pour posséder une entreprise d'assurance. Nous avons mis en place un comité pour exécuter ce programme.

Je crois qu'avec ces collaborations, nous deviendrons plus engagés et aurons plus de bases communes de collaboration entre ces Ordres africains et finirons aussi par atteindre nos Frères des Ss Pierre et Paul en Gambie.

Nous entendons avoir une relation plus étroite et plus forte avec nos Conférences épiscopales et, conformément à cela, l'équipe des Relations fraternelles est chargée de collaborer avec les Grands Chevaliers d'Etat et le Secrétaire Suprême pour la direction de l'Ordre, à connaître le calendrier et les programmes des Conférences afin que nous puissions nous assurer que nos membres collaborent efficacement au nom de l'Ordre et individuellement avec les Conférences. Ici au Ghana, notre Conférence est prévue du 8 au 17 novembre 2019 à Cape-Coast et nous attendons à y marquer notre présence. Puisque nous projetons d'avoir une aumônerie très active soutenant nos Conseils et Cours, c'est notre prière que nos Evêques fassent appel aux prêtres pour nous guider dans notre cheminement spirituel dans l'Ordre afin que nous continuions à soutenir nos Séminaires qui, selon nos informations, deviennent de plus en plus coûteux à gérer.

Notre fraternité doit d'abord être appréciée par nos propres membres, c'est pourquoi nous allons promouvoir le programme de jumelage proposé par notre équipe de coordination des membres et

approuvé par notre Comité de mise en œuvre du Plan stratégique et veillerons à ce que les conseils et les Cours forts soient jumelés avec les plus faibles ou les plus défavorisés et créant ainsi des synergies pour le bien général de l'Ordre. Les frères et sœurs plus âgés et défavorisés doivent être la préoccupation de tous les membres de l'Ordre en général afin que nous n'ayons pas de très hautes montagnes et des vallées profondes dans le même terrain de jeu, mais plutôt un terrain commun élevé pour jouer le jeu de la vie. Les Écritures Saints disent ce que vous avez fait au moindre de mes frères, vous me l'avez fait à moi.

### **Renforcer notre muscle financier**

Au fil des ans, grâce à des programmes prospectifs, nous avons divers portefeuilles d'investissement que nous avons parfois sous-évalués ou même minés. Cependant, en tant que dirigeants des laïcs et hommes et femmes formés après la bonne action de Sir James Marshall, nous ne pouvons que soutenir l'Église avec nos finances, mais nous ne pouvons pas donner ce que nous n'avons pas. C'est pourquoi nous devons tous nous rallier vers les divers instruments de placement que l'Ordre a adoptés jusqu'à présent : Masif (Marshallan Savings and Investment Fund), qui est un outil ingénieux de génération de capital sur lequel de grands investissements peuvent être réalisés au nom de l'Ordre dans un avenir très proche et facilite la résolution des responsabilités personnelles de l'Ordre au-delà de sa période d'emploi; MST (Marshallan Security Trust), un outil conçu pour stimuler la culture d'épargne et la création de fonds disponibles facilement accessibles aux membres en cas de besoin. Le Conseil suprême et la Grande Cour sont déjà des investisseurs majeurs dans Masif avec des conseils régionaux

et adultes ont également alloué une part importante. Je prie pour que, puisque les deux portefeuilles dépendent du nombre d'investisseurs, tous les Marshalliens, les Frères et les Sœurs, mettent sérieusement leur investissement ponctuels dans Masif et voient leur argent croître en créant un fond croissant pour les soutenir et répondre aux besoins de bienfaisance de la société sans stress et aussi pour mettre de côté des fonds inutilisés chaque mois dans MST en créant un filet de sécurité financière pour eux-mêmes et leurs familles.

Actuellement, entre les deux fonds, nous avons une valeur de XXXX..... et nous nous attendons à croître géométriquement au cours des deux prochaines années puisque nous augmenterons le soutien marketing aux comités qui manipulent ces fonds.

L'Ordre Noble s'inspirera également des bons antécédents de notre Ordre apparenté, les Chevaliers de da Gama et établira une entité de courtage pour assurer la liaison entre nos membres et les compagnies d'assurance dans le pays. Il visera à obtenir de bonnes affaires pour les Frères et Sœurs et à faire des gains qui seront assurés au nom de l'Ordre. Ainsi, tant que nos membres prendront des assurances, l'Ordre devrait réaliser des gains modestes et, par conséquent, constituer des capitaux à d'autres fins d'investissement pour le bien de l'Ordre. Un Comité dirigé par le Frère Stephen Amegatse du Conseil 48, Mamprobi-Accra, un banquier renommé avec de nombreuses années d'expérience à la Banque du Ghana sera chargé de promouvoir le bon début de l'entreprise, en assurant la transparence, la gestion efficace, l'utilisation appropriée des outils informatiques et l'investissement approprié des fonds qui en découlent.

En Prenant la parole devant cette auguste assemblée, le Sir Chevalier Frère Kantinka Kwabena Donkoh Fordworh basé sur sa propre expérience a encouragé le Noble Ordre d'investir dans la plantation du teck ; selon lui ce serait le meilleur moyen de résoudre le besoin éternel de demander des contributions financières des frères pour répondre aux besoins urgents mais charitables des membres et de la société en général. Nous n'avons pas réagi à ce moment-là et le refus de suivre la brillante idée de notre expert en finance l'a vraiment blessé. Cependant, bien des années plus tard, le 31e Chevalier Suprême, le Sir Chevalier Frère Ernest Amoako Arhen, par la providence du Tout-Puissant, réalisa ce rêve bien qu'il fût reçu avec peu de foi par certains d'entre nous. C'était dans sa quête de mettre l'Ordre dans un mode d'investissement comme prélude à la collecte de fonds pour exécuter une célébration réussie du centenaire. Cela l'a conduit à rencontrer des chefs dans les zones de la forêt tropicale de la région de l'Ouest pour le début de l'investissement modeste dans une plantation de caoutchouc. La nouvelle administration adhère pleinement à cette vision et prendra donc des mesures pour faire passer la superficie actuelle de 35 à 100 ares. En conséquence, un comité de gestion sera mis en place avec des professionnels et des Frères intéressés possédant l'expertise appropriée en agrobusiness, avec des modalités spécifiques pour faire en sorte que l'Ordre fasse une vache à lait de cet investissement.

