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## 32<sup>ND</sup> GRAND KNIGHTS & NOBLE LADIES FORUM 2 →



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& Court 105, New Aplaku  
**Win MST Awards**  
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Council 152  
Godomey,  
Cotonou  
Consecrated  
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### CHARITY *Cl Works*

The outbreak of COVID- 19 has gingered up Councils and Courts to make financial contributions in support of the Church, institutions and the needy.

**COUNCIL 128 AND COURT 123  
SUPPORT PRIESTS OF ST. PETER'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH, ABUAKWA**



April 19, 2020: Assorted goods

**COUNCIL 27 AND COURT 12  
TO OLA CATHEDRAL PRIESTS**



May 26, 2020: Food items and cash donation

**FROM COUNCIL 132 AND COURT 125  
TO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH**



August 6, 2020: Assorted

**DAMONGO MARSHALLANS TO PRIESTS**



May 15, 2020: Cash donation

**COUNCIL 90, LONDON UK SUPPORTS  
TO OLD LADY'S HOUSING PROJECT**



July 27, 2020: Cash donation

**COUNCIL 20 AND COURT 10 TO  
CURED LEPEERS VILLAGE AT HO**



July 21, 2020: Assorted goods

# MST LEAGUE TABLE AS @ DECEMBER 31, 2019

No.	Branch/Division	No. of Contrib.	Total	Total Earnings	Total Balance	Total	Net
<b>MST CL</b>							
1	MST CL48 ACCRA WEST	253	634,978.07	225,995.67	860,973.74	203,100.00	657,873.74
2	MST CL63 MADINA	211	560,023.83	216,562.59	776,586.42	233,507.37	543,079.05
3	MST CL71 DANSOMAN	313	447,981.35	183,252.73	631,234.08	115,701.38	515,532.70
4	MST CL109 APLAKU	115	203,265.08	84,511.69	287,776.77	14,150.00	273,626.77
5	MST CL10 ACCRA	347	150,884.37	63,939.53	214,823.90	1,000.00	213,823.90
6	MST CL100 OSU/LA	216	156,600.25	69,191.91	225,792.16	33,533.34	192,258.82
7	MST CL37 TEMA	197	126,674.09	51,917.46	178,591.55	7,910.17	170,681.38
8	MST CL74 ACCRA CENTRAL	186	77,195.54	32,444.13	109,639.67	18,085.00	91,554.67
9	MST CL78 KNUST	59	53,249.56	22,724.46	75,974.02	11,500.00	64,474.02
10	MST CL89 SAKUMONO	140	28,652.86	12,190.53	40,843.39	0.00	40,843.39
11	MST CL102 TAMALE	121	24,497.62	12,195.52	36,693.14	1,667.09	35,026.05
12	MST CL94 ADENTA	105	420,985.73	91,445.57	512,431.30	477,532.15	34,899.15
13	MST CL108 POKUASE	104	41,378.21	13,768.97	55,147.18	27,200.00	27,947.18
14	MST CL29 SUNYANI	154	17,669.56	8,031.43	25,700.99	0.00	25,700.99
15	MST CL115 AIRPORT ACCRA	23	19,260.02	4,620.87	23,880.89	1,800.00	22,080.89
16	MST CL64 TESHIE/NUNGUA	98	12,732.67	6,447.32	19,179.99	0.00	19,179.99
17	MST CL1 SEKONDI	98	12,269.12	6,548.57	18,817.69	0.00	18,817.69
18	MST CL65 TECHIMAN	65	13,894.41	5,361.69	19,256.10	1,500.00	17,756.10
19	MST CL75 ASSIN FOSO	80	8,491.30	4,128.39	12,619.69	0.00	12,619.69
20	MST CL20 HO	76	6,599.54	3,522.57	10,122.11	0.00	10,122.11
21	MST CL73 PRESTEA	62	6,505.48	3,472.33	9,977.81	0.00	9,977.81
22	MST CL6 KPANDO	66	5,096.07	2,682.40	7,778.47	0.00	7,778.47
23	MST CL27 TAMALE	58	4,789.28	2,556.26	7,345.54	0.00	7,345.54
24	MST CL139 NGLESHIE AMAMFROM	32	5,685.00	944.24	6,629.24	0.00	6,629.24
25	MST CL3 KUMASI	82	3,926.61	2,095.85	6,022.46	0.00	6,022.46
26	MST CL14 OBUASI	32	3,514.92	1,876.13	5,391.05	0.00	5,391.05
27	MST CL45 AKOSOMBO	24	2,931.57	1,126.03	4,057.60	0.00	4,057.60
28	MST CL82 NKONYA	20	2,447.15	1,306.09	3,753.24	0.00	3,753.24
29	MST CL17 WINNEBA	24	2,515.00	790.69	3,305.69	0.00	3,305.69
30	MST CL21 EJISU	24	1,548.72	826.67	2,375.39	0.00	2,375.39
31	MST CL60 JIRAPA	48	1,151.78	614.68	1,766.46	0.00	1,766.46
32	MST CL76 LAWRA	56	1,007.74	537.78	1,545.52	0.00	1,545.52
33	MST CL101 T'DI CENTRAL	20	861.10	459.61	1,320.71	0.00	1,320.71
34	MST CL36 WENCHI	40	779.67	416.15	1,195.82	0.00	1,195.82
35	MST CL8 CAPE COAST	10	724.61	386.77	1,111.38	0.00	1,111.38
36	MST CL98 SANTASI	16	594.06	317.10	911.16	0.00	911.16
37	MST CL93 DAMONGO	18	536.54	286.41	822.95	0.00	822.95
38	MST CL9 TARKWA	42	487.29	260.08	747.37	0.00	747.37
39	MST CL22 JASIKAN	2	474.88	253.46	728.34	0.00	728.34
40	MST CL116 SUNYANI-PENKWASE	10	580.00	113.36	693.36	0.00	693.36
41	MST CL135 SAMPA	2	584.50	56.85	641.35	0.00	641.35
42	MST CL83 ADIEMBRA	42	397.11	212.01	609.12	0.00	609.12
43	MST CL28 BOLGA	24	390.96	208.64	599.60	0.00	599.60
44	MST CL97 KALEO	2	323.16	172.48	495.64	0.00	495.64
45	MST CL18 BECHEM	34	239.97	128.09	368.06	0.00	368.06
46	MST CL106 WALEWALE	10	236.15	126.04	362.19	0.00	362.19
<b>46</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>3,065,612.50</b>	<b>1,41,027.80</b>	<b>4,206,640.30</b>	<b>1,148,186.50</b>	<b>3,058,453.80</b>
<b>MST CT</b>							
1	MST CT105 APLAKU	95	183,304.22	68,991.33	252,295.55	590.00	251,705.55
2	MST CT63 DANSOMAN	108	117,964.85	44,488.07	162,452.92	23,000.00	139,452.92
3	MST CT40 ACCRA WEST	76	117,705.43	44,369.18	162,074.61	30,000.00	132,074.61
4	MST CT96 OSU/LA	142	90,255.99	36,121.68	126,377.67	11,250.00	115,127.67
5	MST CT5 ACCRA	206	52,117.04	18,765.08	70,882.12	0.00	70,882.12
6	MST CT58 MADINA	177	39,958.58	17,850.97	57,809.55	10,622.38	47,187.17
7	MST CT103 POKUASE	76	30,690.09	14,062.89	44,752.98	0.00	44,752.98
8	MST CT121 ABEKA	48	21,460.36	7,231.37	28,691.73	0.00	28,691.73
9	MST CT12 TAMALE	173	16,400.07	6,886.23	23,286.30	858.75	22,427.55
10	MST CT67 ACCRA CENTRAL	21	15,455.44	6,863.53	22,318.97	2,000.00	20,318.97
11	MST CT74-KNUST	130	8,218.88	4,283.82	12,502.70	0.00	12,502.70
12	MST CT102 TAMALE	146	7,964.93	2,601.99	10,566.92	0.00	10,566.92
13	MST CT110 AIRPORT CITY	44	5,425.44	1,181.08	6,606.52	0.00	6,606.52
14	MST CT38 AKOSOMBO	52	3,629.30	1,937.12	5,566.42	0.00	5,566.42
15	MST CT60 TECHIMAN	14	1,477.90	611.44	2,089.34	0.00	2,089.34
16	MST CT90 ADENTA	22	824.81	440.30	1,265.11	0.00	1,265.11
17	MST CT16 EJISU	4	519.24	277.14	796.38	0.00	796.38
18	MST CT20 WINNEBA	6	570.00	179.20	749.20	0.00	749.20
19	MST CT40 KPANDO	20	360.00	87.34	447.34	0.00	447.34
<b>19</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>714,302.57</b>	<b>277,229.76</b>	<b>991,532.33</b>	<b>78,321.13</b>	<b>913,211.20</b>

