

In Loving Memory



*Sir Knight Bro. Sir*  
ERNEST  
AMOAKO-ARHEN  
SPSK- KSGG







PRE-BURIAL MASS

FOR THE LATE

**Sir Knight Bro. Sir**  
ERNEST KWABENA  
AMOAKO-ARHEN,  
**SPSK- KSGG**

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HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL,  
ADABRAKA - ACCRA  
2ND JUNE, 2023 @ 8:00AM

## OFFICIATING CLERGY

- Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie Cssp
  - Most Rev. John Kobina Louis
  - Most Rev. Anthony Narh Asare
  - Monsignor Pius Kpeglo
  - Monsignor Hillary Senoo
  - Very Rev. Fr. Clement Wilson
  - Very Rev. Fr. Dominic Amegashitse
  - Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Filton-Mensah
  - Rev. Fr. Francis Oteng-Bawuah
  - Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Obeng Cudjoe
  - Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Mary Ofori Srem
  - Rev. Fr. Derrick Dowuona-Hammond
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## IN ATTENDANCE

- Holy Spirit Cathedral Choir
- Holy Spirit Cathedral Knights of the Altar
- Holy Spirit Cathedral Ushers

## MC:

Respected Lady Sis. Dame  
Elizabeth Bulley

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## ORDER OF MASS

### Part I

Reception of the Body  
Filing Past  
Reading of Tributes  
Biography  
Closing of casket

- Dead March in Saul - Organist
  - CH 349, 274, 374, 305, 350
  - A charge to keep
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### Part II

Entrance  
Introit  
Kyrie.  
**Liturgy of the Word**  
First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Gospel Acclamation  
Gospel  
Homily

- CH 308 O Christ the Glory
- Now Praise we Great
- Mass of St. Martha
- 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 -18
- CH 34 My soul is longing for your peace
- Alleluia (short one)
- Mathew 25: 14 – 30



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**Prayer of the faithful**

For the Church by a Papal Knight

For our Nation Ghana by a Marshallan

For the Bereaved family by a family member

For the Sick and Aged by a family member

Collection

- Medley of Songs

Presentation of Gifts

- Medley of Songs

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of the Altar

- CH 57 Accept O Father

Sanctus

- Mass of St. Martha

Communion Rites

Pater Noster

- To be sung

Kiss of Peace

- Wave of hands

Agnus Dei

- Mass of St. Martha

Communion Hymns

- CH 416 When we walk with the Lord

- CH 245 How sweet the Name

- CH 103 O bread of Heaven

- I have fought a good fight

Post Communion Anthem

Post Communion Prayer

Gratitude and Announcements

- MC

Final Commendation

- The Clergy

Benediction & Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn.

- CH 419 Your kingdom



# BURIAL MASS

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ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
ADANSI AKROFUOM, ASHANTI REGION

3RD JUNE, 2023 @ 9:00AM



## OFFICIATING CLERGY

- Most Rev. John Yaw Afoakwa
- Most Rev. Anthony Narh Asare
- Very Rev. John Kwadwo Agyekum
- Very Rev. Fr. Clement Wilson
- Very Rev. Msgr. Matthew Addai
- Very Rev. Msgr. Louis Tuffuor
- Very Rev. Fr. Robert Charles Snyder
- Very Rev. Fr. Robert Edwin Hagan
- Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Sarpong
- Rev. Fr. Stephen Ampomah
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Akonnor
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Mensah
- Rev. Fr. Francis Oteng-Bawuah
- Rev. Fr. Daniel Kofi Nenyio
- Rev. Fr. George Kwame Bonnah
- Rev. Fr. James Donkor Afoakwa
- Rev. Fr. Dominic Amegashitsi
- Rev. Fr. Francis Amissah Nyarko
- Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Abbey-Quaye
- Rev. Fr. Anthony Mensah
- Rev. Fr. Patrick Godfred Appiah
- Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Adjine
- Rev. Fr. George Kyeremeh
- Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Owusu Amoako

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## IN ATTENDANCE

- Gregorian Choir from St. Francis De Sales Cathedral, Cape Coast
- St. Luke Church Choir
- St. Luke Knights of the Altar
- St. Luke Ushers

## MC:

Worthy Brother David Frank  
Yawson



# ORDER OF MASS

## Part I

Reception of the body	: Dead March in Saul by Organist
Filing Past & Reading of Tributes	: Selected Hymns
Closing of casket	
Divine Office for the Dead	: Priests & Religious

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## Part II

Entrance	: CMB 247 - Nokwar Mey& Katolik Asorba
Introit	: CH 212 - Yes Heaven
Kyrie	: Mass of St. John (Latin)

### **Liturgy of The Word**

First Reading	: Wisdom 3: 1-9
Responsorial Psalm	: CH 34 - My Soul is longing for your Peace
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia Nyame
Gospel	: John 14: 1-6
Homily	:

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

The Church	- <b>Sufr&amp; No</b> : By A Papal Knight
The Nation	: By A Marshallan
Bereaved Family	: By A Reverend Sister
Sick and Aged	: By The Deceased Family Member
Travellers	: By A Parishioner

Collection	: Medley of Songs
Presentation Of Gifts	: Medley of Songs

### **Liturgy of The Eucharist**

Preparation of The Altar	: Pleasant are thy Courts Above
Sanctus	: Mass of St. John (Latin)

Communion Rites	
Pater Noster	: CH 431 - Pater Noster
Kiss of Peace	: When Peace Like A River
Agnus Dei	: Mass of St. John (Latin)
Communion Hymns	: CH 98 - Saviour God, Possess My Heart - CH 106 The Lord's My Shepherd - CH 247 Sweet Sacrament Divine - CH 350 Guide Me, O You Great Redeemer - And I Saw A New Heaven
Post Communion Anthem	
Post Communion Prayer	:
2nd Collection	: Medley of Songs
Song of Farewell	: Kyere Me Kwan
Tribute by Wife	:
Biography	:
Gratitude, Acknowledgement & Announcements	: Mc
Final Commendation	: All Clergy
Alleluia Chorus	
Benediction & Final Blessing	:
Recessional Hymn	: CH 305 - Hark, Hark My Soul

## Part III

## - Graveside

Procession	
Opening Nym	- Abide with Me
Blessing of The Grave	
Committal	- Asomdwe Mu
Interssory Prayers	
Interment	- Pie Yesu
Laying of Wreaths	
Vote of Thanks	- Family Member
Benediction	
Closing Hym	- Yewo Fie Bi Wo Sor Ho







# BIOgraphy

*The Late*

SIR KNIGHT BRO. SIR ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN

*“A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in his love than in your weakness”*

**Mother Teresa**

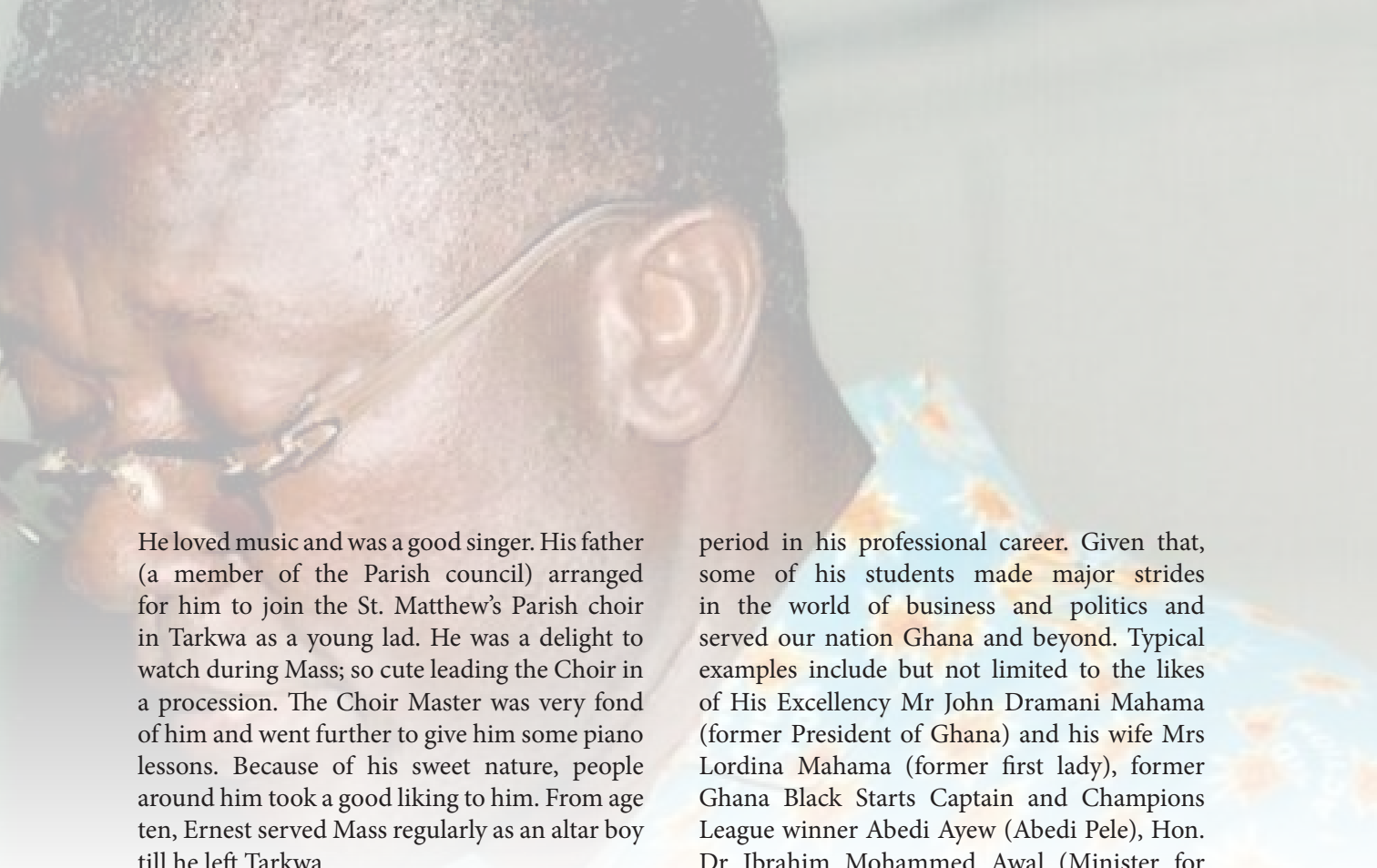
## EARLY LIFE

**S**ir Ernest Kwabena Amoako-Arhen was born in Tarkwa, a gold mining town in the Western Region (Ghana) on Tuesday 16th November 1954 to Mr. Joseph Kwabena Amoako Arhen and Madam Elizabeth Adwoa Ankapong (Obaapanin Kwanowaa), Adontenhema of the Agona Clan of Adansi Akrofuom. His mother was a trader, whilst his father, Opanyin Amoako Arhen, was a renowned Goldsmith in Tarkwa and was a member of the Ekona clan of Adansi Akrofuom.

Kwabena was the only son, the 6th of seven children born to her mother and was fortunate to have had other step-brothers. His birth was greeted with great joy and enthusiasm, as his mother believed it was an answer to her long days of prayer for a male child.

Kwabena's intellect was very obvious as a young boy. At eight (8) years, he was exposed to reading at Holy Mass. He loved reading and became a collector of books and magazines. He created his own personal library, stocked with his favourite novels and would later lend to his friends. These novels helped to whet his reading culture.





He loved music and was a good singer. His father (a member of the Parish council) arranged for him to join the St. Matthew's Parish choir in Tarkwa as a young lad. He was a delight to watch during Mass; so cute leading the Choir in a procession. The Choir Master was very fond of him and went further to give him some piano lessons. Because of his sweet nature, people around him took a good liking to him. From age ten, Ernest served Mass regularly as an altar boy till he left Tarkwa.