### **L'aile jeunesse de l'Ordre.**

Pour comprendre que notre Ordre a un avenir, il faut suivre la croissance et le développement de l'Ordre Junior. Au cours des 10 dernières années, le nombre

de Junior Council & Courts est passé de 60 à 112 et au cours des 4 dernières années, Cette croissance a été phénoménale, ce qui indique un afflux potentiellement important de juniors matures dans les Conseils et Cours pour adultes dans un proche avenir. Quelques années plus tard, nous avons essayé de séparer les juniors des institutions tertiaires des autres. Toutefois, cette segmentation n'a pas été efficace pour améliorer leur formation et leur transition vers les Conseils et les Cours pour adultes. Après une large consultation, nous projetons de fusionner la direction de l'Aile Jeunesse pour que les deux travaillent ensemble sous un même toit pour la réalisation effective de la formation que nous entendons pour les Juniors.

Nous désignerons d'autres Coordinateurs des Jeunes responsables des établissements d'enseignement supérieur qui seront chargés de la collecte des Juniors dans des zones particulières pour assurer que les membres juniors qui s'inscrivent dans des établissements d'enseignement supérieur au sein de leurs zones continuent à fraterniser au sein des Conseils et Cours Junior les plus proches d'eux. Cela ne les séparera pas mais fera partie de la formation approuvée pour les juniors. Ces coordonnateurs organiseront des activités pour eux sur leur campus et suivront leurs activités au sein des aumôneries catholiques en veillant à ce qu'ils participent activement aux activités de la jeunesse de l'église. Ces coordonnateurs aideront le coordonnateur suprême adjoint de la jeunesse (tertiaire) et le coordonnateur de la jeunesse des grands cours (tertiaire) à s'acquitter de leur mandat devant le Conseil Suprême et la Grande Cour.

Nous espérons que cela permettra de renforcer le front des jeunes et d'accroître le mentorat et la motivation. N'oublions pas qu'à l'âge de 16 ans, 17 ans, nos enfants entrent dans les établissements d'enseignement supérieur et qu'ils font donc toujours partie de nos juniors réguliers.

### **Utilisation efficace des TI pour l'avancement de l'Ordre.**

Étant donné que, en tant que société moderne, nous n'osons pas tenter de fonctionner sans utiliser efficacement les outils des TIC, nous donnerons à l'équipe des TI du Conseil Suprême et de la Grande Cour le pouvoir de travailler avec leurs équipes régionales pour veiller à ce que nous soyons effectivement informatisés dans les grandes et les opérations sensibles de l'Ordre au cours des deux prochaines années.

Tous les Grands Chevaliers régionaux sont donc enjointes d'assurer la liaison avec leurs homologues Dames pour organiser des sessions de formation pour les responsables informatiques, Secrétaires, secrétaires des finances et autres agents sur l'utilisation du MIMS et d'autres outils nécessaires à leur fonction à l'avenir. L'officier suprême de la TI affectera des équipes pour aider à ces séances de formation le plus tôt possible. Je suis certain que l'utilisation de ces outils permettra de régler la plupart des problèmes liés à la gestion de l'information des confrères et consœurs, aux transactions financières et à d'autres questions de documentation connexes et de réduire immédiatement à zéro les paiements non identifiés.

À partir d'aujourd'hui, vous pouvez tous joindre le Chevalier Suprême par l'adresse électronique officielle du Conseil

Suprême [supremecouncil@marshallan.org](mailto:supremecouncil@marshallan.org) et les courriels directs de mon bureau doivent être envoyés par l'adresse courriel [supremeknight@marshallan.org](mailto:supremeknight@marshallan.org) avec utilisation immédiate. J'ai confiance que mes successeurs auront ainsi toute la correspondance émanant de ce bureau pour leur action puisque cette adresse email sera permanente.

### **Donner à nos gardes un rôle central.**

Depuis que nous avons présenté nos robes de cérémonie et commencé à utiliser nos gardes dans les défilés et les gardes d'honneur, il est devenu impératif que nous leur accordions une attention élevée pour s'assurer que ce que nous voulons qu'ils fassent est fait presque à la perfection et C'est pourquoi notre utilisation publique ou extérieure des Gardes se fait avec une certaine finesse et une norme établie.

Nous avons donc l'intention d'organiser les Gardes et les Sentinelles et d'institutionnaliser leurs activités de plein air à travers l'Ordre avec le soutien de la Garde Suprême et de son équipe. Je demande donc encore une fois l'appui des Grands Chevaliers régionaux et des Nobles Dames régionales pour faciliter les activités des Gardes et des Sentinelles lors de ces séances d'entraînement commenceront.

### **Conclusion**

Je profite de cette occasion pour remercier tous les frères Marshalliens pour cet honneur qui m'a été fait et je m'engage à être là pour vous tous et à imiter la conduite servante dont nous avons été témoins en Jésus-Christ. Marchons sur le chemin qu'Il a tracé et laissons ceux qui le veulent, suivre.