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### THE MISSION OF THE NOBLE ORDER

“Arising from our Mission Statement, we have a collective vision to be “a committed and knowledgeable body of 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*”

# SECAM PRAYER To End COVID-19

*\*Almighty and merciful  
Father, who show your love  
to all your creation;*

*We come before you asking  
for a quick control of the  
Corona Virus currently  
ravaging our world;*

*Hear graciously the prayers  
we make for those affected by  
the virus in various parts of  
the world;*

*Grant healing to the sick,  
eternal life to the dead and  
consolation to the bereaved  
families;*

*We pray that an effective  
medicine to combat the  
sickness be speedily found;*

*We pray for the relevant  
Governments and Health  
Authorities that they take  
appropriate steps for the good  
of the people;*

*Look upon us in your mercy  
and forgive us our failings.*

*We ask this through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, Amen.\**

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# GRAND KNIGHTS / NOBLE LADIES FORUM

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Grand Knights and Noble Forum was held at the Christian Village, Kumasi from February 14-16, 2020. under the theme: ***“Marshallans; baptized and sent to serve in the service of the Lord in Holiness.”***

The forum was attended by over 200 participants made of Regional Grand Knights, Regional Noble Ladies, Grand Knights and Noble Ladies from Councils and Courts in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Burkina Faso and London.

Present at the forum were high officers at the Supreme Council and Grand Court including the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb, Grand Lady MRL. Sis. Dame Akua Agatha Bonney. . Also present were PGL MRL Sis. Dame Theresa Pobe, W/B. Patrick Anumel, Deputy Supreme Knight RL Sis. Elizabeth Anderson-Yebuah, Deputy Grand Lady, Sir Kt Bro. Rev. Fr. James Bour-Mensah, Assistant Supreme Chaplain and several members of the Standing Committees of the Supreme Council and Grand Court.

The three-day forum was officially opened by MRL Sis. Dame Dr. Agatha Akua Bonney, Grand Lady with the support of the Supreme Knight Sir Kt. Bro Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb.

#### **KEY-NOTE ADDRESS AT THE FORUM:**

In a key-note address, Very Rev. Fr. John Kobina Louis, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Accra, urged Marshallans to let the service they render to be guided by the missionary spirit of Sir James Marshall rooted ***in unity, charity, fraternity and service.***

Very Rev. Fr. Louis, however, cautioned that while Marshallans are to intensify unity

within their ranks, this should be done in such a way that fosters unity in the Church at large. He congratulated the past and present leadership of the Noble Order for sustaining the unity that existed among their 13 Founding Fathers and growing it among its current 18,000 membership.

**FRATERNITY:** On fraternity, he stressed that the fraternity Marshallans experience from within the Noble Order should be a catalyst to foster fraternity among the ***“extended”*** Catholic or Christian family. He praised Marshallans for fostering fraternity among its members for more than 90 years through their meetings and social activities such as get-togethers, visitations to sick members, participation in weddings and funerals.

**CHARITY:** Speaking about charity in relation to the call, Very Rev. Fr. Louis noted that Sir James Marshall shared the best gift he received from the Lord, that is, salvation in Jesus Christ, with the Gold Coasters by championing the rebirth of the Catholic Church in the Gold Coast. He urged Marshallans either as individuals or as a group, to be inspired by his example in this new era of Evangelization and seek an ever closer personal relationship with Christ and be actively engaged in the mission of spreading His gospel. He also called on Marshallans to express charity to their own members first as per the adage ***“charity begins at home”***, before spreading it to other Catholics, Christians and non-Christians as a way of fostering unity and fraternity.

**BAPTISM AND RELATIONSHIP:** Touching on baptism and its relationship to holiness and being sent on mission, Very Rev. Fr. Louis said through baptism, we have become adopted sons and daughters of God and sharers in His threefold ministry, that is, as a priest, prophet and His royal

mission.

***“God simultaneously makes us holy and sends us on mission. Through service, fostering unity and fraternity among people and undertaking charity works, among others, Marshallans will be heeding out the call to holiness as espoused by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exultate (rejoice and be glad).”***

#### **DISCUSSIONS DURING THE FORUM:**

Participants discussed a wide-range of issues concerning the Noble Order. Also significant was the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Charles Cobb and the Grand Lady, MRL Agatha Bonney’s presentation on their vision anchored on ten key objectives.

It included growing the Noble Order in line with the evangelization mission of the Church, building the individual and collective spirituality of members through the support of Chaplains, increasing fraternal relationship, making the Noble Order more visible to the world, extending love to the poor, needy and members and building and strengthening the financial muscle of the Noble Order.

The rest are to increase support for the growth of the Junior Order, build resilient teams towards enhancing the image and growth of the Noble Order, deepen the use of information technology tools to facilitate efficient management of the Noble Order, promote ownership of the revised Strategic Plan and pray for and support ***the beatification of Sir James Marshall.***

#### **COURTESY CALL**

During the forum, the leadership also paid a courtesy call on Most Rev. Justice Gabriel Yaw Anokye, the Archbishop of Kumasi. Discussed during the courtesy call were matters of concerns to the promotion and defence of the Catholic Church and the growth of the Noble Order. Most Rev. Anokye praised Marshallans for their continuous support towards the enhancement and the defence of the Catholic Church through various activities espoused on the principles of ***unity, charity, fraternity and service.*** On behalf of the Noble Order, would continue to support the Catholic Church in all activities. ***From Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, GK, Council 146, Saboba.***



At the Forum. MRL. Sis. Dame Bonney, Sir Kt. Bro Cobb and Very Rev. Fr. John Louis



# FACES

## At the Forum



## Council 48, Mataheko and Court 105, New Aplaku Win MST Awards

**FEBRUARY 14, 2020: Council 48, Mataheko and Court 105, New Aplaku, won the Supreme Director's Award as the leading contributors to the Marshall Security Trust (MST) for the year 2019.**

The champions were presented with glittering trophies by the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt Bro. Lieber Lebenone Cobb and Grand Lady, MRL Sis. Dame Dr. Agatha Akua Bonney, at an award ceremony during the Grand Knights and Noble Ladies Forum which took place at the Christian Village, Kumasi, from February 14-16, 2020.

### UMB AWARDS

Council 63, Madina and Court 63, Dansoman, took home the UMB Capital Award for the runners-up positions and were presented with their trophies by W/B. Patrick Anumel, the Deputy Supreme Knight and Respected Lady Sis. Elizabeth Anderson-Yebuah, the Deputy Grand Lady. The Grand Knights and Noble Ladies of the champions and runners-up, received their trophies on behalf their respective Councils and Courts.

The annual awards was instituted by the Board of Trustees of the MST in 2012 to

honour Councils and Courts which excel on the MST League Table.

However, the inaugural awards were presented to coincide with the climax of the 90th anniversary celebration of the Knights of Marshall which was held in Takoradi in November, 2016 and was based on the MST League Table as at September 30, 2016.

The inaugural champions were Council 94, Adenta and Court 105, New Aplaku.