## **EDUCATION AND CAREER**

Ernest, as was called in school started his basic education at Akrofuom at age four and was later transferred to Catholic Boys' School Tarkwa for his primary and middle school education. He continued to Fiaseman Secondary School in Tarkwa (formerly known as Royal Secondary Commercial School) in 1968 where he obtained his General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level. Thereafter, Ernest continued at Kumasi Polytechnic and graduated with a Diploma in Business Studies and concurrently completed his GCE A Levels in 1976.

After these studies he took up a teaching appointment at Ghana Secondary School, Tamale (now, Ghana Senior High School) to teach Accounting and Economics at the behest of Alhaji Fuseini, the erstwhile Headmaster of Ghana Secondary School (Ghanasco) in 1976.

Mr Amoako-Arhen, enjoyed his teaching opportunity in Tamale and would always reference that period as the most impactful

period in his professional career. Given that, some of his students made major strides in the world of business and politics and served our nation Ghana and beyond. Typical examples include but not limited to the likes of His Excellency Mr John Dramani Mahama (former President of Ghana) and his wife Mrs Lordina Mahama (former first lady), former Ghana Black Stars Captain and Champions League winner Abedi Ayew (Abedi Pele), Hon. Dr Ibrahim Mohammed Awal (Minister for Tourism), Dr Abdulai Alhassan (Ag. Director General, Ghana Civil Aviation), Prof. Awudu (Switzerland), Dr Mohammed Idris (Attorney General's Department, USA), Mr John Kasta (UK), Chief Alhassan Andani (former CEO, Stanbic Bank), etc. Ernest often recalled his experience in Tamale with nostalgia.

Ernest transferred to Kumasi High Secondary School during the 1979/80 academic year, taught for a year and travelled to Nigeria to take up teaching appointment at Ebenezer Baptist High School, Ile-Ife. With his thirst for knowledge, Ernest, did not feel accomplished and enrolled at the University of Ile Ife Business School for a degree in Accounting and Economics. In 1982 He settled at Ijero-Ekiti, at Ekiti State in Nigeria and got employed at Doherty Memorial Grammar School, where he taught Accounting, Commerce and Economics. He also tutored (part-time) final-year students on business administration and financial management at the Government Technical College in Ekiti. With hard work and persistence, he engaged himself with research and academic writing and published books and handouts on economics,

accounting and financial management, which helped to ensure a consistent stream of income. Having been an Examiner for WAEC since 1976, he knew how to teach students to maximize their chances of making good grades at their final examinations.



Ernest believed in the saying that “Life is a journey, not a destination” and so he returned to Ghana with his young family in August 1985 and secured a job with the United Africa Company (UAC) as a Departmental Supervisor at Kumasi, Adum Branch. He worked for some months and joined Lava Limited, initially at the Kumasi Outlet, where he later assumed the post of an Accountant at the Head Office in Accra. Ernest rose through the ranks and became the Financial Controller and managed all the company financial transactions across the country. He worked with Lava for twenty-six productive years.

Ernest was naturally creative and undaunted by change; thus, in 2008 he felt the need to try something different, which resulted in venturing into consultancy services with private enterprises

and organisations, and provided expertise and strategic advice on financial analysis, financial management, tax preparations, audit compliance and entrepreneurship. He joined Asmona Construction Limited in 2010 and worked with the company as a General Manager for thirteen years until his sudden demise.

Mr Arhen kept abreast with developments in his field and regularly upgraded himself. His desire to advance in his intellectual capacity took him to Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) where he studied for the Executive Masters in Leadership and Governance and graduated in 2009. He had an extraordinary work ethics; he was hardworking, thorough and meticulous with incredible core values of integrity and commitment. Ernest believed that; “The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively”. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen always challenged himself by setting high standards with a strong commitment to any undertaking.

## **FAMILY LIFE**

Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen was a gentleman by all standards, a self-made man with a sweet and calm disposition. His lifestyle was simple and promoted reconciliation and peace around and about him. He was a family man to the core, sacrificing personal comfort most times, for the growth and peace of his family.





Kwabena met his darling wife Vivian Afua Asantewaa Akani in 1981, a sweet, industrious lady with a good sense of humour. Vivian's affable nature endeared her to Ernest's family members. The traditional marriage ceremony was duly performed followed by the Civil Ordinance which took place at Obuasi District Court. Vivian subsequently joined her sweetheart in Nigeria (Ekiti) in 1982. Their Holy Matrimony taking place some years later in Ghana. The marriage was blessed with three children – Nana Arhen (Derek), Ohemaa Akua Kwanowaa (Phyllis) and Paa Kwesi (Ernest Jnr). Mr Amoako-Arhen was a good father, always considerate of the wellbeing of his family, an incredible man with a big heart. He established bond with his nephews and nieces, and raised some of them like his biological children. He was an available father who was there whenever they needed him, encouraged and inspired



them through education, social life and helped to build their spiritual life through the catholic doctrine. He was strict but very gentle; he never failed to discipline them when they veered off the right path. His mentorship and sense of humour was unparalleled.

To his wife Mrs Vivian Amoako Arhen (née Akani) he was a backbone and great moral support. He reinforced her business drives and created an environment where both collaborated in the growth of the family. Obviously, to the extended family, Ernest was the pillar, and he will be deeply missed by the entire Agona (Anona) Abusua.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE – A STAUNCH CATHOLIC; THE SERVING SERVANT

Sir Ernest Amoako Arhen was born into the Catholic faith. His maternal great grandfather Nana Asare was one of the founding members of the Church in Akrofuom. He was baptised at St. Matthew Church, Tarkwa when he was nine months old and received his first holy communion at age seven. In January 1965 he received the sacrament of confirmation in the same St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Sir Ernest keenly practised his Catholic faith in the different places he resided. When he returned from Nigeria and finally settled with his family in Accra, he registered and worshipped at the Holy Spirit Catholic Cathedral, Accra. It was in this Cathedral that Ernest and Vivian received their nuptial blessing in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on 1st June 1991. He was very active in the Parish and contributed his quota in building the Church of God. Mr Amoako-Arhen loved his Catholic faith and sought to know, understand and appreciate it more deeply through reading the Church's documents, the Catholic Digest and Standard, catholic websites, attending retreats and recollections.

His active participation at the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish earned him various positions of service.

- He served as a Youth Coordinator of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) from 2001 to 2002
- Became the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Cathedral Parish Council (PPC) in 2002 until 2004.
- From 2005 to 2008 (4 years) Sir Ernest served on the same Parish leadership Council as the Vice Chairman.
- He was elected and sworn in as the Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for a two-term mandate of four years, from 2009 to 2012. He was patron to both the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish Main Choir and the Youth Choir until

his death. He also doubled as the patron of the St Augustine and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Societies. He committed himself to these choirs, and societies, including supporting and sponsoring their activities.

Mr Amoako-Arhen extended similar assistance to his home Parish, St. Luke Catholic Church, Adansi Akrofuom. Sir Ernest lived St James' exhortation in James 2:17; and backed his faith with good deeds and supported parishes in different ways. For instance, he donated full compliments of Choir Robes to the Cathedral Choir and presented his home parish choir with full set of Catholic Hymnals; it was his way of encouraging them to sing and chant English hymns and psalms.

During the celebration of the Millennium Holy Year in 2000, Sir Ernest was made a member of the Millennium House Complex Project Committee of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. He also chaired the Fund-Raising Committee for the Millennium Project, and many attested to his immense output. On the completion of the Millennium House Complex, Sir Knight was designated by Archbishop Dominic Andoh (RIP) and his team of consultants to serve as a member on the Board of Trustees. During the Year-long Golden Jubilee celebration of Holy Spirit Cathedral (2004-2005) in Accra, a 10-member Committee was inaugurated to spearhead the activities marking the Jubilee. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen served as the chairman for the Jubilee Planning Committee.

## **SIR KNIGHT ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN AND THE NOBLE ORDER**

Another avenue through which Mr Ernest Amoako-Arhen served the church was his membership with the Knights and Ladies of Marshal. He was initiated into the Knights and Ladies of Marshal fraternity on 11th April 1992. He rose quickly through the ranks to become Secretary to the Council. He embodied the values governing the group and served unreservedly. Sir Knight took his responsibilities

and membership of the Knights of Marshal very seriously and passionately; he totally lived for the fraternity.

When the Accra Central Council 74 was created, he was elected as the first Grand Knight and served from 2000 to 2002. Having recognised his sterling qualities Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen was appointed as Supreme Auditor of the Noble Order from 2005-2007. Again, his career as finance expert made him stand tall to be appointed as Supreme Secretary of Finance in 2009. He was subsequently elected as the Deputy Supreme Knight in 2013 and ultimately installed as the 31st Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshal from 2015 to 2017. During his tenure in these offices Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen served diligently and was very committed to the cause of the Order. He rose through the ranks and became a substantive Supreme Knight.



In 2019, Sir Knight Ernest Amoako Arhen was elected to the Council of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) as the Deputy President; a position he held until his demise in March 2023. IACK is made up of Catholic Knights in different countries and continents – including the United States of America, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Ghana, Nigeria, Gambia, South Africa, Pakistan, Austria, Belgium, Mauritius and others.

Sir Knight Amoako Arhen had a deep devotion to St. Joseph and became an unalloyed devotee of Our Lady, the Mother of God. In his bid to appreciate God's presence and the intercessory



power of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sir Ernest, in consultation with his family decided to build a Grotto at his home parish, St. Luke Catholic Church, Adansi Akrofuom in memory of his Mum and Dad. Ernest declared, “We should build a Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary in thanksgiving to God, because he has been good to us, as a family in so many ways”.

## CONFERMENT OF PAPAL AWARD

Sir Knight Ernest Amoako-Arhen having distinguished himself in all humility of character, reputation and service was honoured by the Holy Father with Papal Knight Award of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great (KSGG). The Awards ceremony commenced on Saturday, 12th August 2022 at Our Lady of Mercy (OLAM) Catholic Church, Community One, Tema. On Saturday December 10, 2022 the official ceremonial rites for the conferment of the Papal Awards, investiture and the presentation of insignia was officiated by His Excellency, Most Rev. Henryk M. Jagodzinski, Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana with Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSP; Metropolitan Catholic Archbishop of Accra.

We are grateful to God who found his servant worthy, and granted him such honour.  
To God be the Glory



## SOCIAL LIFE

Ernest was sociable and humble in so many ways and was easily identified with a consistent smile. He loved spending time with his friends and truly enjoyed church picnics and social events and parties. He also enjoyed family gatherings of both his nuclear and extended family coming together for celebrations. Ernest was a big sports fan and was an obsessive footballer as a youth. He never missed watching national and international football matches and scrutinised every game like a sports analyst would.

Ernest loved to dance and enjoyed good music. He liked classical and country music in particular; Kenny Rogers and Bob Marley were some of his favourites. He also took pleasure in travelling, which he called “exposure and learning time.” By the grace of God, he fulfilled this passion and travelled around the globe a bit, to countries such as Nigeria, Togo, the Republic of Benin, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, England, Wales, Scotland, Australia, Europe and the United States of America.

Sir Knight was a kind and unselfish father, friend, brother, uncle and grandpa to many people. He motivated and inspired people; a man of his values, and quite passionate about social justice. He was an awesome team leader who would go to any extent for the well-being of his team. Generosity was one of his hallmarks, not only with his resources but more so with his time, ideas and talents. Many a time when people approached Sir Knight to discuss issues, he gave his all; time and energy as if the person was the only one who mattered. He had time for people and respected the dignity of each person.