Je tiens à souligner le travail acharné des membres de mon comité d'organisation de mon investiture, sous la direction de Sir Chevalier Frère Albert Salia, pour l'énorme soutien qu'ils m'ont accordé. J'ai une dette de gratitude envers les Sir Chevaliers frères Derx Baffour, Ekow Paintsil, Amoako Arhen et Dzigbodi Adjiman qui m'ont accordé l'opportunité de me prouver. Plusieurs d'entre eux ont soutenu financièrement l'organisation de mon investiture, aussi bien avec leurs idées et prières. Cependant ils veulent rester anonymes. Je demande donc la bénédiction du Seigneur Tout-Puissant sur eux et leurs familles. Je remercie à nouveau l'équipe d'Investiture pour la beauté de leur performance et

je désire ardemment la Grace du Tout-Puissant pour me guider dans chacune de mes étapes et de mes déclarations.

Au nom des Conseils et Cours Régionaux de Bono et Ahafo, je vous remercie tous de nous avoir donné notre premier Chevalier Suprême !

Vive l'Ordre Noble,  
Vive la Sainte Mère Église catholique  
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

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## PART II

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### Installation Banquet

14•09•2019 | Supreme Council Banquet Hall, Sekondi

- i. Opening Prayer
- ii. Welcome and Acknowledgements
- iii. Serving of drinks | Music by Band
- iv. Popping of Champagne
- v. Proposal of Toast to the Church and the New Administration
- vi. Response to the Toast
- vii. Serving of Food | Background Music
- viii. Cutting of Cake
- ix. Opening Dance - SK and GL
- x. Dance | Dance | Dance
- xi. Vote of Thanks - DSK
- xii. Closing Prayer

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**Holy Mass**

15•09•2019 | Star of the Sea Cathedral, Takoradi

- i. **Clergy:**
    - Most Rev Philip Naameh, President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference
    - Most Rev John Bonaventure Kwofie, Archbishop of Accra
    - Most Rev Dr Tamba Charles, Archbishop of Freetown, Sierra Leone
    - Most Rev Joseph Osei-Bonsu, Supreme Spiritual Director and Bishop of Konongo - Mampong
  - ii. Time: 8.30 AM
  - iii. Attire: Full Regalia
  - iv. Departure
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**MCs :**

 W/Bro Constantine Kudzedzi & W/Bro Dr Dr Samuel Boadi-Kusi
 

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 PART III
 

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**Supreme Knight's Thanksgiving & Mega Black Tie Dinner**

 26•10•2019 | Eusbett International Conference Centre | 6pm prompt
 

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 PART IV
 

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**Thanksgiving Mass**

27•10•2019 | Christ The King Cathedral, Sunyani | 8:30 am

- i. 8:30 am - Parade by Junior Order & Inspecting of Guard of Honor
- ii. Principal Celebrant:
- iii. Con-Celebrants
- iv. 9:15 am – Entrance Procession
- v. Mass
- vi. Remarks by SK
- vii. Presentation of Gift to the Church
- viii. Blessing of New Administration by Celebrant
- ix. Recession 11:30 am
- x. Photo Session



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## GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

We, the members of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (GCBC) wish to congratulate you on this memorable occasion of your Installation as the 33rd Supreme Knight of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall.

You were initiated into the Noble Order some 23 years ago as part of the founding members of Council 65, Techiman and rose through the ranks to become the Supreme Knight. Over these years, your commitment to the good of the Order knew no bounds and this was evident in the roles you played in the Noble Order.

Sir Knight Bro. Cobb, as you take up this leadership position as the Supreme Knight of the Noble Order, you have the onerous duty to promote the Vision and Mission of the Founding Founders, following in the steps of your predecessors. We, your Bishops do not have any doubt that you possess the necessary qualities required to raise the image of the Noble Order of Marshall to greater heights.

It is our expectation that you will continue to champion the activities of the Noble Order that are geared towards the formation of members in line with the teachings of the Universal Church. To this effect, we urge you and your team of Officers to continue to encourage members of the Noble Order to study passionately all recent Papal Encyclicals and Exhortations as you did with *Laudato Si and Amoris Laetitia*; as well as Communiqués from the GCBC. We believe this will help reaffirm the Church's stance on topical issues such as the value of the traditional family, consisting of husband and wife and children as against the ideology of same sex partnerships. In this way, you would be promoting the culture of life and respect for the natural order in a world where anti-life ideologies are on the increase.

May your vision for the Noble Order during your tenure of office lead to the expansion of the Order to other territories and the growth of the Catholic Church in Ghana and beyond.

We pray that through the help of God, the intercession of Mary our Mother and St. Joseph her husband, you will be able to discharge your mandate faithfully and successfully.

Once again, we say Congratulations! Long live the Noble Order of Marshall!

Long live the Catholic Church!

**MOST REV. PHILIP NAAMEH**  
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TAMALE &  
PRESIDENT, GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE



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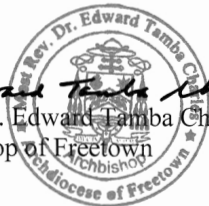
### **Goodwill Message to the Knights of Marshall on the Occasion of the Installation of Mr. Charles Cobb as Supreme Knight**

I wish to congratulate the entire membership of the Knights of Marshall as they gather to formally install their new Supreme Knight in the person of Sir Knight Bro. Charles Cobb. I should also congratulate Bro. Cobb as he assumes the highest position of leadership in the Order.

Bro. Cobb has risen through the ranks of the Knights of Marshall and has gained a lot of experience from them. Therefore, I am very sure that he has imbibed the spirit and the values of the Order. We can therefore assume that, in his new position as Supreme Knight, he will safely guide the Order to higher heights, while ensuring fidelity to the vision of the Founding Fathers of the fraternity. This is very important, especially as the Knights of Marshall are breaking new grounds by way of establishing presence in new territories in the West African sub-region and beyond.

Once more, I congratulate Bro. Cobb on his installation as Supreme Knight, and I assure him of my continuous prayers for God's blessing and protection in his new office.

  
Most Rev. Edward Tamba Charles  
Archbishop of Freetown







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Dear Brother Charles,

I am delighted to learn that you have been elected to the Office of Supreme Knight of your Order. This is an honour that is given to only a few. But, of course, with honour comes service and responsibility.