*From Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, GK, Council 146, Saboba.*

### MST LEAGUE TABLE SINCE RECEPTION

DATE	LEAGUE LEADERS		RUNNERS UP	
	COUNCILS	COURTS	COUNCILS	COURTS
2014	CL 71, DANSOMAN	CT 90, OSU LA	CL 100, OSU LA	CT 63, DANSOMAN
2015	CL 48 MATEHEKO		CL 94, ADENTA	
2016	CL 94 ADENTA	CT 105 NEW APLAKU	CL 48 MATAHEKO	CT 40 MATAHEKO
2017	CL 94 ADENTA	CT 105 NEW APLAKU	CL 48 MATAHEKO	CT 40 MATAHEKO
2018	CL 63 MADINA	CT 105 NEW APLAKU	CL 48 MATAHEKO	CT 63 DANSOMAN
2019	CL 48 MATAHEKO	CT 105 NEW APLAKU	CL 63 MADINA	CT 63 DANSOMAN

# Council 152 Godomey, Cotonou Consecrated

# Conseil 152 Godomey, Cotonou Consacré

**A** new Council, Council 152, was on March 7, 2020 consecrated at Godomey at the St Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish, located at the entrance to the city of Cotonou.

SPSK Sir Kt Bro. Anthony Coblah Kemavor conducted the consecration and was assisted by Sir Kt. Bro. Emmanuel Dakey, the Deputy Supreme Secretary, W/Bro. Joseph Arthur, Consecration Secretary and W/Bro. René Eric Ekue, Consecration Guard.

The new council is headed by Bro. Clément Dossou-Yovo as Grand Knight, Bro. Auguste Adalakoun, Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Christian Dossah, Secretary, Bro. Lino Akoussan, Financial Secretary, Raz Gbedji, Treasurer and Bro. Christophe Ayikpa, Captain of Guards.

Speaking on the occasion, the new Grand Knight Bro. Clément Dossou-Yovo, thanked God for the opportunity to serve as the first Grand Knight of the Council and extended his warmest gratitude to the officers and brothers for making the occasion a reality.

**On his part**, the State Grand Knight, W/BMarc Kpotogbey asked brothers to work diligently towards the consecration of a new council within the next few years and appealed to them to work hard towards the establishment of the Regional Council.

SPSK, Sir Kt. Bro. Kemavor, congratulated all the players involved in the consecration and appealed to them to work in unity towards ensuring the overall success of the Council within the Marshallan Fraternity.

**Prior to the Consecration**, new office bearers were installed into office by W/B Ignacio Zozo D'almeida, the Regional Grand Knight of Maritime-East Region. He was supported, by Past Grand Adviser, Bro. Gabriel Houtondji, playing the role of installation Secretary, Grand Advisor Maurice Amegnignon, Installation Captain and Past Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Ahossi, Chaplain.

**From W/B Simon Chouchouda KUEGAH, RETI, ASIT.**

**Un nouveau Conseil**, le Conseil 152 a été consacré le 7 mars 2020 à Godomey à la paroisse Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus, située à l'entrée de la ville de Cotonou.

SPSK Sir Kt Bro. Anthony Coblah Kemavor a dirigé la consécration et a été assisté par Sir Kt. Bro. Emmanuel Dakey, le secrétaire suprême adjoint, W / Bro. Joseph Arthur, secrétaire de consécration et W / Bro. René Eric Ekue, garde de consécration.

Le nouveau conseil est dirigé par Bro. Clément Dossou-Yovo comme Grand Chevalier, Fr. Auguste Adalakoun, Grand Chevalier adjoint, Fr. Christian Dossah, secrétaire, Bro. Lino Akoussan, secrétaire financier, Raz Gbedji, trésorier et frère. Christophe Ayikpa, capitaine des gardes.

S'exprimant à l'occasion, le nouveau Grand Knight Bro. Clément Dossou-Yovo, a remercié Dieu pour l'opportunité d'être le premier Grand Chevalier du Conseil et a exprimé sa plus chaleureuse gratitude aux officiers et frères pour avoir fait de cette occasion une réalité.

De son côté, le Grand Chevalier d'État, W / B Marc Kpotogbey a demandé aux frères de travailler avec diligence à la consécration d'un nouveau conseil dans les prochaines années et les a exhortés à travailler dur pour la mise en place du Conseil régional.

SPSK, Sir Kt. Bro. Kemavor, a félicité tous les acteurs impliqués dans la consécration et les a appelés à travailler dans l'unité pour assurer le succès global du Concile au sein de la Fraternité Marshall.

Avant la consécration, de nouveaux membres du bureau ont été installés dans le bureau par W / B Ignacio Zozo D'almeida, le Grand Chevalier régional de la région Maritime-Est. Il était soutenu par l'ancien Grand Conseiller, Fr. Gabriel Houtondji, jouant le rôle de secrétaire à l'installation, le grand conseiller Maurice Amegnignon, le capitaine de l'installation et ancien chevalier suprême, Sir Kt. Bro. Ahossi, aumônier.

**De W / B Simon Chouchouda KUEGAH, RETI, ASIT.**



**Pix 1.** GK (arrowed), Bro. Yovo with officers after the consecration.



**Pix 2.** A section of officers at a Thanksgiving Mass after the consecration.



**Pix 3.** A Group photograph after the Thanksgiving Mass

**NEW**

**GRANDKNIGHTS  
& NOBLE LADIES**

*Grand Knights and Noble Ladies were in December 2019 installed for respective councils and courts throughout the country and in territories outside Ghana. Reproduced are the third part of reports from some of the councils and courts at the time of going to press.*

### COUNCIL 9, TARKWA



**Bro. Chrysantus Yuorkuu**

**December 14, 2019:** Bro. Chrysantus Yuorkuu was installed as the Grand Knight of Council 9, Tarkwa with Bro. George Addai-Dormang as his Deputy. The installation was conducted by Sir Kt Bro. M.A.N. Cudjoe and was assisted by Sir Kt Bro. Joseph Erskine, Installation Secretary, Sir Kt Bro. Gordon Arthur Installation Guard and Rev. Fr. Nicholas Nketiah, Installation Chaplain. Office bearers for the new administration include Bro. Dr. Eric Wiah, Secretary; Bro. Daniel Owusu Bessebro, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Alexander Assan, Secretary of Finance; Bro. Albert Naamu, Assistant Secretary of Finance, Bro. Kofi Sarfo Quarmsom, Treasurer and Communications Officer, Bro. Malcolm Yendaw.

Bro. Yuorkuu was initiated into the Noble Order in October, 2004. He served as Captain of Guards for several years, Assistant Secretary of Finance from 2014–2017 and Deputy Grand Knight in 2018.

### Court 51, Dzodze



**Sis Genevieve Sefakor Gbekor**

**December 14, 2019:** Sis Genevieve Gbekor took over office as the 12th Noble Lady of Court 51, Dzodze with Sis

### COURT 86, TAKORADI CENTRAL



**Sis. Sally Amihere Addison**

**December 14, 2019:** Sis. Sally Amihere Addison assumed office as the 13th Noble Lady of Court 86, Takoradi Central at Our Lady Star of the Sea Cathedral with Sis. Anna Efua Adoquaye, Deputy Noble Lady.

The Installation Team was made up of RL Sis. Elizabeth Serwa Antwi; Installation Officer, RL Sis. Gertrude Frimpong; Installation Secretary, Sis. Rose Dawson Boateng; Installation Sentry and Rev. Msg. Joseph Gyim-Austin, Installation Chaplain.

**In her maiden speech,** Sis. Addison urged sisters to work in tandem with one another and promised to work diligently towards the growth of the Court.

*From Sis. Gina Mensah*

### MARSHALLANS MOVE BY RANK NOT BUT HEIGHT

Benedicta Kudiabor as Deputy . The installation team was made up of MRL Sis Patience Pomary, RL Sis Marina Agbemabiase, Installation Secretary, Sis Benedicta Agbezudor, Installation Sentry and W/B Rev Fr Selasi Amegashitsi, Installation Chaplain. Sis Gbekor was initiated into the Noble Order in July 2008. From 2009 to 2010, she served as the Inner Sentry of the Court and Captain of Sentries from 2010 to 2012. In 2016, she was appointed as the Communication Officer a position she held until her election as the Deputy Noble Lady in December 2017.

*From Sis Genevieve Sefakor Gbekor and Sis Delphine Hugbenke, Court 51 Dzodze.*

### COURT 93, Kaleo



**Sis. Janet Bagonluri,**

**S**is. Janet Bagonluri, a Midwife at the Wa Regional Hospital, was on December 7, 2019 installed the 5th Noble Lady of the Court 93, Kaleo.