Sir Ernest quietly built a reputation for himself as a great philanthropist, interested especially in the education of the poor, needy and brilliant students. He instituted ‘Kwanowaa Education Fund’ for the youth, especially those in Akrofuom. The fund is in honour of her Mum, Obaahemaa Kwanowaa, (Elizabeth Ankapong) who never had the opportunity of formal



education but always encouraged and supported her children to study harder. He also funded scholarships, invested in Fiaseman Secondary School (his alma mater), donated financial support and offered regular stipend to some tertiary students in the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish. Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen will be fondly missed by some of our elderly priests in various residences whom he supported with donations and regular visits. The development of Akrofuom township was very dear to his heart and one of those who facilitated the formation of the Association of Akrofuom Mpontuo kuo in Ghana and abroad. Ernest was very instrumental in the electrification of Adansi Akrofuom.

## DEMISE

On the 8th of February 2023, Ernest complained of feeling unwell. He had started experiencing unusual severe back pains. This eventually affected his breathing and level of energy, making him very uncomfortable and feeling weak. On the 4th of March 2023 he reported to his doctor and was admitted at the Korle-bu teaching Hospital for thorough assessment. Sir Ernest made a significant progress towards full recovery and was hopeful of being discharged the following day. However, his creator whom he loved and served so faithfully, called him to eternal rest on Monday, the 6th of March 2023. Our dearest Sir Ernest slipped away quietly with his face beaming with smiles in the presence of his lovely wife Vivian, Son Ernest and Rev. Sister Liz, his younger sister.

He left behind his lovely wife, children, siblings and a host of relatives to mourn his passing. Kwabena Amoako, Even though losing you saddens us, we totally resign to the Will of God and take solace in His promise of eternal life.

You have played your part and exited quietly. May the Angels welcome you and lead you safely into paradise, into the arms of your creator whom you served so well. Adieu!

*Rest well till we meet again.*









BEST  
ACHIEVEMENT  
**Award**  
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THE HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL  
MARSHALLAN ASSOCIATION

**CITATION  
OF HONOUR**

**SIR KNIGHT BRO.  
ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN**

Having invited into the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall in September, 1981 as Grand Knight for 20 years. When it came up that a new Court and Council is formed in Anah, Central, you were the founding member and the first Grand Knight, on 23th November, 2008 in Anah, Central.

Immediately after your reign as a Grand Knight, you were appointed as Regional Welfare Officer for Anah, from January 2003 to August 2005. In September 2003 you were appointed as Welfare Officer and served in that capacity until September 2007. Having exhibited maturity as a Welfare Officer, you were appointed and installed Supreme Secretary of Finance in September 2007, a position you held until September 2013, when you were elected and installed as the Deputy Supreme Secretary in August 2013. In 2013, you were installed as the 31st Supreme Knight of the Holy Spirit Cathedral.

At the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish where you worship, you were a member of the Parish Pastoral Council from August 1999 to December, 2014 and have held the following positions: Chairman, Mission House Complex Fund Raising Committee, Youth Coordinator, Public Relations, Chairman, Pastoral and Social Committee, Vice Chairman, Parish Pastoral Council, Vice-Chairman, Parish Pastoral Council in January 2009 and successfully served in that capacity until December, 2012.

You also served as Secretary to the Holy Spirit Cathedral Marshallan Association and Deputy President of the Association.

**SIR KNIGHT BRO. ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN** for your loyalty, dedication, hard work and unwavering faithfulness, the expenses of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Marshallan Association on behalf of the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Anah, Central, in recognition of your service and contribution to the Catholic Church of the Marshall Islands, is hereby conferred and installed as a **SUPREME KNIGHT OF THE HOPE CROSS - KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF MARSHALL**.

DATED 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

MR. ERNEST MARLEY (CHURCHWARDEN)      ANJELINA TALLEY (PRESIDENT)      MR. ERNEST TALLEY (DEPUTY PRESIDENT)

Knights of Marshall  
(Catholic Francis Society)

you received this title  
Public Order

Supreme Secretary

**St. Theresa  
of the Child Jesus Society**

**10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary**

**Mr. Ernest Amoako-Arhen**  
You are our cherished Patron.

We salute you, We appreciate you, We love you.  
We are here today because you are there for us.  
May St. THERESA of the CHILD JESUS,  
our Patron, shower you with  
Roses from Heaven.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society  
Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish  
Anah, Central

**St. Francis**  
Catholic Society for the Deaf  
Specialist Minister to

**Mr. Ernest Amoako Arhen**  
for the Citation of Honor Installation as the Supreme Knight  
of the Hope Cross - Knights and Ladies of Marshall

19th August 2015

**Citation**  
In Honour Of The New Supreme Knight  
**SIR KT. BRO. ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN**

September 27, 2015

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**125th ANNIVERSARY  
BISHOP OF MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**Certificate**

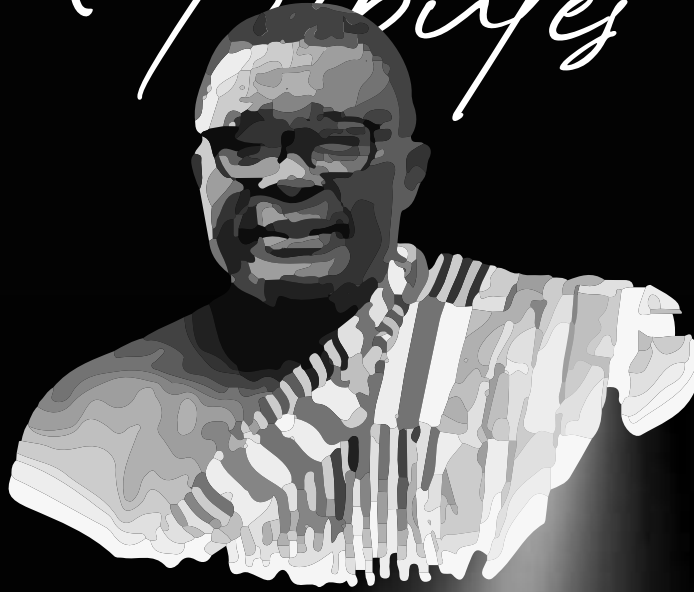
**Mr. Ernest Amoako-Arhen**  
for your presence and contribution to the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society  
Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish  
Anah, Central





*Tributes*



Sir Knight Bro. Sir  
**ERNEST**  
**AMOAKO-ARHEN,**  
SPSK- KSGG







## TRIBUTE BY WIFE

*“Then I heard a voice from Heaven say, “Write: Blessed are those who die in the Lord, Blessed indeed, the spirit says; now they can rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them”  
(Rev. 14:13)*

**K**wabena’ as I affectionately called him has been my husband for forty-two solid and fruitful years. He has been my cherished friend, my dearest companion and my closest confidant. Today, I stand here in disbelief as I pay you this final tribute.

When we first met I least expected that we would become husband and wife. How the two of us came together as husband and wife can only be described as one of divine interventions; which became a reality through the skilful coordination of our biological mothers.

I was living in Accra with my eldest sister (Mrs Aiyisa Kilba) and pursuing a course in fashion and dress making at Accra Girls vocational Institute, after my Middle School Leaving Certificate. My Sister whom I was living with was a nurse. She sent me to deliver some drugs to my sick mother at Adansi Akrofuom, my hometown. As fate would have it, that was when the journey of marriage caught up with me.

Ernest’s Mum who happened to be my mother’s friend paid her regular visits as a result of Mum being unwell. During my time at home, Maame (Ernest’s Mum) saw me and made enquires about me from my Mum; and that was when Maame set her eyes on me and became interested in me. Her visit to our house became even more frequent and conversations with my mum went deeper into the night, and I sometimes wondered; what a good friend my

mother had. Just before my return to Accra, my mum disclosed that her friend (Maame), wanted to ask for my hand in marriage for his son. This was unexpected and got me totally confused. Ernest was by then teaching at Ghana Secondary School in Tamale, Some months later, I was sent back to Akrofuom to check on my Mum, and the pressure for marriage proposal came up again. But then my mother disclosed that the family had already agreed to her proposal. For the third time, I was called to Akrofuom on this same marriage issue, where I mastered courage and asked my mother “who does this in this day and age, arranging marriage for their grown up children?” My mother’s response was not pleasant because that was exactly what was going to happen per the arrangements by the two families. I saw it as an infringement on my rights, but who was I to complain and to whom?

I later learnt that Ernest like myself also resisted the move by our two mothers, (may their beautiful souls rest in peace). He insisted he needed space and time to look out for his own future partner but his Mum wouldn’t take no for an answer. When we finally met, Ernest subjected me to some lengthy interrogations. It was however, obvious from our subsequent interactions that we fell in love the very first time we met. The rest of our love story is history! Ernest was a very humble, simple and God-fearing and these qualities of his really appealed to me. By April 1981, all was set and the two families brought us together for our traditional marriage ceremony, which took place at



Akrofuom. The next day, we proceeded to Obuasi circuit court for registration through the Court Civil ordinance.

My husband had to leave me behind because he had relocated to Nigeria and needed time to settle properly and to plan for my arrival. It was in Nigeria we really began our marital journey. Ernest was employed as a full time teacher at Doherty Memorial Grammar School in Ejero, Ekiti State, and also engaged in other teaching tasks; whilst I committed myself to being a full-time housewife. We were blessed with our first two kids, Derek and Phyllis.



Ernest was very thoughtful and considerate. He was a man of his words and always fulfilled his promise. I remember him promised to buy me an electric sewing machine if I gave birth to a son as our first-born; this was borne out of the fact that he was the only son amongst six (6) daughters of his mother. Straight away he fulfilled the promise before I was discharged from the hospital.

I was born a Methodist whilst my husband was religiously Catholic. He did his best to convert me to Catholicism; and according to him, it was necessary we professed one faith to make the upbringing of our children in the faith uncomplicated for us. Ernest took it upon

himself to teach me catechism and instructed me in the Catholic faith. I have never wavered in the catholic faith, and have not regretted my conversion. Serving God and loving ones neighbour was central to Ernest's life.

Having spent five years in Nigeria, Kwabena decided it was time for us to return home, and so we packed back to Ghana. We first stayed briefly at Kumasi when Ernest got employed with UAC. He later moved to Lava Business Company, the head office in Accra shortly after. The family finally settled in Accra and lived happily thereafter for thirty-seven years until the inevitable happened.

It was at the Holy Spirit Cathedral in Accra that Ernest and I had our marriage blessed and received the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on 1st June 1991.

My husband joined the Knight of Marshal in April 1992 and introduced me to the fraternity in 1993. By God's grace, he rose through the ranks and became a Supreme Knight 2015. He saw this position as his special calling, a mission to serve humanity, which he executed so passionately. Ernest was a born leader and God blessed him with unique leadership skills. He made sure I accompanied him to various functions and everywhere a husband could take a wife both locally and internationally.

Kwabena was such a caring loving husband and father, and God knows I couldn't have asked for a better man. He was very protective of his family and provided all our needs. He ensured we were always comfortable and safe. Ernest accorded me so much respect and listened to my views on matters relating to our family. We were like brother and sister; we were always together and my friends were his friends and visa versa. Ernest taught me so much and tolerated my shortfalls. He was my teacher, prayer companion, accountant, counsellor, mentor and everything.

When our children grew up, he introduced me to international travels, to expose me to

the world and to explore. He arranged with his niece Obaa Yaa Frimpong and her husband for me to visit them in the US. Within a short time all was set for me to travel to the United States. He provided me with everything I would need to ensure I'd be comfortable. Subsequently, he also guaranteed that I went on vacation at least once in every two years either with him or on my own. He travelled with me on his trips to the UK, Europe, Australia and the USA. These were special moments that enlightened me on different cultures and experiences.