The Knights of Marshall play a very important role in the life of the Church in Ghana and indeed in social life in many ways. Your Order has a long history of service to the Church. Your ten stated Aims and Objectives touch on every aspect of life ranging from loyalty and fidelity to the State and leadership, to Education and Charity.

It is now your responsibility to maintain and further these objectives in a world that is increasingly materialistic and individualistic. I pray that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will support and sustain you in your important work as leader of your great Order.

Many Congratulations,

Niall M. Kennedy KCSG  
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**Congratulatory Message**  
**To Sir. Kt. Bro Charles Cobb,**  
**The 33rd Supreme Knight**  
**of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall**

The Committee of Past Grand Ladies, Officers and Sisters of the Grand Court most sincerely congratulate you on your installation as the 33rd Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall.

We pledge our support and look forward to productive cooperation and collaboration between the Grand Court and Supreme Council.

May our Heavenly Father through the intercession of our patron Blessed Virgin Mary guide you in all your endeavors and may our bond grow stronger during your tenure as Supreme Knight.

MRL Sis. Dame Dr. Agatha Bonney  
GL: For and on behalf of the Grand Court of the  
Noble Order of the Ladies of Marshall.

## Goodwill message to Worthy Brother Charles Cobb

On Occasion of his installation as the Supreme Knight of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall, September, 2019 from

**Dr Joseph Arko,**

*President of the Regional Council of the Laity in West Arica (RCLWA)*

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I wish to extend to you the warm felicitations of the laity of the Catholic Church in the region of West Africa on the occasion of your installation as the Supreme Knight of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall. The leadership of the laity council in West Africa wish you well, and express their happiness at your accession to this respected position among the laity in the sub-region, and we all hope that you will fare well in the seat of honour you are now about to occupy.

As you may well note, we have all noted your achievements within the ranks of the Knights of Marshall, most especially with your recent appointment as Supreme Propagandist, and how your tenureship led to the opening of several new Councils and Regional Councils, and how this has led to the expansion of the Noble Order within the ranks of the Catholic faithful. It has also not gone unnoticed the support you were able to give to your immediate predecessor Sir Knight Brother Ambrose Yennah, in the reforms he undertook to accomplish within the order. We were delighted with the successful Re-Union that was organised in July 2018, and the new energy it impacted on brothers and sisters lay evangelizers, and also with the work done to improve the image of the noble order, with interactions with the National Bishops' Conference and with the Apostolic Nuncio.

As a regional body, mandated by the Bishops in West Africa to coordinate all individual and group efforts at the lay apostolate, the regional laity council finds the Noble Order of Knights of Marshall a crucial partner and collaborator. We are pleased with efforts being made by the order to properly catechise junior Marshallans, and the emphasis given by the Order to the training of its members in its Catholic tenets. We are pleased with this attempt to help Catholic lay people grow and mature in their Christian experience along authentic ways of the Catholic and Apostolic Church. We have always talked about what the noble order could bring to the table at the gathering of the Catholic laity. We have always had very high hopes and expectations. We believe that your accession to the leadership of the noble order will lend even more support to the high level of participation of the Order in the affairs of the laity councils, where we have always desired that brothers and sisters of the Order will set the pace and show the way.

We wish at this juncture to express our inimitable support to you, Worthy Brother Charles Cobb, as you take over the mantle of leadership of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall. May the Virgin Lady, Mother of Perpetual Succour, always be your guide.

**Congratulatory Message To Incoming Substantive Supreme Knight Elect;  
W/Bro Charles L. L. Cobb**

**By Sir Kt. Bro. Prof. Dr. Dr. Sir G. W. Brobby (COV)**

As the Supreme Council Representative to the 2010 Regional Conference of the erstwhile Brong Ahafo Regional Conference I installed Worthy Bro Charles Cobb as Regional Grand Knight then I met him officially at his first meeting at the Supreme Council after his election as the Regional Grand Knight as a Supreme Councilor. On his presentation of his regional report to the Supreme Council, Charles attracted my observation as a man who was sharply focused with distinct vision. He reminded me of an anonymous philosopher of international repute who wrote about the secret of success and I quote:

“Success does not come by reading or memorizing some of the principles that lead to success. The total secret of success is hidden in the words Persistence and Resistance all out on what you believe in and resisting all negative attraction that will draw you from success.”

Charles you have demonstrated beyond every iota of doubt that you have acquired the secret of success and God has bestowed His kindness and shown His divine and good countenance upon you.

God has given you the burning touch to lead so that the world will see the beauty of our Holy mother the Catholic Church.

Charles or better still Substantive Sir Kt. Charles Cobb, I know that you strongly believe in the words

“UBI CHARITAS ET AMOR DEUS IBI EST-

WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE THERE IS GOD”

You are now the first among equal “PRIMUS INTER PARIS” GOD WILL GUIDE YOU AND PROTECT YOU.

May your reign as Substantive Supreme Knight of Knights of Marshall (International) bring SUCCESS, PROSPERITY, LOVE and BLESSINGS to all.

MAY GOD GUIDE AND PROTECT YOU

AD MAJOREM GRORIA DEI

AD MULTOS ANNOS VIVAT

# MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

## By Br Colin Walsh

Hello Br Charles,

I congratulate you on your election as Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall.

It is a great honour to be elected as the Supreme Knight but it also carries with it a great responsibility in leading your Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall.

Having met you in Ghana I know you have the skills and desire to lead your Brothers along the path of achieving great work for our fellow man and continue the 94 year proud history of your Noble order.

Founded in memory of Sir James Marshall it is a great opportunity to lead your fellow Brothers in following and continuing the works and ideals of Sir James.

Sir James as you know played significant role in enhancing the growth of the Church in West Africa.