The position of Deputy Noble Lady went to Sis. Joyce Ethel Saalidong.

The installation was conducted by RL Sis. Perpetua Seidu, Immediate Past Regional Noble lady, RL Sis. Cecilia Banaamwini, Installation Secretary, Sis. Marcelline Kanmwaa, Installation Sentry and Sir Kt. Bro. Rev. Fr. Steven Kamwinaa , Installation Chaplain.

She was initiated into Court 19, Wa on September 1, 2005 and later transferred as a founding member of Court 93, Kaleo on May 30, 2009.

### Court 27, Denu



**Sis. Laura Day Aku Agbenu**

**C**ourt 27, Denu, on December 21, 2019 installed Sis. Laura Day Aku Agbenu as its 21st Noble Lady.

Sis. Agbenu was initiated into the Noble Order in March, 2010.

She had previously served the Court as a Sentry and Secretary.

The Installation team comprised of RL Sis. Josephine Dzakpasu, RL Sis. Marina Amanyo, Installation Secretary and Sis. Alberta Thais Armah, Installation Sentry.

*From Sister Charity Fianyeku, Court 27, Denu*

**NEW**

**GRANDKNIGHTS  
& NOBLE LADIES**

## COUNCIL 48, MATAHEKO



**Bro. Schandorf Akpalu**

**December 14, 2019:** Bro. Schandorf Akpalu, an Accountant by profession and works with **miLife (Insurance)** as Assistant Manager, Finance took over office as the 35th Grand Knight of Council 48, Mataheko for the 2020 Administration with Bro. William Havor as Deputy Grand Knight.

The Installation Team was made of Sir Kt. Bro Victor Adigbo, W/B Emmanuel Ofori-Dankwah, Installation Secretary, W/B Boniface Lumor, Installation Guard and W/B Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Obeng Codjoe, Installation Chaplain.

Bro. Akpalu began his Marshallan journey from the Junior Order, **23J (Mother Most Pure)** Mataheko in the year 2000. He

## COURT 59, TESHIE NUNGUA



**Sis. Magdalene Ewuraesi Apenteng**

**December 7, 2019:** Sis. Magdalene Ewuraesi Apenteng, Chief Director of the Ministry of Communications, was installed as the 20th Noble Lady of Court 59, Teshie Nungua. The position of Deputy Noble Lady went to Mawuena Agbenu.

The Installation Team was led by MRL Sis Mary Markham. She was assisted by RL, Sis Josephine Dodd, Noble Advisor Sis Elizabeth Rhule and Sir Kt. Bro. Rev Fr. Dennis Opoku.

served as Junior Knights Secretary for two terms.

He graduated to the Adult Council 48 in October 2011 with 25 other Brothers, christened "*Pilgrims of St. Theresa*".

He was elected Assistant Secretary from December 2012 to December 2015.

He served as Secretary of Council from December 2015 till December 2017 when he was appointed to serve as Council Treasurer.

During his service in the secretariat, Council 48 was adjudged Best Council for three consecutive years.

He has been a member of the Junior Organizing Committee since December 2016.

In May 2018, he was awarded Best Knight of Council 48 by the Accra West Regional Council.

Bro. Akpalu was elected Deputy Grand Knight in October 2018 and was installed in December 2018 as Deputy Grand Knight.

**In his maiden address**, Bro Akpalu promised to work within the confines of the Revised Strategic Plan of the Noble Order as contained in the Centenary Perspectives. He said he would during his tenure of office take measures to develop the spirituality of members and their well-being to enable them rub shoulders with the elite of the Noble Order.

Bro. Akpalu is a Parishioner of The Martyrs of Uganda Catholic Church at Mamprobi, an old student of Pope John Secondary and Jnr Seminary in Koforidua.

*From Bro. Scholasticus Adjei & Bro. Frank Quaye*

In attendance at the installation were Past Supreme Knights, Sir Kt Bro. Anthony Kemavor and Sir Kt Bro. Joseph Ekow Paintsil. The mother of the Noble Lady, MRL Sis Magdalene Botse-Baidoo also graced the occasion to support her daughter together with MRL Sis Alice Marie Agyemang, and RL Sis Ophelia Opoku Ansah, the Grand Count Auditor

**Her maiden speech**, after the installation, Sis. Apenteng, among other things, highlighted her determination to entrench the power of prayer, fellowship and compassion for one another and for the society at large. She also pledged to encourage all sisters to attend meetings in their numbers and to participate in activities of the Court, as well as help the Church in various activities.

Sis. Apenteng comes from a strong Marshallan family.

She is the daughter of late Sir Kt Bro. Andrew Kofi Botse-Baidoo and MRL Magdalen Araba Botse-Baidoo of Court 6, Sekondi.

She was the first Junior Noble Lady for the Junior Order **3J, (Queen of Peace)** when it was established in Sekondi in the year 1981.

*From Sis Lamisi Dabire*

## COUNCIL 40, MATAHEKO



**Sis Christine Enyonam Ayem**

**December 14, 2019:** Sis Christine Enyonam Ayem was installed as the 35th Noble Lady of Court 40, Mataheko with Sis Bridget Mensah as Deputy Noble Lady. She is the Executive Aide to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Security Systems, a renewable energy company in the Free Zones Enclave.

The Installation Team comprised MRL Sis Margaret Ann Keelson, Past Noble Advisor Sis Matilda Quist, Installation Secretary, Past Noble Advisor and Sis Ruby Eshun, Installation Sentry and Bro. Rev Fr. Derick Dorwuna Hammond, Installation Chaplain.

Sis Christine Enyonam Ayem comes from a family of Marshallans.

She is the daughter of Sir Kt. Bro Constant Kobla Ayem of Council 10, Accra and MRL. Sis Anastasia Ayem of Court 40, Mataheko.

She is the sister of the Grand Advisor Bro. Simone Kwami Ayem of Council 10, She was initiated into **23J, (Mother Most Pure)** Mataheko in 1990 and rose through the ranks to become a Junior Noble Lady in 2000.

She transferred to the Adult Court in 2001 and served in various capacities including Assistant Secretary, Secretary and Master of Ceremonies.

She has been on the Social as well as the Installation Planning and Implementation Committees of Council 48 and Court 40 for many years.

**In her maiden speech**, Sis. Ayem said she would focus on achieving three goals, namely, to ensure the continuation of the development of spiritual life in the teachings of Holy Mother the Catholic Church and carrying out works of Charity. "I will focus on enhancing spirit of unity and genuine love among sisters in the Court.

"I will strive to create an attractive atmosphere that will encourage all sisters to be active members of the Court, and create in them the urge to look forward to subsequent meetings," she added.

*From Sonia Larbi, Court 40.*



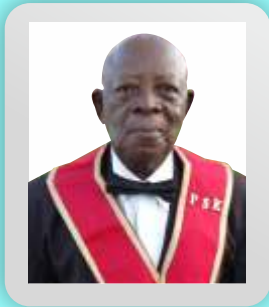
# LEGENDS

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## NOBLE ORDER

**I**n this edition, we feature **Sir Kt. Bro. Thomas Aquinas Henry Wedjong** Council 102, Holy Cross Parish, Tamale, **Sir Kt. Bro. Peter Acheampong** of Council 62, London, **Sir Kt. Bro. Edmund Kwame Okyerefo**, Council 6, Kpando and **MRL. Sis. Veronica Amina Iddi**, Court 12, Tamale

**Sir Kt. Bro. Thomas Aquinas Henry Wedjong**



**Q.** Your name is well known in Marshallan circles in the Tamale Region. Can you please tell readers who you are briefly?

**A.** I was born on December 29, 1943, at Navrongo which is my home town. I had my elementary education there but moved to Tamale in 1955 to join my parents to attend secondary school. On completion, I pursued courses in Auditing and Civil Service Procedure to prepare me for the world of work. My working career began in 1962. I worked in different departments and institutions including the Ghana Education Service, Ghana Audit Service, Northern Regional Coordinating Council and Nalerigu Training College. In 1991, I voluntarily retired to pursue a career in politics when the ban on political activities was lifted. I have two children, Cecilia and Benjamin and currently two grandchildren.