Sir Ernest was elected as the Vice President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) in 2019, and as expected, I accompanied him for the conferment in the UK. The Church also honoured him with a Papal Award, which was climaxed in an investiture celebration on 10th December 2022. The occasion was so dear to his heart and brought him such inexpressible joy. He insisted on having a big party with close friends and family; little did I know it was his ultimate celebration. I never thought that was going to be the last celebration with my hero.

On the evening of Saturday, 4th March Kwabena felt unwell, and reported to Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital where he was admitted. On the 5th of March, we stayed with him all day at the hospital, and left around 9pm. He looked very well and told a lot of jokes all day.

When we all left his bedside, he called me back and said, "Vii, It is well, I feel much better today, and I'm sure I will be home tomorrow." He added, "You look very tired, please take care of yourself, and thanked me profusely which I felt was not necessary. The next day, the 6th of March, when I got to his bedside at the hospital he appeared feeble and had been put on oxygen. I held his hand and we prayed; I can virtually envisage the smile on his face. Kwabena, you took your last breath and slipped away quietly right before my eyes still wearing the beautiful smile and looking so peaceful.

Kwabena, we were all waiting and anxiously preparing to accompany you to Rome in September for your installation as the President at IACK, but that day was never to be; your maker called you to a higher installation and glory in heaven.

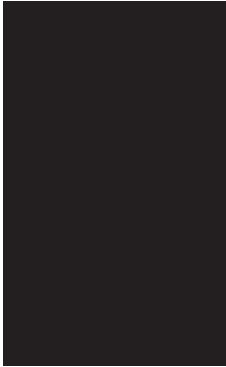


May God who called you Home welcome you into Paradise!  
Rest well my dearest husband. I know and believe the Lord you served so faithfully, has rewarded you with eternal life. I pray we will meet again in heaven one day, never to part again.

*Odehyee ba ɔbo ades edi wo enim kan  
dada, Agonaba! Nyame ngye wo taa taa,  
Medɔfo pa Okunupa! me ma wo nante  
yie, Medɔ, kɔ na kɔda asomdwɛs mu,  
Nana Amoako, Nyame enngye wokra  
nsie yie, Damirifa Due! Agona dehyes,  
Due ne amane hunu!  
Nnante yie!*

*Amen.*





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## TRIBUTE BY CHILDREN

*“We will Learn to let go our Will and embrace the Will of God.”*

**A**s we made the turn at the east corner of the house around where Paa’s room is, headed towards the porch, we saw you draped in an all-white kaftan sitting on the porch with your back facing the west. Moda screamed Daa, you lifted your head; your face was lit with that beautiful smile you always greeted us with. You got up with your arms wide open walking towards us to give us that warm embrace we so loved. Then I woke up, Daa it was all a dream. A dream which brought me chills, sadness, and happiness. I shared this dream with Moda and Paa and we all concluded that you are happy in heaven and henceforth we will not make sadness and weariness of your passing engulf us. Daa, we decided on that day to be even more proud that we are of the loins of a great man who once lived on this earth and now lives in the echelons of the mighty.

Sorrow fills our hearts this sad moment, felt deeper and more personal as mom described to us how you gallantly and boldly closed the door of life on us that Monday afternoon. Our lives will forever be empty in the many areas that you have brightened for us.

Precious memories, our lovely father left us with loads which we will carry in our minds and hearts for the rest of our lives. To describe Daa as a gentle, thoughtful and a charitable man will be an understatement. Our father’s kindness and warmth attracted many people to him, forming solid relationships and friendships which he often ended up bringing into the family.

Our relationship with Daa for the past couple of years grew past the traditional father and child

kind into more of the “tight paddies” type. He will usually shake his head and respond with that lovely smile of his when Paa and I called him “Old boy”. Moda, his sweet girl became so close with Daa she could share virtually everything with him without the feelings of fear a child will usually feel towards the father. It isn’t surprising that Daa, even when out of town for the weekend, still came home knowing everything that happened whilst he was away. Off course we all knew his “Sweet girl” was the one giving Daa all the scope even before he got out of his car. Mom who was sometimes amazed by the speed at which Moda did her kokonsa will usually look towards Moda and whisper “wo kokonsa dier, boi”.

Dad’s love for sweets is an open secret for those who really knew and spent time with him. Our father’s fridge in his bedroom was always filled with everything sweet. It was in fact not a surprise to any of us when we opened Daa’s fridge days after he had passed to still find a piece of chocolate in there. His fridge was our grocery store for chocolate and ice cream where we will usually go and “shop” when Daa was not home. Like magic, Daa will come home open his fridge and know someone has been in there. Moda, his sweet girl, is indeed a product of his father. Her love for everything sweet is a direct trait from Daa.

We will never forget when Daa took us to the Kwame Nkrumah mausoleum for an excursion on boxing day. On our way back home the fountains at the Kwame Nkrumah Circle were on full display for the Christmas season. Moda and I couldn’t hide our admiration as the water



gushed out of the earth into the sky. Daa noticing how excited we were, gave us a brief description of what it was and told us it was called a “Water Fountain”. He challenged us that whoever could remember the name when we get home will get extra Christmas candies. Moda and I spent the most part of the drive back home with “Water Fountain” on repeat until we fell asleep in the car. We made it home, got out of the car and we had both forgotten. Nothing could console Moda for the loss of those extra Christmas candies.

Oh! Dear, how we will miss your sense of humor, smile, and laughter. It was warm and contagious. Your sheer presence immediately brightened every room. Your way of making light of critical situations just to calm nerves was a thing of beauty and tact. We witnessed how effortless you resolved lots of family issues which we had all given up on. Conversations with you were never boring, they usually cut across all aspects of life, be it politics, sports, entertainment, religion etc. This will most often run deep into the night. Oh! Dear, Daa we will surely miss those moments. When people say Nana you have a great sense of humor, my usual response to them is “You have not met my Dad”.

In our early years Daa worked so hard to provide us with everything we needed and wanted. We never lacked as kids. Because of his work at Lava, we had the best of everything. Be it the cool bicycles that made our friends jealous or the newest video games and dolls that made all the kids in the neighborhood wanting to come to our house. Dad’s desire to provide for his young family kept him away from home most of the time in our early stages. Daa made up for the lost time in his later years. He will visit Moda and I in the States to spend some real quality time with us. Mom and Dad got stuck with us for 5 months in the States during the Covid lockdown. Prior to that none of us had ever been under the same roof as Dad, not having anywhere to go for more than a week. With all the negativity that Covid came with, mine was

a thing of joy and happiness. I woke up for the next 5 months with mom and dad next door. I got to know my dad very well, Daa got to know the man he has raised very well too. We went on walks and drives every day after work. Mom, Dad, Akosua, the kids and I would sit in front of the garage and chat for hours before retiring to bed. My dream when I first moved to the Sates was to have Daa visit so I can show him around Texas. I got to live this dream before Dad passed on to glory and I will say for this I am happy.

Our father’s admirable desire to stand up and lead wherever he found himself won for him lots of friends and a few times enemies which he understood was part of life. Daa at a younger age accepted various leadership roles at work, church and within the community. His desire to serve, we must admit, took away lots of time we could have spent with him as a family. But as diligent as Daa was, he always looked for opportunities to make up for the lost time. He excelled everywhere he found himself. We admired how he rose through various leadership positions within the church, work, and the community. As kids, Daa encouraged us to be involved in the church and our communities as well as accept the leadership responsibilities most children would shy away from. This upbringing and valuable guidance have today transformed us into confident adults which have and keep opening doors for us all over the world. Daa, you stood up among your peers and achieved what most men could only dream of at your age. You did not exit this world taking away all these valuable attributes, just like you raised us, Paa Kwasi stood up and boldly led by taking charge of all that needed to be done in the critical hours before, during and after your call to glory. Daa be proud, because you’ve raised a man who is not afraid to stand up and be a leader in time of need.

“A man’s value they say, should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive”. Daa was simply a giver. Our dad gave to the church, the various societies he belonged to,

the family and to strangers. Dad, even when he did not have found every way possible to make things happen for others. There were various instances we witnessed Daa give out his best of clothes or his last Cedi so a parent would be relieved of the stress of having a kid stay home or be kicked out from school. He embraced everyone and welcomed everyone into our home. Thank you Daa for raising us to embrace the art of giving. You always said to us, “Moda, Paa Kwasi and Nana remember that someone will come to you only when you are the last resort. So do not renegade, exhaust all your options and if possible, go beyond your comfort zone to help” Daa we took these words personal, and we have lots of testimonies of what given generously has done in our lives. We promise to continue with the various charitable causes you held close to your heart.

Education in our home was not an option. It was a must. Daa who began his career as an Educationist, teaching in Ghana Secondary School, Tamale. Had prominent personalities like President Mahama, Abedi Ayew (Abedi Pele) and many others as students in his Economics and Accounting classes. His teaching background influenced the non-negotiable education policy he held in our home. Everyone close to him, no matter what their ambitions and aspirations were, had to be learned. Daa pushed us beyond our limits. He encouraged us to leave our comfort zones and explore the different opportunities out there. Hence, our move to study and work abroad. Dad in his late 50’s enrolled at GIMPA for an executive master’s program, this he did to encourage everyone around him that it’s never late to chase your dreams. Dad’s hard-held stance on education did not only influence us, but the various testimonies also shared by almost every family member and people he mentored speak volumes of the kind of person he was. Daa our promise to you to get those doctorates degrees is still rife.

Daa, as you leave to take an eternal rest, please enjoy your sleep, and do not worry one second about your beautiful wife. We know how dear mom is to you and we are also aware of how you enjoyed spoiling her. Moda, Paa and I will take very good care of mom. We will spoil her to fulfill your glory and the glory of God. I know for sure you can trust us with this.

Daa, your sudden departure is just too hard to accept, our world is at a standstill. Our minds are blank. We did have a different plan for this very weekend which we have been working on for almost a year and there was nothing in the plan which states that we will be reading a tribute to you. Daa, it has always been our prayer and hope that the good Lord grants you and mom many years together so you could cross Rome off your bucket list of places to visit, but as it has always been the case our ways are not that of Gods. Daa, we say goodbye to you this weekend, Moda, Paa Kwasi and I would like you to always know that we will proudly speak in celebration of your life. We would make the world and the generations after ours know about your simple life that demanded notice.... a life that exemplified diligence with humility.... a life that inspired emulation...a life that burned so other paths were lit... a life that led and served with honor and dignity.

*“... Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart ...”*

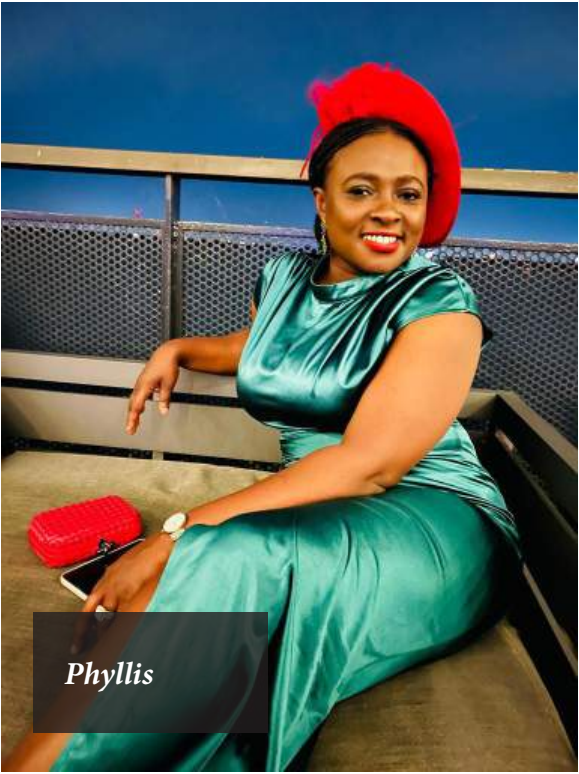
These words from your favorite hymn and the events leading to that Monday afternoon give us consolation in the fact that you indeed knew about such a day as this. We know and believe that everything happens for a reason. Ultimately, we are consoled with the trust that you have been called by your maker who will give you eternal peace and joy.