I know you will support without question His Holiness Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Priests and Clergy in all Countries that the Knights of Marshall exist.

Also please pass on my warmest greetings to the ladies of Marshall.

Finally I hope you have a lovely day on the day of your installation, and I wish you every success as you lead your Order in the Service of Our Lord.

Yours in Christ.

Br Colin Walsh  
President, International Alliance of Catholic Knights

## Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen's Congratulatory Message to Supreme Knight

As you transition into this new phase, we ask for God's infinite mercy and blessings upon you and the family. Your devotion and dedication over the years has propelled you into this enviable position.

Now is the time to share the vast knowledge and training you have acquired over the years for the benefit of the Noble Order, the Holy Mother the Catholic Church and humanity.

The journey together will be achieved.

if you can work to improve upon discipline in the Noble Order

If our motto of Unity, Charity and Fraternity will be practiced fairly by all

if we will be each other's keeper and tolerate one another.

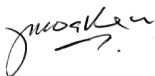
The Noble Order needs to be self-reliant, and I trust that the initiatives and interventions you bring on board will enhance our transformation into the next Century.

I pray that you will be guided by the vision of the Noble Order premised on *"a committed and knowledgeable Catholic men and women imbued with unalloyed Catholic faith and ever determined to play our individual and group roles in the highest level towards the realization of the Universal Sacrament of Salvation, "Universallis Sacramentum"*

May God's grace, favour, peace and wisdom guide you to accomplish the task ahead and may the Risen Christ continue to watch over you.

In the name of the family, we wish to congratulate you on this enviable journey

God Bless You.



Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen  
Deputy President  
International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK)

## A GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE INCOMING SUPREME KNIGHT OF KNIGHTS OF MARSHALL GHANA.

It is indeed with profound joy and warmth that I, Sir Diamond Ovueraye KSM, the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Saint Mulumba Nigeria (KSM), on behalf of The Supreme Executive Board (SEB) and entire family of the Knights and Ladies of St. Mulumba Nigeria, rejoice with the incoming Supreme Knight of Knights of Marshall Ghana, Sir KT Bro. Charles Cobb, on his impending installation as the 33rd Supreme Knight, 2019 – 2021.

We are aware of the giant strides of the Knights of Marshall Ghana since its formation in 1926 and the proud history of achievement and deliverables to various communities, the Church and the Ghanaian State. The Knights of Marshall also do have a great tradition of enthroning great leaders who have worked assiduously and with great vision and care to nurture and grow the Order.


The harvest has always been rich and at no better time has the Church and indeed society, needed visionary leaders whose hands remain permanently and firmly on the plough. Your new position today is evidence of your selfless and committed evangelisation effort as you helped to achieve a phenomenal increase in the number of adult Councils, even beyond the shores of Ghana, which earned you the most successful Supreme propagandist. You had earlier served as a member of the standing committee of the Supreme Council and as the Regional Grand Knight of the then Brong Ahafo Regional Council. In 2017, you were elected as Deputy Supreme Knight after a rather remarkable performance as Assistant Supreme Propagandist.

Today, my Brother Supreme Knight marks another epoch as it offers a unique opportunity for me to extend my hands of fellowship to you and by extension, the Knights and ladies of Marshall Ghana, in the area of collaboration. We must draw on our unique local experiences, bringing them to impact on our faith, the Church and our society. We must seek to find solutions to worrisome issues of Prolife, the ravaging menace of drug abuse among our youth, human trafficking and the degradation of the dignity of human life, issues of terrorism and its effects on our faith, the migration of our youth to other denominations, the degenerating family values and other intractable challenges affecting the Church today. Needless to say that these challenges and others, have placed a huge burden on all our shoulders and must be confronted frontally, without equivocation, if we are to be successful evangelisers and contribute in building a just, equitable and egalitarian society – a society with the fear of God.

We are well convinced and very confident that your varied experience and obvious buoyant enthusiasm in matters relating to the Order and other spheres of life, will no doubt serve you well in furthering and deepening the cause of the Knights of Marshall Ghana and indeed, the mother Church.

Once again, accept our congratulations and best wishes for a resoundingly successful tenure.

Yours Fraternally,



**Sir Diamond Ovueraye, KSM**  
**Supreme Knight.**  
**Knights of St. Mulumba Nigeria**

## GRAND LADY'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

### MRL Dame Dr. Sis Agatha Bonney

Congratulations, my dear Brother and “Counterpart” as you attain the pinnacle of your membership of the Noble Order of Knights of Marshall- the 33rd Supreme Knight! This is the result of your many years of selfless service to the Noble Order.

May the good and gracious Lord grant you boundless humility, wisdom, good health and the courage to move our Noble Order to greater heights. I pray that your able leadership will help reduce drastically, the many obstacles in our intertwined paths as Supreme Knight and Grand Lady. May the good Lord also grant you a renewed spirit of selflessness so that together, we can work as Grand Lady and Supreme Knight to greatly improve our image and visibility as the foremost society of the Church in Ghana and beyond!

Finally, may the spirit of fortitude, tenacity and perseverance of our founding fathers spur you on as you work to attain the vision you aspire to achieve as Supreme Knight.

Sincerely,  
MRL Dame Dr. Sis Agatha Bonney, GL



## STATE GRAND KNIGHT- Togo/Benin GOODWILL MESSAGE

Supreme Knight Charles Cobb!

On this day you are invested as Supreme Knight of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall, I like to remind you Peter's triple investitures by Jesus in response to the triple professions of attachment of Peter in his person (Jn. 21:15-17).

We know your attachment to the Noble Order of Marshall, so lead it by loving all brothers in fairness and with gentleness.

May the Lord grant you his spirit of wisdom during your tenure.

Signed  
Marc Etsri Kpotogbey-Maku  
STATE GRAND KNIGHT- Togo/Benin

## GOODWILL MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure, Charles that I write to congratulate you on your installation as the 33rd Supreme Knight of our great Order.