**Q.** When were you initiated into the Noble Order?

**A.** I was initiated at Council 27, Tamale, in 1973, by the 16th SPSK Kt. Bro. Venace Adoku Kondoh, who was invited to participate in the activities to mark the first anniversary of the Council. Some of my initiation mates included Bros. Augustine Azupio of blessed memory, Berchmas Asagedewe, Christopher Issaka, Ward and Kudolo.

**Q.** Walk readers through your progression in the Noble Order

**A.** I was appointed as Assistant Secretary a year after my initiation in 1974 and elected a year later as Secretary for two consecutive terms, that is, 1975 to 1979. I moved on to become the Propagandist (now Membership Coordinator) from 1980 to 1982. In 1985, I was elected as the Deputy Grand Knight and a year later in 1986, I assumed the mantle of leadership of the Council as the 12<sup>th</sup> Grand Knight. On completion of my tenure, I became the Reader and Lecturer until 2010. I have also served on several committees. When the first Regional Council in the North which at the time was made up of component Councils in the Northern, Upper East and West was formed in 1989, I became its first Regional Youth Coordinator. I was elevated to the rank of Past Regional Grand Knight in 2000 and subsequently to the rank of Past Supreme Knight in 2012.

**Q.** How has your membership of the Order benefitted you?

My joining the Order has benefitted me in three ways. I was instrumental in canvassing for foundation membership in the run up to the consecration of Court 12 in 1974 for which reason the Court subsequently honoured with a citation. Also, the Junior Council and Court, **14J, (Queen of Heaven)**, honoured me with a citation for my contributions towards its consecration.

**Q.** What are some of your contributions to the Noble Order?

**A.** I have contributed significantly to the growth and extension of the Noble Order. Through me, many have joined our ranks including a Substantive Past Supreme Knight. I have also contributed to the human resource capacity of the Noble Order as Reader and Lecturer for many years by preparing Brothers in the knowledge of the Order, its rituals and Church doctrine. I was the sole Junior Organiser for three years and single handedly prepared the foundation Junior brothers and sisters for the consecration of **14J (Queen of Heaven)**, in 1985 together with their initiation. During my tenure as Grand Knight, I introduced the concept of formation of working committees, an idea I learned from Council 10, Accra, where I was a regular visiting Brother.

**Q.** In brief, in which areas have you

contributed to Mother Church?

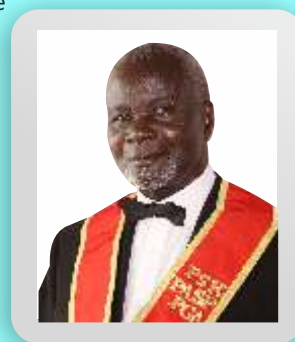
**A.** My contribution has been in the areas of laity apostolate and Church history. I was a member of the Laity Council of the Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral in 1974. I returned to the Council on completion of my tenure in 1984, this time as Chairman for two consecutive terms. I am currently the oldest active parishioner at the Cathedral, where I have been worshipping since 1955. I began as a Mass Server and travelled with the early missionaries to many of the towns and villages in this part of the North and with then Bishop, Rt. Rev. Gabriel Champagne to open new parishes notably at Salaga, Bole, Damongo. I also witnessed at first hand, most of the significant events in the St. Patrick Parish as the Cathedral was known then.

**Q.** What advice would you give to facilitate the growth and expansion of the Order?

**A.** *Brothers must be kind and courteous to people in order to attract them into our fold. We should also "demystify" the Noble Order by letting outsiders know that we are essentially a prayer and charitable society and not an ODD SOCIETY as we are often perceived to be. We should also be visible and partake in Church activities and this would serve as motivation for others to join us.*

*(Special Interview by Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, GK, Council 146, Saboba)*

**Sir Kt. Bro. Peter Acheampong**



**Sir Kt. Bro. Peter Acheampong**, an Electrical Engineer by profession was born on the January 24, 1939 and initiated into Council 10, Accra on April

30, 1977 during his tenure of office of the 19th SPSK, late Sir Kt. Bro. Henry Paul Nelson Hinderman, . He later became the second Grand Knight of the Council 62, London from December 20, 1997 - 18, 1999.

During his tenure of Office he established, contact with a charity organisation, the

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## Sir Kt. Bro. Edmund Kwame Okyerefo



**S**ir Kt. Bro. Edmund Kwame Okyerefo was baptised into the Catholic Church on February 15, 1929 and has been an active member ever since.

He was initiated into the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall on June 15, 1963, Council 6, Kpando, and later became a founding member of Council 22, Jasikan, in the Volta-Togo Regional Council, later the Volta Regional Council. He rose through the ranks to become Regional Grant Knight of the then Volta Regional Council in September 1987. On January 24, 1998, he was elevated to the rank of Past Supreme Knight.

Following in his footsteps, two of his children are members of the Noble Order of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall; Bro. George Geoffrey Kwaku Okyerefo, PGA of Council 22, Jasikan and Sister Lucy Vivian Okyerefo Bansah, IPNL of Court 9, Koforidua and Secretary of the Eastern Regional Court. Another son, the Rev. Prof. Michael Okyerefo is the Chaplain of Council 63, Madina.

He was President of the St. Gabriel's Church Advisory Board, Likpe Agbozome and a Member of the St. Joseph's Parish Council, Likpe; President of St. Anthony's Guild, Likpe Agbozome and Vice President of the Ho Diocesan St. Anthony's Guild. In 1994, he and his wife, the late Margaret Akosua Okyerefo, together with their family, were honoured with a Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II for their active participation in the life of the Church.

### SIR KT. BRO. PETER ACHEAMPONG

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**Crown of Thorns**, which supplies Religious items to the Catholic Church in Ghana and set up a platform to deal directly with Anthonian Press for St Anthony parchments and prayer cards.

As a Founding member, Sir Kt. Bro. Acheampong has made enormous contribution to the growth of the Noble Order. He served as a member of the National Planning Committee which co-ordinated the affairs of the successful visits of Pope John Paul in May 1980.

He was one of the members who initiated the formation of the Christ the King Marshallan Association and served as its first Secretary.

Through his initiative, voluntary contributions were made available to enable his Parish at Ayeduase to complete various stages of their building projects.

**Hobbies** - Photography, cooking, Drawing, Home Craft and Cultural Dancing. He is currently writing a book on Adinkra Symbols. He is married to MRL Sis. Agnes Acheampong.

**In a chat with the Bridge**, Sir Kt. Bro. Acheampong underscored the importance of unity within the Courts and Councils at all times so as to build a solid foundation for future generations.

Sir Kt Bro. Acheampong urged brothers and sisters to work in consolidating the dreams of the founding fathers espoused on **unity, charity, fraternity and service** and emphasized that every good person should demonstrate a **culture of HUMILITY and**

## MRL. Sis. Veronica Amina Iddi



**Q. Most Respected Lady, kindly tell readers about yourself in brief**

**A.** I was born on July 19, 1945 at Navrongo, where I also hail from and I began my early schooling there but I was brought to Tamale to attend Primary and Middle School from 1953 to 1964. I later gained admission to St. Louis Training College, Kumasi, from 1965 to 1967, where I trained as a teacher. Much later, I pursued a two-year Diploma Course in Integrated Community Development at the University of Development Studies. My career as a teacher began at Our Lady of Fatima Primary School in Tamale soon after marriage in 1968 and spanned 41 years until I retired from the Ghana Education Service in 2009. But between those years, I also worked as a Circuit Supervisor at the office of the Catholic Education Unit in Tamale and was later appointed as the Women and Development Coordinator of the Tamale Archdiocese for 12 years; from 1994 to 2006.