Thank You Daa for the wonderful life you have given us, thank you Sir Amoako-Arhen for all the love and affection you have shown us. Daa, your memories will forever be etched in our hearts and memories.

*Daa Dampirifa Due!!  
Till we meet again in greater joy and love,*

*Rest in Eternal Peace.*



TRIBUTE BY  
GRAND CHILDREN

A Letter To Grandpa  
by Ernst & Siblings

Dear Grand Pa, Ernst here, your mini me. I couldn't contain my emotions when Dad told us you are no more. I went to school that Monday and was not my usual self all day. I spent the entire day thinking about you and the beautiful memories we had together. Growing up and knowing I was named after you excited me, but getting to know what you have achieved and how great the man I was named after made me prouder. I now understand why you were so keen on my development both in school and as a person. Dad shared with us great tales about you, and this has inspired me to keep pushing and never give up no matter what. Dad tells me how I do everything just like you did, this makes me happy Grand Pa. From what I have experienced and heard about you it is my prayer that you bless me with your wisdom so I will grow and achieve great things like you did.

This is **Max**, Ernst's kryptonite. How are you doing this lovely morning? I hope you are safe in heaven. Mom and Dad told us you are in heaven and having lots of fun with Grand pa Boat in God's Garden. This made me very upset because I will not get to see you again. I really miss you Grand Pa. I remember when you came to visit and spent lots of time with us during Covid, we had so much fun together with you as a family. You spent a lot of time with us when Mom and Dad were busy with work. You played Beyblades with Ernst and I, took walks with us every evening when we were done with school. Grand Pa, you stayed for Ernst's birthday but left for Ghana before my birthday, you know how unhappy I was with that.

Grand Pa, you encouraged us to work hard in school, you took us for Mass on Sundays whenever you came to visit, you always brought us chocolate from Ghana, your chocolates by the way were always bigger than everyone else's. You will convince dad to go buy us ice cream when he declined our request. You spent time with us teaching us how to speak twi. Grand Pa, you always told us to be proud of our heritage, yes Grand Pa we will walk as "Amoako-Arhen's" with our heads held up high knowing the legacy you have left behind.

We know there will be many Grand Parents days in school without you, but we also know you will always be with us in spirit. Max and I will tell Kwaku Asante (Our baby brother) who never got to meet you in person the tales of your greatness. We will share with him the everlasting memories of you, and we will pass on your warm and infectious love so he will also get to experience the great Grand Pa we were blessed with.

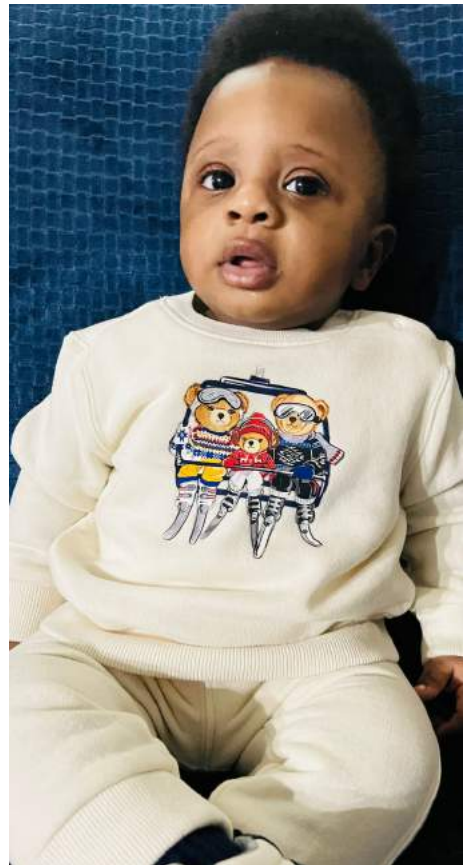
Thank you, Grand Pa, for all the love and memories. Grand Ma taught us one more twi word which she said will make you happy and proud if we say it to you.  
Grand Pa Demirifa Due!

*Rest In Peace*





Grandchildren



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By *Simon-Peter (Kofi) Atuahene Frimpong*

**G**randpa Ernest was a champion and a hero to many, especially to me, Simon-Peter Atuahene Frimpong. You took me in at the age of 2 and I stayed with you and your family until I was 7. My earliest memories were with you and Grandma. You were such a big part of my life that for a long time, I believed that you and Grandma were my actual parents. Those were cherished years that I reminisce with such pride and joy for having grown up to be the man that I am today under your tutelage.

Grandpa Ernest was a remarkable man who lived a life that touched many hearts and inspired countless people. He was a kind, loving, and compassionate person who made an impact on everyone he met. You showed me love and affection with grace and calmness. I grew fond of you as I aged and became your self-anointed protector. Despite being so young I wanted to ensure that people respected you and your belongings. One such example of my devotion to you was in ensuring that no one dared sit on your seat. If one dared to sit in your chair they would quickly feel the wrath and fury of a grandson who loved his grandfather.

Grandpa was a devoted family man who cherished his wife, Grandma Vivian, my “Partner in Crime” at Crown and Glory School, his children, nephews and nieces and most especially us, the grandchildren, Larry, Naa and I. He was a source of strength, guidance, and support to the family, and he always put our needs before his own. He instilled in us the values of hard work, determination, and perseverance, and he encouraged us to pursue our dreams and aspirations.

I remember our TV-watching moments where we banter between my cartoon channels and your news channels. These are moments Grandpa I will cherish and will forever be grateful that I got the privilege to share those

moments with you. Your love and affection for me were genuine and it extended beyond your home. Grandpa was also a community leader who made a positive impact on the lives of many people. He was known for his generosity, his empathy, and his willingness to help those in need. He was a mentor to many young people, and he inspired them to become the best versions of themselves.

I had the privilege of visiting and reuniting with you in December of 2020 after 11 years of being away from you and we shared good memories, hoping to return in a few years after I was done with college next year only to hear that you left to be with the Lord on Ghana’s Day – March 6, 2023. Grandpa Ernest’s legacy will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and the many people whose lives he touched. He will always be remembered for his kind heart, his gentle spirit, and his unwavering commitment to making the world a better place.

Rest in Power, Grandpa Ernest. You will be deeply missed, but your memory will continue to inspire and uplift us all till we meet again! As eloquently said by Mitch Albom of Tuesdays with Morrie, “Death ends a life, not a relationship.” Even in death our relationship and bond will continue to live on.

Grandpaa, Damirifa Due





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*By Anastasia Amoako-Arhen (Grand daughter)*

**D**ear Dada as I affectionately call you, I don't know how to pen down my emotions and thoughts at this very moment. It is still difficult and hard to believe you are no more. How is this possible when my husband and I had spent quality time with you on Sunday, the 5th of March, chatting about so many things. You were good though not too well.

I still cannot believe it and keep asking the same question I asked Sr. Betty, How can Dada die? I'm still in shock, but take consolation from *Isaiah 57:1 "Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time, but no one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil one"*

Dada, I miss you dearly especially your routine check up calls on us, and your constant complain that I sleep too early, the long conversations, and me cautioning you about your credit and your hearty laughs. Dad, I just cannot get over it. I miss the way you used to call my name "Anas", you made me feel so special, and often reminded me of being a true replica of your big Sister (my Grandmum). You truly loved me. Who will tell me those sweet stories about my childhood days? Oh Dada, you are just irreplaceable. I miss you dearly.

You loved Felix (my husband) as much as you loved me. The regular calls to Felix just to relay important dates or information or follow up on previous discussions. My husband also loved being in your company and I knew it was mutual. Not meeting up with you for two weeks was obviously too long a silence between the two of you. The next visit after the "long silence" necessarily required that we travel separately because Felix wouldn't mind staying and chatting all day, whilst I would be itching to get back home.

Dad, you were so loyal, genuine and so very kind; always thinking about other peoples

welfare above your own intereste.

Dad, how could I finish my tribute without reflecting back on the crucial role you played before, during and after my wedding. You accompanied me to my fashion designer to get some of my clothes done. I remember the two (2) long days you spent following up with the designer to make sure my traditional marriage outfits and the thanksgiving kente were well sewn to specifications and on time. You would come home from work, ate and drove straight to Auntie Twiba. You kept on until the wedding clothes were finally certified and delivered on time. How many grandpas will do this? You were an exceptional grandpa; I will forever cherish the beautiful memories we shared.

At a point, I became your regular companion to Sekondi for your Supreme Council programmes. You drove from Accra, picked me up in Cape Coast and off we drove together. During such road trips, you educated me about the Noble Order and expressed your wish for me to become a noble lady. You motivated me in all spheres of life and you have no doubt contributed positively to who I am. I'm extremely proud of your achievements and contributions to the Marshal fraternity. Your legacy lives on.

Thank you, Dada, for the love, care, advise and the motivation. I know you are in a better place free from all the evils of this world.

Rest peacefully till we meet again my dearest and adorable Grandpa





TRIBUTE BY  
SIBLINGS

*“When the day of toil is done When the race of life is run Father, grant thy wearied one Rest for ever more”. (Catholic Hymnal 363)*

**O**n Monday, the 6th of March 2023, at exactly 11.45am we were struck with the extreme incomprehensible excruciating, shocking reality of the hasty transition of our brother Ernest Kwabena Amoako Arhen from this world into the heavenly splendour. The shock was and still is beyond our comprehension; we are traumatized. The day (March 6th) was Auntie Ceci's (Cape Coast) 79th birthday, which we were all gearing up to celebrating with birthday wishes etc. amidst Ghana's independence day.

Kwabena, how could you do this to us when your ageing Sisters needed you most at this point in their lives. Although you had been unwell for a some days, we never thought in our wildest imagination that leaving your home at 4pm on the 4th of March 2023 for a quick check-up with your doctor was actually a final goodbye to your wife, your household and us. Your sudden death has been the most depressing occurrence; a severe shocking experience and we are still finding it very difficult to recover from it. Our minds and thoughts have been plagued with many questions since you left, with no answers to sooth our broken hearts. We however know that death does happen and through death comes eternal life.

Ernest was everything that anyone could desire in a caring loving brother. Our greatest shining

star has suddenly gone deem and disappeared. It is unimaginable to think how we are going to carry on with life without Kwabena. We were seven siblings born to our dear mum (who passed on fifteen years ago at the age of 97). Kwabena Amoako was the only male child among six daughters. Although Ernest was the sixth child, he played the role of a big brother; he cared for us and always ensured that we were happy and safe. He treated our children as his very own, to the extent that it was difficult to differentiate whose child is who. He was the father figure that all our children knew and he mentored all our children and ensured that they were all given the right education and well brought up in the Catholic Christian faith. Ernest always worked hard to foster and protect unity among his biological sisters and cousins as well as our children. Our prayer is that the spirit of oneness and unity, which you championed, will forever remain in the family. We pray to God to help us protect this special legacy of unity bequeathed to us for generations to come.