You deserve the meteoric rise, given your exemplary commitment to the cause of the Order. You have confirmed the age-old aphorism that hard work rewards itself.

May the good Lord who has brought you this far continue to guard, guide, protect and strengthen you to so perform as to bring honor to yourself and the Noble Order and may His name be praised.

Once again CONGRATULATIONS!!

Sir Kt David D. Dumfeh

## MESSAGE

**du Sir Chevalier Frère Cyrille ATTIOGBE**  
**Immédiat Passé Grand Chevalier d'Etat**  
**TOGO / BENIN / COTE D'IVOIRE**

**Au**

**Sir Chevalier Frère Charles COBB**  
**Chevalier Suprême**

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Sir Chevalier Frère,

Votre installation comme 33<sup>ème</sup> Chevalier Suprême du Noble Ordre des Chevaliers de MARSHALL, m'offre l'opportunité d'exprimer mes profondes gratitude à Dieu Tout Puissant pour ses bénédictions sur vous.

Je saisi l'occasion solennelle pour vous adresser mes chaleureuses félicitations. Vos tâches sont lourdes ; ainsi nous prions le Seigneur par l'Esprit Saint d'enrichir et de fortifier votre mandat.

Soyez rassurer Sir Chevalier Frère, mon ami bien aimé, que vous trouverez auprès de moi les concours nécessaires pour l'évolution de notre Noble Ordre dans l'Etat TOGO / BENIN / COTE D'IVOIRE. Daigne le Seigneur vous bénir et vous donner une bonne santé tout au long de votre mandat.

**Sir Chevalier Frère Cyrille ATTIOGBE**  
**Immédiat Passé Grand Chevalier d'Etat.**  
**TOGO / BENIN / COTE D'IVOIRE.**

## Sir Knight Bro. Sir John Osei-Owusu GOODWILL MESSAGE

I feel much privileged to send this goodwill message to you, Worthy Bro. Charles Cobb, as you ascend the enviable and highest position as the Supreme Knight of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall.

It will not be out of place that I in particular submit this message. I initiated Worthy Brother Cobb into the Noble Order and again installed him as the Grand Knight for Council 65, Techiman. I know and admire the in-coming Supreme Knight very well. His track record of humility, dedication, faithfulness and exemplary leadership contributed immensely in shaping the Brong-Ahafo Regional Council when he was the Regional Grand Knight.

The three Regional Councils of Brong and Ahafo namely BA Central, BA North and BA South congratulate you for being the first in the regions to mount the highest office as a Supreme Knight. We are proud of you. May the good Lord protect, guide and bless you. May He give you wisdom, understanding, courage and strength to carry out your duties. I cherish and love you. God bless you.

Signed, Sir Knight Bro. Sir John Osei-Owusu, Council 29, Sunyani.

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE SIR KNIGHT BRO. CHARLES COBB

The period 2017 – 2021 is an historic one (for us up North) in the history of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall. For the first time two Brothers of northern extraction from the same Diocese (of Wa) exchanged the insignia of Supreme authority. Yes, it is God who appoints leaders at the time He does. Your shoulders are broad enough to carry the Supreme responsibility entrusted to you. He has ordained it, and will surely shower the grace and courage on you in the fulfillment of the mandate of the Supreme Office.

The advantages of the experience gained working close to two Supreme Knights on the duty tours as Supreme Propagandist, and another as Deputy Supreme Knight will surely be of great value in your undertakings.

My family and I warmly congratulate you on your elevation to the noble and enviable throne of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall.

May the word be a lamp for your feet, and a light for your Marshallan leadership path (Ps 119: 105). May the Lord bless and protect you.

Sir Knight Bro Charles Kunko and Family.

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE 33RD SUPREME KNIGHT, OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARSHALL

The harder you work for something; the greater your satisfaction when you achieve it.

I am so happy and excited for your success. Be proud of your hard work and achievement.

May today's installation be the beginning of greater things for you and the Noble Order.

Congratulations Sir Knight Bro. Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb.

## GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM SIR KNIGHT BROTHER KEN KUNFAH PSK.

There is the saying that “Hard work breaks no bones” The ultimate limit is the sky for those who know sacrifice and are always ready to push the frontiers of effort. In deed the name COBB has connotation to this saying.

Brother Charles Cobb has worked so hard as a Knight ever since he was elected to the position of Assistant Supreme Propagandist and later elevated to the rank of Supreme Propagandist. He passed the test of his hard work when so many Councils and Courts were consecrated during his tenure of office.

He served religiously under various Supreme Knights during his tenure of office as Propagandist now renamed Membership Coordinator in the Standing Committee of the Supreme Council and we are certain he proved his mettle in the eye of the Cabinet and members of the Standing Committee. No doubt, he was unanimously elected to the high office of Deputy Supreme Knight when the opportunity offered itself.

I pray that the entire Marshallese world join hands in supporting him achieve even greater feats as a Supreme Knight. We are certain he will be a worthy Ambassador of the people of his region who have yearned for a Supreme Knight for so long. We ask that the Lord who has started using him this far will guide him and bless him with success in his new office.

Long live the Noble Order of Knights of Marshall.

Sir Knight Bro Ken Kunfah & Family  
Wa.

## **GOODWILL AND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SIR KT BR DANIEL YOHO, PSK. Wa North Regional Council**

Dear Supreme Knight, SIR KT BR CHARLES LIEBER LEBENONE COBB,

On the memorable occasion of your ascendancy and Installation as the 33rd Supreme Knight of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall, I respectfully salute, congratulate and welcome you to the very high Office of Supreme Knight. Well done, LIEBER LEBENONE. To God be the highest honour and glory.