**Q. When were you initiated into the Noble Order and what motivated you to join the Noble Order?**

**A.** I was initiated at Court 12 in July 1976, by the late MRL Sis. Stella Nitori, the first Noble Lady. I have been in the Noble Order for 44 years which makes me variably the longest active Sister in the Tamale Region. The values, aspirations and principles of the Order were propagated to me by MRL Sis. Nitori. I was made the Secretary immediately after my initiation. Then from 1981 to 1982, I served as Deputy Noble Lady and subsequently the Noble Lady from 1983 to 1984. I became the first Regional Secretary of the then Northern, Upper West and East Regions when it created in 1989. In 1995, a new Marshallan Region, that is, the erstwhile North-East Region, which comprised of Courts under Tamale and Bolga, was created, having been carved out of the mother region and I became its third Regional Noble Lady from 1999 to 2001. On September 4, 2004 she was promoted to the rank of Past Grand Lady

**Q. Has joining the Order benefitted you in anyway?**

**A.** Indeed, it has. I have gained a broader knowledge about the catechism and doctrine of the Catholic Church. Similarly, it has also enabled me to gain useful insights into the Noble Order, especially its rich history and core values. I have also developed my self-esteem and confidence as a Sister. Joining the Noble Order has also enabled me to broaden my relationship with sisters from other Courts and also brothers in the fraternity. My spirituality has drastically improved which is very essential as a Marshallan, and so has my sense of belonging. In 1995, the Grand Court honoured me with a certificate to mark its Silver Jubilee and in 2016, I was also awarded a plaque by the Grand Court to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knights of Marshall.

**Q. What are some of your contributions to the Noble Order?**

**A.** I have been part of the team of resource persons who have been taking brothers and sisters through the Mystic Psychology Course for years. I have on numerous occasions, represented Court 12 in Church fora and activities.

# Unfair Termination Of Employment

## The Remedy of Reinstatement.

By Bro Antoine Atta Brembah, PGA Council 3, Kumasi.

Employment is a relationship between two parties (employer and employee), usually based on a contract where work (service rendered by employee) is paid for by the employer. An employment contract expresses the rights and obligations of the parties. The termination of an employment contract may be either **"unlawful/wrongful" or "unfair"**. This occurs when the employer terminates the employment relationship without recourse to the employment contract or against any law that is intended to protect the rights of the employee.

Although the remedies are almost the same there is a clear distinction between **"unlawful or wrongful termination"** and **"unfair termination"** under Ghanaian law. Unlawful or wrongful termination is a common law concept while unfair termination is a creature of statute (An Act of Parliament). In an action for **"unlawful or wrongful termination"**, the employee is required to: (a) establish the terms of his or her employment contract; and (b) demonstrate how the breach occurred. Primarily, the determination of whether a termination was unlawful or wrongful was an exercise of contractual rights. An employer was therefore not bound to give reasons or provide grounds to justify the termination.

What mattered most was whether the employer had complied with the obligations under the contract of

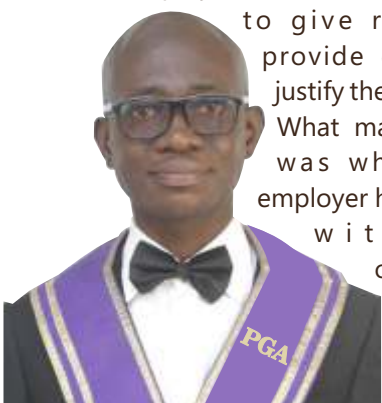
employment

Unfair termination however, originates from the Labour Act, **2003 (Act 651)**. Under **section 63 of Act 651**, a termination of employment is considered unfair if the reason for termination includes taking part in the activities of a trade union; the worker's gender, race or colour, pregnancy or absence from work during maternity leave in the case of a woman worker; temporary ailment or injury; when a worker terminates the contract because the employer has failed to take action on repeated complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace among others. These grounds are largely taken from the Human Rights provisions of the Constitution, 1992 particularly articles 24, 26 and 29 and it appears the legislature was merely seeking to give effect to those provisions.

Under the Labour Act, when it is determined that a termination of employment is unfair, an order for reinstatement or compensation may be made. The Labour Act uses the word **"may"** meaning that the Order is a discretionary one and usually depends on the circumstances of each case. Under **Section 64(2) of Act 651** an employee may be reinstated from the date of the termination. When such an order is made it means that the person is entitled to all the remuneration and benefits due him or her from the date of the termination to the time of reinstatement. In a situation where it is not possible for the employee to re-employed in the work for which he or she was employed before the termination, the law allows the employer to place the employee in any other reasonably suitable work on the

same terms and conditions enjoyed by the worker before the termination. Prior to the enactment of the Labour Act, the common law remedy for **unlawful or wrongful termination** was award of damages. However reinstatement was also granted by the courts when the circumstances required that.

However, a re-instatement order is considered to be the exception rather than the rule. The courts are less inclined towards making an order for re-instatement simply for the reason that an employee cannot be compelled to work for an employer while an employer cannot be compelled to keep an employee. Normally, the remedy available to an employee who has been wrongfully dismissed is an award for damages as was held in the case of **Society General de Compensation v Ackerman [1972] 1 GLR 413**. It usually includes pay the employee would have received if the employer had not fired the employee, as well as any earned and unpaid wages, overtime, or other compensation the employer has withheld. Persons employed by statutory or public corporation (an organization created by an Act of Parliament) are better placed to be granted an order for reinstatement unless the vacancy created by the dismissal has not been filled. In the circumstances where the position has been filled and re-instatement is not possible a reasonable compensation would usually be granted by the court. On the other hand, a person in a private employment would be entitled to compensation for the notice period set out in the employment contract or what is provided under the Labour Act (a



Special Occasions

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**S**ir Kt. Francis Fritz Andoh on July 3, 2020 celebrated his 75th Birthday with an early morning Mass at the St. Bahkita Catholic Church, Com. 20 followed by a *“small”* COVID Celebration. In a Message, the Chairman and Board Members of the Bridge Magazine wished him fruitful and wonderful times in the ensuing years.

**W/B. Ansah's 80th Birthday**



**January 5, 2020:** A joyous day for W/B P.K Ansah (arrowed) as he marked his 80th Birthday with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Sacred Heart Parish, Penkwase.

**MRL. Sis. Elizabeth Osei-Wusu @ 90**



**MRL. Sis. Elizabeth Osei-Wusu** of Court 5, Accra who turned 90 on August 28, 2020 after a Mass at the Christ The King Catholic Church, Accra.  
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**RL. Sis. Veronica Torku Turns 70**



RL. Sis. Veronica Torku of Court 118, Ho Dome recently marked the 70th birthday with family and friends.



# WHY CATHOLIC WORSHIP IS REFERRED TO AS MASS

Writer: Rev. Fr. John Patrick Tindana

The Catholic worship is commonly referred to as Mass, rather than service, as others refer to their worship. In fact, you would even hear some Catholics refer to their worship as service, just like the other non-Catholics.

Before we go into details as to why we call our worship Mass, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, our worship goes by many other names.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church - (CCC) - has dedicated numbers 1328 to 1332 to the various names of our worship. The CCC says, "*The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life (# 1324).*"

It is called the *Eucharist* because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. We must never get tired of thanking him. We should thank God for the gift of creation, our beautiful world. We should thank God for our redemption - not leaving us in the shadows of death, but sending his Son Jesus to come and die for us. We should also thank God for the gift of our sanctification. It is therefore imperative that you must attend Masses and thank God for his numerous blessings.

Apart from the name *Eucharist*, the Catholic worship is also called the Lord's Supper. This is because on the eve of Jesus' Passion - that is, his suffering, death and resurrection - he had supper with his

disciples. In much the same way, when we gather to worship we also dine with the Lord and with one another when we receive the Body of the Lord.

The Catholic worship is also called the **Breaking of Bread**. This is because at the Last Supper, Jesus blessed and distributed bread. In Lk 24:13-35 the disciples were able to recognize the Risen Lord through the breaking of bread. The bread that is broken during our Eucharistic celebration is Christ himself.

The Council of Trent defines that, "*The same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross, is present and offered in an unbloody manner*" in the Mass. In that sense, we can say that anytime we come for Mass, we gather at the foot of the cross of Calvary. I will leave you to read on the other names, as found in CCC## 1328 - 1332.