We thank God for making you part of our lives for the past sixty-eight (68) years and four months. You have been the gem of this humble family and memory of you can never fade. You believed in Christ and served humanity well to express your faith in God. One of your favourites quotes was ***“Let people remember you for the good you did and the joy you brought***



*into their lives, and never the pain you brought to them*". We have no doubt today that you are resting peacefully with God in heaven because you have fulfilled your life mission. Although your absence leaves a void, we're comforted by the thoughts that you're reaping the fruits of your labour.

You have fought a good fight; you have finished the race and kept the faith. Now there is reserved for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to you on that day. (2 Timothy 4:7-8) Amen.

Ernest, with heavy hearts and tears flowing down our cheeks we say fare thee well. We shall always remember your principles, dedication, hard work generosity and family unity – these are your legacies.

We still love you even in death. Enjoy eternity our dearest brother.

Your Siblings; Obaahemaa Adwoa Nuamah (Mrs Hannah Ankapong), Obaapanyin Adwoa Pinaman (Cecilia Amoako-Arhen), Auntie



Akua Mansa (Mary Amponsem), Aba Kyeraa (Agatha Amoako-Arhen), Afua Twumwaa (Mrs Cecilia Mensah-Debrah), Adwoa Agyeiwaa (Agnes Agyei), Georgina Ama Serwaa, Kojo Afriyie, Akua Nyamekye, Akua Korley and Rev. Sister Elizabeth Amoako Arhen.

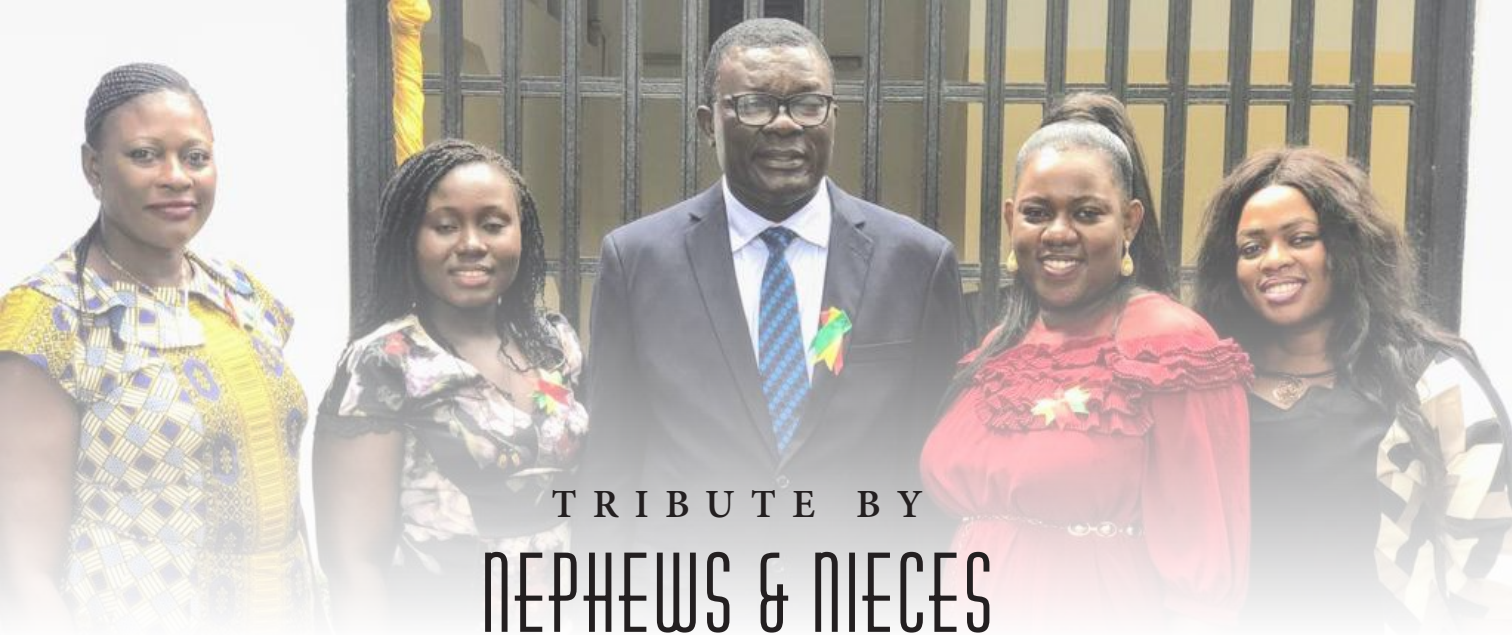
Nante yie, Nana Amoako Gyampa. Amen.  
"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Helen Keller.

Fare thee well our Hero our inspirer!

*Till we meet again to part no more.*







## TRIBUTE BY NEPHEWS & NIECES

**W**ofa, your nieces and nephews are all here, from all the corners of the world to bid you farewell.

Our greatest challenge was trying to compose a befitting tribute to honour you Uncle (affectionately called Uncle AMOAKO). Your contributions to our lives cannot be penned down on a few pages. Although death is inevitable, we still find it extremely difficult to come to terms with your sudden departure. It is with a heavy heart that we say GOODBYE.

Your passing leaves a void in our lives that can never be filled. From the earliest memories of our childhoods to the present day, you have always been a constant source of love, support, and guidance. You touched our lives and that of so many other people, your wisdom and guidance helped shape our lives, and we will always cherish the memories we shared with you. We want to express our deep gratitude and love for all that you did for us and for your unwavering support in our growth.

You were an incredible person, you were more than just an uncle to most of us, to some of us; you were a father, a mentor, a confidant, a role model, a friend, and we are very proud to have had you as the colossus of our family. Your footprint can be seen everywhere. You mentored and positioned us to be where we are today. Without your guidance and support, we wonder where some of us would have been especially after the passing of our

fathers? Your constant presence to celebrate our successes, your availability to listen to our sorrows and your comforting words in our times of need and your ever-present shoulder to lean on, made us feel special.

We are not going to see you again in our weddings, naming ceremonies, graduations, birthdays celebration, family gathering, a holiday, or just a casual visit and all the many other places you made your presence felt.

Although we are devastated by your passing, we are truly grateful for the times we shared with you, Your presence always brought us joy and hope and confidence, and we will treasure the memories we've made together forever. We admire you for your strength, your kindness, and your unwavering commitment to the family. You have set a wonderful example for us to follow, and we hope to make you proud in all that we do. As nieces and nephews, we want to thank you, thank you and thank you again, for being the best uncle, father and mentor we could ever ask for.

We thank you for all the sacrifices you made to ensure our happiness and success. You were always there for us, even in your own moments of pain and struggle. You gave us the tools to navigate this world with compassion, resilience, and dignity. You encouraged us to pursue our passions and follow our dreams, always reminding us that anything was possible if we believed in ourselves.

Your death pierced our heart and left a great devastation Uncle! We are lost without you uncle!  
Who will we call in times of trouble?  
Who will lead us when we need guidance!  
Ah! A Great Oak has indeed fallen!  
Agona abusua we have truly been left handicapped.

Uncle, we are broken, weary and feel alone- how we wish we could count on your counsel one more time.....hmm, YOU HAVE LEFT US TOO SOON.  
But we will take comfort in the Lord (Matthew 5:4) in knowing that you lived a life filled with love, kindness, generosity and now at peace.  
Wofa, your legacy will live on in our hearts forever.

*We miss you dearly.*  
WOFA PA DAYIE!  
WOFA PA NANTE YIE!





# TRIBUTE BY PRISY

*“The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family” - Reed Markham.*

Where do I begin, where do I end? Daa, It's been almost three months since your death but not a day goes by that I don't think of you.

My heart bleeds each time I remember that you are gone! I have never stopped thanking God for bringing you into my life and for all the treasures you exposed me to.

I could not have asked for a better Dad. For the greatest years of my life you took care of me wholeheartedly under your roof. Dad, you loved and cared for me as one would care for an only child.

Most of my mornings at home began with; Pris!, (as you tenderly called me); have you eaten. What a caring Dad, I miss those times we occasionally sat and talked about school, church, sports, politics, and nature, accompanied by your rib-cracking jokes in a random.

You were my peace and comfort when I thought all hope was lost after losing my father; (your brother) at a very tender age of 9. You took care of me through primary, secondary and tertiary. You never relented on your efforts of leading me to Christ and achieving the greatest lengths of my dreams. You gave me the best education and trained me with effective religious principles; these qualities have shaped my life, and will stuck with me forever.

Daa, you were my role model and my hope. Without you, where would I have been? Your demise was so sudden, I had a lot to share with you. Your departure has left a big scar in my heart.

With whom am I going to share my aspirations with, and who is going to give me the critical corrections I need for my adult life.

Dad, you shaped my life and gave me a future! I never got the opportunity to express how grateful I am to you. I was fortunate and blessed to have lived with you. Please forgive me for any wrongdoing and know that you are forever in my heart.

I know your soul is at rest because you are a good man and served God and humanity well.

*Rest in peace Daa.*

Your daughter,  
Priscilla Amoako-Arhen





# TRIBUTE BY IN-LAW

*Akosua*

I stare at your grandkids and wonder how they are dealing with your absence. They were super excited to spend this summer in Ghana with grandpa. Max informed us that he is relocating to Ghana due the multiple school shooting in the US, his face lights up anytime we talk about visiting Ghana over the summer. Waking up that faithful day only to be informed of your demise was extremely heartbreaking. Your unexpected departure is very difficult to accept, however who are we to challenge Almighty God's plans for His faithful child. The Holy book reminds us in Isaiah that "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Daa was a God-fearing gentleman extremely dedicated to his wife, children, family, and the Church. He loved everyone equally and had lots of respect for his kids and wife. He adored his grandkids and was super excited when my husband and I were blessed with baby Derek. I could hear the little giggles in his voice when he called to check on us at the hospital. Apparently, my mother-in-law was upset with him because baby Derek looked like him although he was named after her.

The global pandemic covid caused a lot of disruption globally a few years ago, but it was a blessing to our family. My husband and I were honored to host my in-laws during the lock down for a couple of months in Texas. The kids had the opportunity to spend quality time with the grandparents. My husband and I

were also blessed by their presence in our home. Daa looked forward to the weekly presidential nations address, hoping the airports would re-open. He was heartbroken after the president's speech and will get up visibly upset. My husband and I will be smiling and making fun of him because we get to keep him to ourselves a few more weeks.



Daa was a hard-working father, he loved his family but to me I believe his true love was the church. He was extremely dedicated to the church; he was passionate about doing God's work. He led various organizations within the

church and mentored many. One important lesson I learned from him was how to be passionate about Gods work rather than earthly possessions.

When I remember Daa, I think of his selfless dedication to wife, kids, extended family, and the Church. Thanks for giving me the privilege to call you Daa, giving me my husband and children Ernst, Maximilian, and Derek.

We miss you, your memories will forever live on

*Rest well Sir Knight Ernest  
Amoako-Arhen*



### *By Kwasi Kuma (Son-in-Law)*

**G**one too soon! Perhaps you have finished your task on this earth.  
*“The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart, devout men are taken away, no one understands that the righteous are taken to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter peace; they find rest as they lie in death.” Isaiah 57.1*

This is what gives me solace in your passing. I believe you are in eternity.

My first phone call to you was a nervous one; not knowing what to say. You, however, gently eased my mind and made me feel comfortable from that very first conversation. You welcomed me into your family, told me your precious daughter is your mother, and you gave her to me in marriage to be my companion. For this and many more pleasant moments I shared with you thereafter, I am forever grateful!

One of the things that stood out about you was your calm and serene demeanor that brought a sense of tranquility to every situation. That peaceful presence which reflected your kind and compassionate heart was at the core of your being.