Your father's greatest desire and prayer, throughout his life, as he often confided in me, was to see you grow up to be a good, God-fearing,, industrious and astute LEADER. As a well-known lifetime bosom friend of your late father, duly and conscientiously, attest and acclaim that you have both fulfilled as well as actually accomplished your father's greatest desire.... indeed, a manifestation of God's will and an answer to your father's prayer. Expectedly, SIR KT BRO LAWRENCE COBB, a Retired Chief Inspector of Police, now of blessed memory, would have loved to witness your installation as a Substantive Supreme Knight. Having thus attained this great height in leadership, at your ripe age, now, WHAT NEXT THEN, SIR KT BR CHARLES COBB? You have to emulate, at least, two of your father's lifetime principles, viz,

1. LEADERSHIP BY GOOD EXAMPLE
2. SERVICE WITH HUMILITY.

It is now time for you to prove your leadership capabilities and your true worth BY YOUR WORD OF HONOUR AND BY DEEDS THAT ARE NOBLE AND GRAND. With the LEGACY of your Predecessors, the active support and guidance of the Hierarchy, the loyalty and supportive prayers of the membership of the Noble Order, together with the guidance and care of the Church leadership and the Laity of our Mother, the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, and, hopefully, other relevant Collaborators, now, at your disposal, it is my hope, prayer and expectation, like all other Marshallans, that you will resolutely aspire to move the Noble Order to greater heights of success, and, IN PARTICULAR, LAY GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE ACTUALIZATION OF THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT ASPECT OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NOBLE ORDER, AT A TIME THE ORDER HAS EXPANDED AND IS YET STEADILY EXPANDING.

May God guide, protect, empower, and journey with you during and beyond your tenure of Office, as we pray for you. May the Blessed Ever Virgin MARY, the Mother of God and our Mother, help you.

**CONGRATULATIONS, SIR KT BRO CHARLES COBB.  
FROM A LIFE LONG BOSOM FRIEND OF LATE SIR KT BRO LAWRENCE COBB, PSK.**

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Accept my heartiest congratulations on this auspicious day for the Knights of Marshall. Your Installation as the 33rd Supreme Knight gladdens my heart since with confidence, I foresee that the Noble Order would continue to shine even brighter under your leadership.

As believers, I urge you to be guided by the following verse from the Book of Proverbs 11:14 as you take up the leadership mantle: “where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory”. You are a Brother of action and I trust that under your leadership, the Noble Order would further impact on the evangelization mission of the Church.

Strive at all times to be a servant leader as our Lord and Saviour stated in Matt. 20:28 “the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve”.

May the Almighty God continue to guide your steps and enable you to tread the footprints of your predecessors trusting that after two years tenure, your imprint would be visible for all to see.

Once more, Congratulations!

Sir Kt Bro. Chief C. N. Kasei – Kamankpesi Wura., Council 27, Tamale

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### **Congratulations**

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God has blessed you with strength and ability that has taken you this far. You have done such a great jon along the way in earning such an enviable position in the Noble Order.

There will be more hurdles, but with Christ in the vessel, you will smile at the storm. May God continue to give you the needed strength, good health, wisdom, protection and guidance to sail through to the glory of His name.

We, as a family will continue to pray and stand by you and are proud of your achievements. Congratulations on the occasion of your enthronement as the 33rd Supreme Knight. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

*Wife and Children*

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE MOTHER COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL 65 – TECHIMAN**

“Bethlehem Ephratha you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you, I will bring a ruler for Israel,…” Micah Chapt 5 verse 2.

With these words from the Prophet Micah, your mother council (Council 65-Techiman) and Sister Court (Court 60- Techiman) congratulates you on your installation as the Supreme Knight.

Indeed no one ever dreamt that the name “Council 65-Techiman” would ever be written in glittering golden letters in the historical events of the Knights of Marshall at the Supreme Council Level. Your nomination to the position of Deputy Supreme Knight in 2017 and your subsequent installation as Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall has shot council 65 – Techiman to universal fame.

Your leadership qualities exhibited as Grand Knight Council 65 (2002), Brong Ahafo Regional Grand Knight (2010) Supreme Membership Co-ordinator (20..) still remain indelible in the annals of history.

Whiles congratulating you on your installation to the position of Supreme Knight and also sharing the joy associated to your new role, we equally wish to affirm the unflinching support of both Council 65 and Court 60- Techiman to you during your tenure of office.

May the almighty God be your guide and protector.



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 Bernard Adu Afram  
 Regional Secretary

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM SKT M.C.M. DALLUBAH OF**  
**COUNCIL 65 – TECHIMAN**

I share with you, your joy of being installed as the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall. I recall that when we were organizing the Knights of Marshall in Techiman, your showed interest in the fact that your dad was a Marshallan of the rank of the Honorary Past Supreme Knight and so you would thread his steps and achieve what he could not do for the order.

Truly after your initiation we saw your zeal for the Order hence when you were proposed as a candidate for the position of Deputy Grand Knight, the Council overwhelmingly voted for you. When your time was due to be installed as Grand Knight, you were equally promoted at your work place which saw your transfer to Accra. We doubted your ability to run the council from Accra. You proved us wrong as you were even regular and punctual than resident brothers.

Your interactions with other Councils at the Regional Advisory Board level made it very easy for you to win the Regional Deputy Grand Knight seat in 2002, which eventually paved the way for you to become Regional Grand Knight and Supreme Counsellor two years later.

With all your interaction with councils and your stewardship with a line of Supreme Knights, and as supreme Membership Co-ordinator of the Society, you never thought of alienating your ‘alma-mater’ Council 65-Techiman. Your physical attendance and commitments is undisputable. No wonder your present position in the Order. Your hard work and enthusiasm has earned it.

Whiles sharing your joy, I and my family congratulate you.