The Holy Mass in Latin is *Missa*. It is called the Holy Mass or Mass, because the whole celebration concludes with the sending forth of the faithful. It is as simple as that. And "the sending forth" in Latin is *missio*. And already the word *missio* should be ringing a bell in our ears - mission.

It means that every Holy Mass sends us on mission. A mission to fulfil God's will in our daily lives. The good news must permeate every boundary. The word of God cannot be

chained (2 Tim 2:9). We keep repeating that the Church is by nature missionary. And that is not limited to only the clergy, but to all the baptized.

The priest's office, is the sanctuary. The lay faithful on the other hand are found in various offices of the world - the marketplace, the classroom, the chamber, the consulting room, the taxi, the trotro, the farm, everywhere. The priest cannot be at all these places. That is why, in the celebration of the Mass, we gather as the people of God, and the priest exercises his office from the sanctuary, after which the people are sent forth to go into the world, to their various offices, and bring the word of God, the good news, there.

The priest concludes the Mass by saying *ite Missa est - Go, the Mass is ended*. The "go" is imperative, it is a command. Whatever you have heard during the celebration of the Eucharist, whatever the Lord has placed on your heart, go into the world and share it with others.

As you are aware, Catholics have been missionaries from day one and have over the decades discharged its divine responsibilities entrusted to the Church and Catholics with grace and humility. Henceforth, anytime you go for Mass, the moment you hear the priest say "*Go, the Mass is ended*", ask yourself, "*what am I bringing to the World?*"

## UNFAIR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT: **The Remedy of Reinstatement.**

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month's pay in lieu of notice in the case of a contract of three years or more and two week's pay in lieu of notice in a contract of less than three years).

Sometimes, the circumstances under which an employment contract is terminated may present as a human rights matter as envisaged under **Article 33(1) of the Constitution, 1992**. However, the manner in which an action is commenced may affect the relief available to the aggrieved person. In the case of *Ackah v Agricultural Development Bank [2016-2017] 1 GLR 552* the applicant filed an **originating**

**motion** (a procedure for commencing actions in human rights violations) against her employers for a declaration that her dismissal based on a secret recording was an infringement of her fundamental human rights to speech and for damages, among others. Allowing her appeal in part, the Supreme Court held that the appropriate procedure after the applicant's employment was terminated by the employers should have been an action commenced by a **writ of summons**. That would have afforded her the opportunity to lead evidence on what

appeared to be wrongful termination and consequently entitle her to damages for wrongful termination. In view of the procedure adopted the court was left with no option than to grant only damages for breach of privacy.

**On that note, it is imperative that persons whose employment contracts are terminated present the facts clearly to their lawyers to enable them adopt the appropriate procedure for the remedies they require from the Court.**



Sir Kt. Bro.

# John William Poku

Council 21, Ejisu



**S**ir Kt. Bro. John William Poku, aged 97, was laid to rest at the Catholic Cemetery Ejisu, on February 22, 2020. The burial was preceded by a Requiem Mass presided over by Most Rev. Peter Akwasi Sarpong, Archbishop Emeritus of Kumasi Archdiocese and supported by nine other priests, namely, Rev. Fr. Stephen Asante Bakor, Parish Priest of the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Ejisu; Rev. Fr. Francis Boamah, Assistant Parish Priest of the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Ejisu; Rev. Fr. George Owusu Bempah, Parish Priest of the St. Anthony Catholic Church in Ntonso; Rev. Fr. Philip Yaw Owusu, Assistant Parish Priest of St. Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Bantama-Kumasi; Rev. Fr. Gregory

Amponsah-Nkansah, Parish Priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Onwe; Rev. Fr. Benedict Arthur of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Buoho; Rev. Fr. Peter Lass of the Center for Spiritual Renewal at Christian Village Santasi-Kumasi Rev. Fr. Stephen Owoahene Bempah Acheampong and Rev. Fr. Gabriel Sarpong Twumasi.

In attendance at the Mass were hundreds of mourners from all walks of life including brothers and sisters from the Ashanti East, Ashanti Central and Ashanti South-Denkyira Regional Councils and Courts. Officers present included Sir Kt. Bro. Boakye-Manu, Sir Kt. Bro. Matthew Kwame Gyamfi, Sir Kt. Bro. Prosper Bani, MRL Sis. Elizabeth Mensah and W/Bro. David Boah-

Gyawu, Regional Grand Knight for Ashanti East Regional Council.

**In his homily**, Most Rev. Peter Akwasi Sarpong pointed out that he chose to preside over the Requiem Mass because of the great sacrifices Sir Kt. Bro. Poku made for the Church including the formation of a number of priests and the establishment of the Spiritan University at Ejisu.

He advised all Catholics to prepare for the day they would be called by God to account for the talents and gifts they were given to use on earth.

Sir Kt. Bro. Poku was instrumental in the setting up of Council 21, Ejisu and beef up the sewing of uniforms for brothers on flexible terms.

The late Sir Kt. Bro. Poku became the Third Grand Knight of the Council and was elevated to the rank of Sir Knight by the Supreme Council, a position he held until his demise.

Sir Kt. Bro. Poku was preceded in 2015 by his wife of 67 years MRL Sis. Mary Comfort Poku and survived by six children.

*From Bro. Kojo Vieta, DRGK-Tema*

## Mother and Brother of RL. Sis Mary Boakye



**Opanyin Mary Anyimadu**, 98, and Deacon Joseph Okyere, 51, mother and brother of RL. Sis. Mary Boakye, Assistant Grand Financial Secretary, London were laid to rest on February 22, 2020 at Tutuka - Obuasi after a Requiem Mass at the St. Philip's Catholic Church.

The Requiem Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dom Bernard Akoeso (OSB) with seven concelebrants including Rev. Frs.

Charles Wiredu Arkorful, Rex Vegbey SVD and Augustine Kofi Boateng (Pramso). Over one thousand mourners including Marshallans from the UK and component councils and courts from Obuasi and Kumasi graced the occasion.

**In a tribute**, the St. Philip Catholic Church described late Madam Anyimadu as a devoted Catholic who supported the growth of the Catholic faith and made varied contribution toward its growth and lived her life to please her Maker.

Madam Ayimadu, (**Ayooɔyɛ**) was one of the tenth child of late Opanyin Ayimadu and Afua Kyeraa of blessed memory. She married late Kwame Kyere and were blessed with seven children.



*Sir Kt Bro. Peter King Prah (arrowed) led Marshallan delegation to the funeral.*



*Second from right RL. Sis. Mary Boakye, Assistant Grand Financial Secretary, London*

called  
to glory

## MRL SIS ANASTASIA BEAUTY AKU AYEM

Court 40, Mataheko



**August 29, 2020:** Scores of Marshallans including the Supreme Knight Sir Kt. Bro. Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb attended the Requiem Mass at the Holy Family Catholic Church for late MRL Sis. Anastasia Beauty Aku Ayem of Court 40, Mataheko who joined her Maker on March 29, 2020.

Sir Kt. Bro. Mgr. Hillary Senoo presided over the Requiem Mass with ten priests as concelebrants including Rev. Fr Delasi Parku, Parish Priest of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

**In a homily,** Rev. Fr Parku called on the congregation to emulate late MRL Sis. Ayem's "inner beauty" etched on love, humility and charity and strive to serve God at all times.

**In a tribute,** Court 40 described her as an indispensable force in the development of the Noble Order who carved an enviable image for herself and family.

**"MRL Sis Ayem was an active, punctual and dedicated member who met all persons within the rank and file with a smile. Court 40, Mataheko is eternally grateful for your dedicated service and we firmly believe that you have only moved on to the Noble Order above."**

Initiated into the Ladies of Marshall Court 5, Accra on the October 2, 1982, she moved on as a founding member of Court 40, Accra West. She held various positions within the Court and served as Church Dues Examiner, Auditor and various fund-raising committees for several years.

By dint of hard work, she was elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Noble Lady in 1999, Honorary Past Regional Noble Lady in 2012 and eventually elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Lady in September 2019.

She was the wife of Sir Kt. Bro. Constant Kobla Ayem of Council 10, Accra and mother of Sis. Christine Enyonam Ayem Court 40, Mataheko and Bro. Simone Ayem of Council 10, Accra.