You embodied the values of courtesy, respect, and kindness in everything you did. Your impeccable manners and thoughtful gestures were a testament to your character and the high regard in which you held those around you and came into your acquaintance. What a perfect gentleman that made you!

In addition to his peaceful and gentlemanly nature, my father-in-law was also warm and affectionate. He had a way of making everyone feel welcomed and loved no matter who they were or where they came from. That warmth and kindness were so infectious they left a lasting impression on those who knew him.

My father-in-law was also incredibly open-minded. He was willing to listen to others' perspectives, and was always eager to learn new things. This allowed him to connect with people from all walks of life and made meaningful connections with those around him.

Today, as we bid him final farewell into eternity, let us celebrate the values he embodied: respectful, compassion, warmth, open-minded, peace-loving and gentlemanly nature that set him apart in a world dominated by avarice. Let

us honor his legacy by striving to emulate his exemplary qualities in our own lives. And let us give thanks for the gift of his presence among us in this life, which brought so much love, warmth, and joy to our own lives.

*Dad you will always hold a special place in our hearts, and your memory will be cherished forever.*



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***By Albert Bahun-Wilson (Son-in-Law)***

I first met Sir Knight Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen some 30 something years ago. It wasn't on a good note from my side. I had gone to see Eunice on a bicycle and Paa Kwesi, who was then about 3 years old wanted a ride on the Bike. Trying to show off, I asked him to jump on the carrier. His legs got entangled in the spokes and got broken. I had to take him home to explain myself to his family. I had previously been warned by Mama Vivian to stay off Eunice because she was a student, so I made sure either they were out before I went to the house, or I stayed on their blind side. This time there was no hiding place, I had to go and face Sir Knight Arhen. I had to really show a brave face to go and meet him. Strangely the man was calm, accommodated me and after our little chat, he advised me to keep focused on my education. We met occasionally at his stores at Atico where he would talk to me about my education. I later warmed up to him. Then came the day I had

gone to see him to perform knocking rites on Eunice. After making my intentions known to him, he asked me to come with my family members. I was then a National Service person! I went to see Mr. Arhen with my mum, Uncle Sam, and Mrs. Baffuor Awuah, mother of Agnes Baffuor Awuah (Nana Amaama). He told us if I was interested in Eunice we should come and perform the Engagement rites. I was at the tail end of my National Service with unemployment staring gleefully at me at the tail end of my National Service. For some reason, Sir Knight Sir Arhen had so much courage in me and encouraged me to go ahead and perform the marriage rites. Thank you Sir Knight for giving me such an adorable and the best woman in the world.

Sir Knight accepted me wholeheartedly into his family and periodically asked me to come home to visit. Anytime we met, it was like old buddies



meeting after a long break. We would have a long chat, which included my aspirations in life, politics, and the Catholic church. I am sure Auntie Vivian would be asking what we have been talking about. Anytime there is an event in the house, he would personally call me to invite me home. Before receiving his Papal award, we had a chat. He told me he had a minor surgery to do but wanted to finish with the event before going under the knife. He assured me it was a minor surgery but we shouldn't be too worried. He jokingly said if he received the Papal award, his body would become the property of the Lord through the Pope, and what more could a man ask for.

I visited him a couple of times after the surgery at Korle Bu, and later at home when he was discharged. He told me he was getting better but wanted to lie low for a while. On the day he was rushed back to Korle Bu because he had relapsed, I followed up straight to Korle to see him. I was with him for the whole of the Sunday, on the 5th of March, till late. When he realised I was still around, he asked me to go home to take

a rest. I told him I would leave after he had slept. The next morning, which was on the 6th of March, we came back to see him. He was deeply asleep, so we allowed him to continue with his sleep. Eunice had to do an online program that day so I had to take her home to finish with that so we could quickly go back to Korle Bu. I had dosed off while Eunice was on her online engagement. She frightenly came to wake me up to say her phone had been consistently ringing and she was afraid to pick up. I had to call Paa Kwesi who told me our dear father, Sir Knight Sir Amoako-Arhen has departed from us. Very sad, but we would live with the joy that he has found solace in the bosom of the Lord! He revered the Papal award so much.

Mr. Arhen was one of the few heroes who has shaped my life.

*Rest in perfect peace Sir  
Knight Sir Amoako-  
Arhen, till we meet again.*



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TRIBUTE BY  
AGONA ABUSUA

To our dear son Nana Kwabena Amoako  
“*Adupon Kɛsɛɛ etutu*”

**M**onday, the 6th of March 2023 will forever be engraved on the minds of the Agona ‘abusua’ and the people of Adansi Akrofuom for many reasons but most importantly, the sudden demise of Agona-ba, Sir Ernest Kwabena Amoako-Arhen.

The immediate reactions from Ghanaians across the globe, on social media, from well-wishers and so on, were a testament to the shock of your death, Nana Kwabena Amoako. It was a deep expression of your personification as a Son, brother, father, husband, uncle, grandfather, mentor, friend etc.

Yes, “*Adupon Kɛsɛɛ Etutu*” A mighty tree has indeed fallen. The biggest tree under whose shades most of us took refuge has been suddenly uprooted, leaving the Agona abusua helpless!

The creator has beckoned to a noble creature; and who are we to question? The Agona Abusua is left vulnerable, completely devastated, broken and confused; leaving our foundation shaken. Hmmm! Oh death.

Kwabena was always proud of who he was and where God planted him. He worked so hard to brighten his little corner. You were proud of your heritage and as a family, we admired the person you had become. He always availed himself to family members without hesitation; in their moments of joy and fulfilment and moments of

sorrow and frustrations. A Good Kin!

For more than fifteen years, all attempts to get you to accede to the Agona throne as “*Adontenhene*” of Adansi Akrofuom failed for personal reasons. However, your support and contributions to this family never wavered.

Your deep respect for family members (old and young) and your reverence for our cultural values and traditions made us even more determined to see you enthroned as our “*Nana Adontenhene*.” Just a year ago, when you felt the time was ripe to take up the task, you gave us your nod and got us all excited. We were all looking forward to your historic enstoolment! But lo and behold death showed up its ugly face. “*O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? ... But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*” **1 Cor 15:55-57**

Nana Kwabena Amoako! Amoako Gyampa! We gather today to honour you – even in death, you have proved your worthiness, by bringing all of us here. We want to express our profound gratitude for your wonderful contribution to this family, we are so proud of your accomplishments, and we will honour you by carrying on your good works and the wonderful legacy you left us.

We are grateful to the Good Lord for giving you to this family for 68 blessed years. You have been very instrumental in holding this big family together since the death of our great uncles, brothers and fathers. Interestingly, most



of the present generation (nieces, nephews and grandchildren) do not know of any of them except you whom they fondly called “Uncle Amoako”, “Uncle Ernest” or grandpa.

Your humility and selflessness brought values of unity, tolerance, and collaboration, and fostered peace among us. You were a beacon of hope and harmony, and you nurtured peaceful relationships with all and sundry; Sir Ernest was the cog between our families. You have been an inspiration, a good counsel, compassionate and a generous spirit who always channelled peace. You were an excellent role model to this generation. And we will miss you.

The great “Agona” clan of Adansi Akrofuom and its allied villages will miss you dearly.

As you go on this journey, the Abusapanyin, Obaahemaa, Obaapanin and the entire ‘Agona abusua’ bid you farewell – we promise to uphold your legacy of peaceful co existence, joy and harmony.

May your blessed soul rest in eternal and in perfect peace. Da yie Nana Kwabena Amoako  
Da yie Ogyampa  
Da yie Agona dehyeɛ

*Nyame emfa wo nsie yie*



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TRIBUTE BY  
REV. FR. EMMANUEL  
OBENG CUDJOE

*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labour, for their deeds follow them!”  
(Revelation 14:13).*

**B**ehold, a true Catholic Layman, a Gentleman and a Knight!  
I joined the Knight and Ladies of Marshall in 1996 as a Junior Knight in Council and Court Number 23J. I was then in Class 6. One of the names I happened to hear as I climbed the ladder in this great Noble Order was then Senior Brother Ernest Amoako-Arhen of Council 10. His daughter, Phyllis, was a contemporary and Ernest, was a little brother. They were in 5J.

My relationship with Sir Kt. Bro. Sir Amoako-Arhen, grew stronger and closer when I was ordained a Priest in August 2012. Subsequently, he started giving me more Priestly functions and always encouraged me to do better. Oh, a real Father has died! When the Central Accra Region was formed out of the then Accra West Region, I was chosen as the Regional Chaplain. Since he was a member of this Region we worked together on many occasions as well.

In all my dealings with him, Sir Amoako-Arhen, exuded great faith in the Catholic Church. He would stand by the Church and die for her. He showed an adorable tenacity in all situations and nothing could deter him once he was bent on accomplishing a worthy cause.

At the beginning of 2021, Sir Amoako-Arhen called me and in humility asked me to take his niece and her fiancé through counselling. He mentioned that he knew I was very busy but pleaded I lead this session. I was embarrassed by his HUMILITY. I gladly and willingly accepted to do this. When I complained there was no need for him to plead with me to have this session, he laughed and said, “You are my son but you are also my Priest!” The fruit of this assignment was when I was allowed to officiate the Holy Mass for the Holy Matrimony between Mr. and Mrs. Felix Adu-Twum at the St. Joseph Minor Basilica in Elmina on 1st January 2022. We are family now.

A second assignment was given me last year to take my little brother, Ernest Amoako-Arhen (Jnr), and his fiancé, Ella Ofori-Danquah through counselling. I finally finished my session with them on the 13th of February 2023, and requested we have a last meeting with their parents since I believed they could serve as good examples to their children. Oh, I am still waiting for this meeting! Ernest, said he will consult their parents and get to me but here we are rather celebrating the life of Sir Amoako-Arhen. We had planned to have their wedding on the 3rd of June but it was not to be! Sir, I

am done with your last assignment to me. I will surely journey with Ernest and Ella till my last breath. Your command shall surely be obeyed, Substantive Past Supreme Knight and Father!

I am glad that you saw and were the Installation Officer delegated by the Supreme Knight to elevate me to the rank of a Sir Knight in October 2022 at Kumasi since I couldn't come for the Supreme Council meeting in Sekondi. For

the many times I was an Installation Chaplain while you were the Installation Officer, I am very grateful to God. Thank you for your love, concern and advice over the years.

*Rest in perfect peace till we meet again.*







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## INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

*Apostles of the Third Millennium*

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### **Tribute to Brother Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen KSG, Deputy President**

It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of our beloved Brother Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen KSG, who recently departed from this world to be with our Lord in Heaven.

As Secretary General of the Alliance, I had the pleasure of working closely with Brother Ernest and I know first-hand the tremendous impact he had on our organisation and in the lives of many.

Brother Ernest was a man of great faith, integrity, and compassion. His dedication to serving the Lord was evident in every aspect of his life. He was a true servant leader, always willing to lend a helping hand and to lead by example.

As Deputy President of the Alliance, Brother Ernest played a key role in advancing our mission and promoting our values. His commitment to social justice, equality, and human dignity.

Brother Ernest was a beloved member of our Alliance family, and his loss is deeply felt by all of us. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Mrs. Amoako-Arhen and their family. We pray that God's love and grace will provide them with the comfort, strength, and peace they need during this difficult time.

May the Lord bless Brother Ernest's soul and grant him eternal rest. We will forever be grateful for his contributions to the Alliance and to the world.

Fraternally  
Brother Frank Stanley  
Secretary General of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights

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# THE PAPAL KNIGHTS AND DAMES OF THE ACCRA ARCHDIOCESE

*“We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that in the same way God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 4:14*

**I**t is extremely hard to say goodbye to Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen a recent recipient of Papal Knighthood. He had distinguished himself in character and reputation and offered committed and dedicated service to the Catholic Church and society which got him nominated for consideration for Papal Knighthood.