Skt. M.C.M Dallubah (PSK)  
 (Council 65-Techiman)

## REGIONAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARSHALL

### A. GHANA NAME

1. Western South 6 (1 Sekondi, 7 Half-Assini, 41 Axim, 83 Adiembra, 101 Takoradi, 114 Effiekuma)
2. Western North 5 (9 Tarkwa, 24 Sefwi-Wiawso, 73 Prestea, 91 Bibiani, 117 Bogoso)
3. Cape-Coast West 4 (8 Cape Coast, 11 Elmina, 75 Assin-Fosu, 84 Komenda)
4. Cape-Coast East 4 (2 Saltpond, 17 Winneba, 67 Agona Swedru, 110 Bremang Asikuma)
5. Accra West 7 (48 Mamprobi, 71 Dansoman, 74 Accra Central, 108 Pokuasi, 109 New Aplaku, 127 St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Abeka, Amanfrom CL 139)
6. Accra East 6 (10 Accra, 63 Madina, 94 Adenta, 100 Osu, 115 Airport West, 142 Dome-Kwabanya)
7. Tema 4 (37 Tema, 64 Teshie-Nungua, 89 Sakumono, 125 St. Augustine Parish Ashaiman)
8. Eastern 8 (12 Koforidua, 33 Odumasi-Krobo, 45 Akosombo, 72 Asamankese, 86 Kwahu-Tafo, 44 Akim-Oda, 107 Nsawam, 111 Akim-Tafo)
9. Keta-Akatsi 4 (4 Keta, 61 Akatsi, 39 Denu, 32 Dzodze)
10. Ho-Jasikan 7 (6 Kpando, 20 Ho, 35 Hohoe, 38 Kete-Krachie, 22 Jasikan, 82 Nkonya-Wurupong, 122 St. Cecilia Parish, Ho-Dome)
11. Ashanti East 3 (15 Konongo, 21 Ejisu, 78 KNUST)

12. Ashanti Central 4 (3 Kumasi, 26 Mampong, 31 Offinsu, 53 Mampong)
13. Ashanti South/Denkyira 5 (13 Dunkwa, 14 Obuasi, 19 Bekwai, 98 Santasi, 128 St. Peter's Abuakwa)
14. Sunyani 6 (23 Berekum, 29 Sunyani, 36 Wenchi, 99, Wamfie, 116 Penkwase, 135 Sampa)
15. Techiman 3 (65 Techiman, 85 Kintampo, 105 Yeji)
16. Goaso 3 (15 GOASO, 18 BECHEM, 136 KENYASI)
17. Tamale 5 (27 Tamale, 93 Damongo, 102 Holy Cross, Tamale, Council 140 Tamale, 146 Saboba)
18. Navrongo-Bolgatanga 7 (28 Bolgatanga, 46 Bawku, 79 Navrongo, 106 Walewale, 118 St. Anne's Parish, Bongo, 129 Holy Angels Parish, Garu, 137 St Charles Lwanga Parish, Zibilla)
19. Wa South 7 (30 Wa, 42 Bole, 77 Nadowli, 97 Kaleo, 113 Mangu, 14, Daffiama, 144 Kunta, Wa)
18. Wa North 5 (53 Nandom, 58 Tumu, 60 Jirapa, 76 Lawra, 130 St. Paul's Parish, Fielmuo)

\* Burkina Faso 1 \* Affiliate Council (Burkina Faso): 119 St. Theresa Parish Dissin, Burkina Faso

## EXTERNAL REGIONS

### B. LIBERIA

20. Central 5 (50 Gbarnga, 55 Yekepa, 80 Kakata, 103 Voinjama, 134 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Ganta 20)



South East 5 (56 Greenville, 57 Harper, 95 Grandcess, 96 Pleebo, 123 Christ the King Parish, Zwedru)

21. Southern 9 40 Monrovia, 49 Buchanan, 51 Gardnersville, 59 Bushrod Island, 81 Paynesville, 104 Matadi Estate, 131 St. Edward Parish, Logan Town, Liberia 132 St.Holy Martyrs Parish, Bardnersville, Liberia, 133 Christ the King Parish, Gaye Town, Sinkor, Liberia, 145, St. Joseph Parish, Capitol Hill, Liberia.

\*Sierra Leone 4 \*Affiliate Councils (Sierra Leone): 112 St. Anthony's Parish, Brookfield, CL120 Holy Cross Parish, Kssy, CL 121 St; Luke's Parish, Wilberforce, 141, St. Edward Parish, Kingtom, Freetown..

#### C. TOGO-BENIN

22. Maritime East 3 34 Aneho, 52 Cotonou, 88 Tabligbo

23. Plateau 3 25 Kpalime, 54 Atakpame, 69 Notse

24. Maritime West 6 5 Lome, 47 Tsevie, 66 Lome-North, 92 Avepozo, 124 St. Charles Lwanga Parish, Dapaong, 126 Our Lady of Fatima, Avedji.

\*Cote D'ivoire 1 \*Affiliate Councils (Cote D'ivoire): 1 (138 St Jean Marie Vianney Cathedral Parish, Agboville)

#### D. UNITED KINGDOM

25. London 5 (62 London, 68 Forest Gate, 70 London North West, 87 London South, 90 Hackney Central)

#### NOTES

\*Freetown, Sierra Leone is currently not yet a Region. It has 3 Councils CL 112, CL 120, CL121 and enjoys Semi-Autonomous Status. It currently is under Southern Liberia Regional Council.

\*Dissin CL 119 in Burkina Faso is currently under the NNW Regional Council of Ghana. It will operate under NNW Regional Council till more Councils are consecrated in BF to merit the creation of a separate Regional Council.

\*Agboville CL 138 in Cote D'Ivoire is the latest of the external Councils. The Council currently is affiliated to the Maritime West Region of Togo.

#### STATISTICS

Total Number of Regions 25 18 Ghana, 3 Liberia, 3 Togo, 1 London

Total Number of States 2 Togo-Benin, Liberia

Total Number of Councils 146

**Motto: Unity, Charity and Fraternity**