**From Sis. Prof Perpetua Dadzie**

## MRL Sis. Elizabeth Joy Nelson-Mbiah



**August 8, 2020:** Burial took place at Saltpond after a Requiem Mass at the St. Augustine Catholic Church of MRL Sis. Elizabeth Joy Nelson-Mbiah, a founding member of the Ladies of Marshall in Kumasi and former Cape Coast Archdiocesan Regional Noble Lady. The Requiem Mass was officiated by Most Rev. Matthias Nketsia, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Coast Archdiocese with eleven Priests as concelebrants. Late MRL Sis. Nelson-Mbiah was also the First Lady Draughtsman of Ghana.

**TRIBUTES:** Court 35, Saltpond described her as a "dedicated personality who will forever be remembered by the rank and file of the Marshallan Fraternity and beyond."

"We mourn her, for with her passing, we have lost a Mother, Auntie, Leader, Mentor, Sister and a dear friend who was agile in mind, generous to fault, compassionate, loving and caring daughter of the church, her family – nuclear and extended, the Marshallan fraternity and the larger community of Saltpond."

**Catholic Archdiocese of Cape Coast** spoke of her immense contribution to the Church. **"Wherever your profession took you, there was remarkable display of your Catholic Faith in your practical involvement in Church activities such as serving on Parochial Councils and in being patron to many church societies. Your devotion to the Church has won you several deserved Awards and Papal Blessings."**

MRL Sis Nelson-Mbiah was the mother of Mr. Harry Reynolds, Veteran Journalist and former Minister Counsellor of Ghana's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, USA, Mr. Francis Attah Wiredu, Mr. Patrick Nelson-Mbiah and Mrs Catherine Aboagye.



## SIR KT. BRO. DOMINIC DONKOR COUNCIL 68, LONDON

**Burial** took place on August 8, 2020 of Sir Kt. Bro. Dominic Donkor, 77, Council 68, London who died on July 6, 2020 after a Requiem Mass at the SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ilford ESSEX, London. The Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Joseph Owusu Ansah with Rev. Fr. Dominic Assuahene and Very Rev. Deacon Sir Kt. Bro. Joseph Baffour-Awuah as concelebrants.

**In a homily,** Rev. Fr. Joseph Owusu Ansah asked all Christians to be ready for the journey and for judgement day and called for continuous prayers for his

## Late Mrs Georgina Hagar Kudzedzi



**June 6, 2020:** Burial Mass for the Late Mrs Georgina Hagar Kudzedzi, wife of Supreme Advocate W/B Lawyer Constantine Kudzedzi of Council 85, Adeimbra was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Cathedral Takoradi in accordance with Covid-19 protocol.

The Burial Mass was celebrated by the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie and over nine concelebrants including the Cathedral Administrator, Rev. Fr. Ekow Kaitoo.

In attendance were the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Bro. Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb and Marshallans drawn from various councils and courts in the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolis and beyond.

peaceful rest with the Lord.

**In its tribute** read by the Grand Knight Sir Kt. Bro. Abraham Koranteng, Council 68 said, among other things, Sir Kt. Bro. Donkor's "legacy is indelibly etched in the hearts and minds of all brothers and sisters who share funny stories and fond memories about him." "Sir Knight Donkor was very hard working and gave a lot of himself at the formative years of Council 68 to ensure its survival and success."

Sir Kt. Bro. Donkor was initiated in council 3, Kumasi, in 1967. He served as Assistant Secretary of his mother Council before migrating to the United Kingdom and joined Council 62, London as a foundation member when it was consecrated on 17 August 1995. At his new council, late Sir Kt. Bro. Donkor served as **Assistant Secretary** and **Inner Guard** during the first Administration.

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## SOD-CUTTING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWIN-TEMPLE FOR COUNCIL 98 AND COURT 100

**Most Rev. Peter Akwasi Sarpong**, the Archbishop Emeritus of Kumasi, on February 15, 2020, cut the sod for the construction of a twin-temple with multi-purpose halls and offices for Council 98 and Court 100, Santasi, as part of the activities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the consecration of the Council and Court. The ceremony coincided with the Grand Knights and Noble Ladies Forum which took place at the Christian Village, Kumasi from February 14-16, 2020.

The proposed project, when completed, will have a seating capacity of 300 brothers and sisters each for the temples while the multi-purpose halls would also be able to seat 200 brothers and sisters each. **Speaking on the occasion**, Bro. Michael Wienaah, Grand Knight of Council 98 expressed their gratitude to the Archdiocese of Kumasi for donating one-acre plot of land for the project and appealed to the Supreme Council for support to facilitate the speedy completion of the project.

Four commemorative trees were planted to crown the ceremony which was graced by Sir Kt. Bro. Charles Lieber Lebenone Cobb, the Supreme Knight and MRL Sis. Dame Dr. Agatha Akua Bonney, the Grand Lady.

## Congratulations



### W/B Samuel Kingsford Arthur

The Supreme Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, W/B Samuel Kingsford Arthur, has been made a Partner of PwC, an international reputable accounting firm.

**W/B Kingsford Arthur** is a Partner in the

Advisory Line of Service. His speciality spans across Insolvency, Independent Business Reviews, Forensic and Investigative Review Services. He has been involved in various projects for Ghana's private and public sector clients across industries.

W/B Kingsford Arthur has over 20 years of professional experience and been involved in a number of high-profile and complex assignments in number of countries, including the United Kingdom, Ghana, Senegal, Nigeria, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the Gambia.

He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and holds membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG). He is also a lawyer and a member of the Ghana Bar Association.

Also present at the groundbreaking ceremony were MRL Sisters Dame Theresa Pobee, W/B Patrick Anumel, Deputy Supreme Knight, RL Sis. Elizabeth Anderson-Yebuah, Deputy Grand Lady and scores of high officers and brothers and sisters of the Council and Court.

*From Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, G.k. Council 146, Saboba*



**Archbishop Emeritus Sarpong cuts Sod**

### Mr. Sis. Veronica Amina Iddi

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I also give talks to the Junior Order **14J, (Queen of Heaven)** and among others, gave periodic talks to sisters. And as a lay theologian, I used the knowledge I acquired during the three year lay theologian course I attended at the St. Victor's Major Seminary to build the spirituality of brothers and sisters, especially in my work as lecturer of the Mystic Psychology Course, retreats and Bible sharing at Court meetings.

#### Q. Give a brief statement about your contribution to Mother Church?

**A.** My contributions have largely been in the areas of women development and theology. As I stated earlier, I was the Archdiocesan Women and Development Coordinator for 12 years and by virtue of my position, I was also appointed by the late Archbishop Peter Dery to represent women on the Tamale Archdiocesan Development Committee. My work took me around all the parishes in the then Archdiocese,

including Yendi and Damongo which are now Dioceses.

As Women and Development Coordinator, I supervised the granting of loans to women to undertake income generating activities to support their families, I organised workshops on leadership training skills, gender and environmental awareness, retreats, symposia as well as end-of-year fora for women. As a lay theologian, I was instrumental in the formation of a number of small Christian communities and also served on the Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral Laity Council as Treasurer.

#### Q. What advice would you give to young Marshallans?

**A.** They should be respectful, obedient, strive to deepen their knowledge about the Noble Order, cultivate the habit of reading the Bible to better understand their faith and to defend the Catholic Church.

*Special Interview by Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, GK Council 146, Saboba*

### Bro. Gilbert Yinbil of Council 27, Tamale, Installed Frafra Youth Chief (Behi Nab) of Tamale.



**January 1, 2020:** Bro. Gilbert Yinbil of Council 27, Tamale, has been installed the Frafra Youth Chief, **Behi Nab** of Tamale.

The ceremony was performed by Naba Sampson Apana Amobire, the Frafra Chief of Tamale at Jisonaayili in the presence of scores of members of the Frafra community and their Elders.

The new **Behi Nab**, a Statistician, works at the Regional Coordinating Council at Nalerigu, Capital of the newly created North-East Region.

*From Bro. Francis Ekow Monnie, GK Council 146, Saboba*