It was thus all joy and celebrations when Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was introduced alongside other 16 newly approved Papal Knights and Dames. The memorable occasion took place at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Tema on 12 August 2022. The well-attended celebration was part of activities that marked the pastoral visit of the Apostolic Nuncio to the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Accra.

He showed commitment to all activities of the new batch of Papal Knights and Dames as he attended all meetings and took part in all activities preceding the investiture on 10 December 2022. The Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Most Reverend Henryk M Jagodzinsky was the main celebrant at the Mass, concelebrated by Most Reverend John Bonaventure Kwofie, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra.



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The investiture of candidates was performed by the Apostolic Nuncio supported by the Archbishop. Sir Ernest was knighted as Knight of St. Gregory the Great with the title 'Sir' prefixed to his name.

His smart turn out on that joyful Saturday is still fresh in our minds. We spent most of that day together in joyful celebration. Little did we know that his Maker was going to call him home within a few months of that joyous occasion.

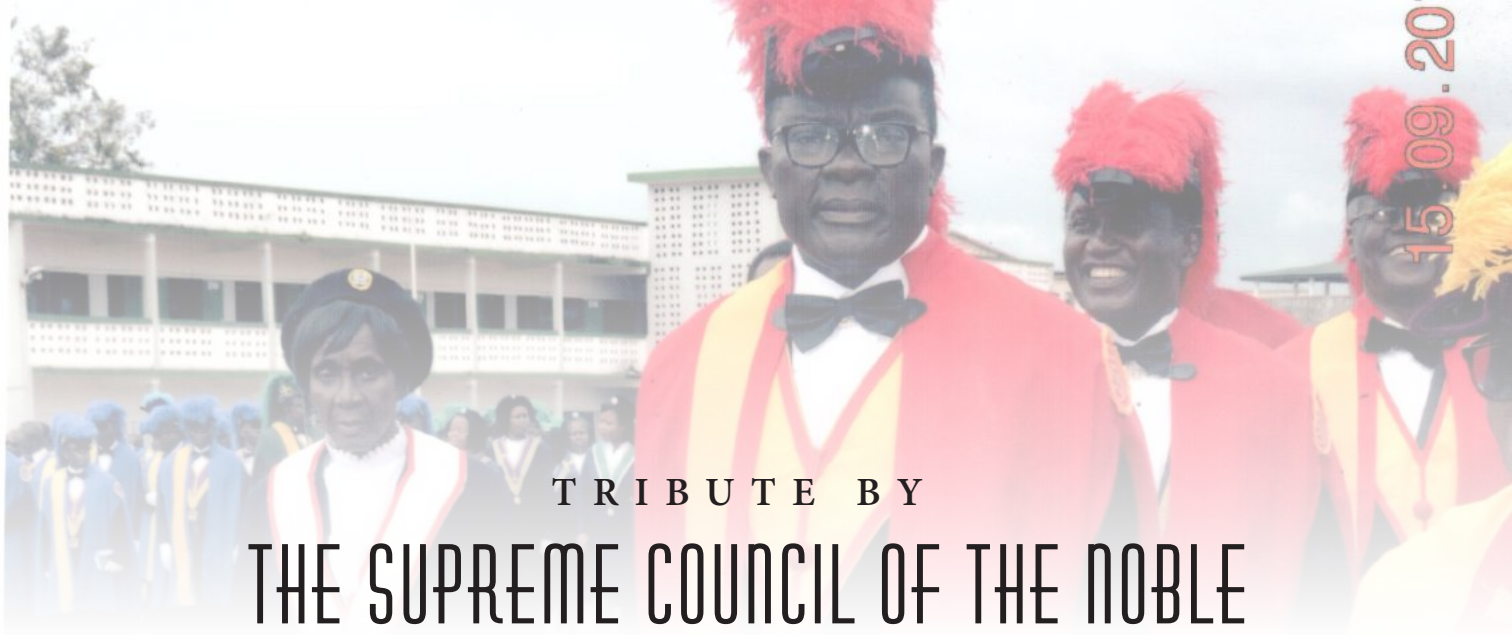
As we recall the brief period he spent with the forum of Papal Knights and Dames, we pray that he enjoys eternal rest in the heavenly Jerusalem where there is no more pain nor sorrow.

Rest well Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen.

*Requiescat in pace*







TRIBUTE BY  
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE NOBLE  
ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARSHALL



*“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me even though he dies will live again;  
He who believes in me shall never taste death” (John 11: 25-26).*

It is with a heavy heart that we present this tribute in honour of our dear Sir Knight and Brother, Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen, one of the Substantive Past Supreme Knights of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall.

Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was initiated into the Noble Order in the year 1992 at Council No. 10, Accra where he rose through the ranks to become Secretary of the Council.

He later transferred to Council 74 Accra Central when the Council was consecrated and became its first Grand Knight from the year 2000 to 2002.

Sir Ernest acquitted himself so well as the Grand Knight and Officer of the new Council that it did not take long for the Supreme Council, the Apex Governance Body of the Knights of Marshall, to recognize his sterling qualities and appointed him to its Standing Committee as the Supreme Secretary of Finance in 2009.

As the Secretary of Finance, he succeeded

in streamlining the accounts of the Supreme Council and the payment procedures of member Councils.

He also served on other Committees at the Supreme Council where he made significant contributions.

He will be remembered as a dedicated and hardworking Junior Organizer who showed concern for the spiritual and physical development of young Marshallans.

In 2013, Sir Kt. Amoako-Arhen, then Worthy Brother, was elected as the Deputy Supreme Knight and installed as the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall in September 2015.

As the Supreme Knight, Sir Kt. Brother Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen initiated far-reaching programmes that furthered the growth of the Noble Order. He worked with the Secretary of Finance, the late Sir Kt. Bro Deku to introduce simplified system of payment of levies to the Supreme Council by the constituent Councils.

A number of other important initiatives stand to his name. These include the following:

- Marshallan Savings and Investment Fund (MaSIF) which is aimed at bringing financial independence to Members of the Noble Order.
- The setting up of a Marshallan Rubber Plantation in the Tarkwa area aimed at improving the financial health of the Noble Order.
- Acquisition of lands in Tarkwa and Techiman for future construction of Montessori Schools in the name of Knights of Marshall.

Our dear Sir Ernest had a deep understanding of the tenets of the Noble Order and insisted on proper ways of approaching issues. He did not entertain any fears in expressing his opinion and ensuring that the right things were done.

Sir Ernest indeed paid his dues as a Knight and was seen as one of the effective and efficient Past Supreme Knights of the Noble Order.

It was for this reason that the Noble Order became proud and rejoiced with him when he was elected Deputy President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) which is an organization made up of fifteen (15) Roman Catholic fraternal Orders including the Knights of Marshall, with its Headquarters in Dublin, Ireland.

Like all Marshallans, Sir Ernest was a practicing Catholic and a stalwart of his Parish – the Holy Spirit Cathedral where, he once served as Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

His contribution and sacrifices to the church were recognized by the Holy See which

conferred on him the Papal Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great. Sir Ernest received his investiture along with others at a colourful ceremony on Saturday, 10th December 2022 at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Accra, a little less than three (3) months before he was called by his Maker on 6th March 2023.

Sir Ernest would be sorely missed. We believe he would continue to shine in the Noble Order above.

*Sir Kt. Bro. Sir Ernest  
Amoako-Arhen, rest in  
Perfect Peace in the bosom of  
God Almighty.*





TRIBUTE BY  
CENTRAL ACCRA REGIONAL COUNCIL AND  
COURT OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF  
MARSHALL

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**S**ir Knight Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was a foundation member of the Central Accra Region, following the split of the erstwhile Accra West Region into Central Accra Region and West Accra Region, consecrated simultaneously by the Supreme Council in September, 2000.

He played a big role in activities which led to the split of Accra West Region. Having now become a member of the new Central Accra Region, he threw his full weight, influence, and knowledge of the Constitution, Rituals, Procedures and Conventions of the Noble Order, behind it. He was regular at Regional Advisory Board meetings, Regional programs and other activities of the Region. As part of this support, he invited the leadership of the Region occasionally to advise and share his thoughts.

He had the strong conviction that the Noble Order (and by extension the Catholic Church) can grow only if new Councils and Courts are consecrated. And so he championed the consecration of new Councils and Courts including those in Abeka (Council 127 and

Court 121), Kaneshie (Council 172 and Court 152) and in the erstwhile Accra West.

He held many positions in the Noble Order, and was a Regional Secretary of Finance in the erstwhile Greater Accra Regional Council.

Sir Knight Bro Sir Amoako-Arhen, was a very capable Installation Officer and was fond of installations. He tried to make every installation unique with a selection of new songs and a commentary which brought out the full significance of the event. He admonished Grand Knights that their positions were a call to sacred duty, good interpersonal relations, strict adherence to the admonitions of the Noble Order. They were required to bear the full responsibilities of their offices.

Already a Substantive Past Supreme Knight (SPSK), he was elected and installed Vice President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK), in 2011 for a two-year tenure; which was expected to end this year. In anticipation of his elevation and instillation as President of IACK, in September 2023, Central



Accra Region had lived in joyful expectation. Sadly, the expectations have been cut short. Man indeed proposes and God disposes.

In November, 2022, Sir Knight, together with 13 other Catholics, received the Papal Awards. He was honoured “Knight of Saint Gregory the Great” the Great. It was a proud moment for the Region, which was well attended and celebrated.

Strangely, the health of Sir Knight Bro. Sir Amoako-Arhen, who was known to be healthy and active, began to dip in January this year. He skipped the January Advisory Board and Council meetings.

He himself is reported to have told close friends about his poor health and an appointment with the doctor.

He seemed to have made good recovery, as friends who visited him, at home, reported. The recovery didn't last long, and on Monday 6th March, the sad news hit everybody. Sir Knight Bro. Sir Ernest Kwabena Amoako-Arhen, had died at the Korle Bu Teaching hospital. What was thought to be another visit to the doctor suddenly turned out to be his last, a sudden and unexpected departure which has brought pain, anguish and tears.

We in the Region, have been left with memories of a gem, a man of courage, knowledge and influence. It is difficult not to feel the pain.

We however look back with gratitude, on the inspiration which many received from him, his faith and courage, lived as a great Catholic Christian Knight; and indeed a good Marshallan. He have no doubt that he is in peaceful rest.

Central Accra, indeed, believes that our late Sir Knight Brother, has written his own tribute in the words of one of his favourite songs “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”.

Central Accra Region joins our Brothers and Sisters of the Marshallan Fraternity all over the world, to mourn with the widow, Most Respected Lady (MRL), Sis Vivian Amoako-Arhen, his children, siblings and indeed the entire family.

With hope in God and the resurrection, we bid our beloved Sir Knight Brother Ernest Kwabena Amoako-Arhen farewell, in the words of Catholic Hymnal 351:(vrs. 4):

”So long they Power has Blessed me, sure it still will lead me on.  
O'er moor and fen, O'er crag and torrent till the night is gone

And with the morn those angels faces smile.  
Which I have loved, long since and lost awhile”

*Amen.*



BURIAL MASS FOR THE LATE • SIR KNIGHT BRO. SIR ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN (SPSK- KSGG)

TRIBUTE BY  
ASHANTI SOUTH DENKYIRA REGIONAL  
COUNCIL AND COURT

—◆◆◆—  
*‘Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies...’  
(John 12:24)*

**A** mighty tree has fallen and has shaken the walls of the Noble Order of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall especially in Ashanti South Denkyira. When the news of your demise was announced we all doubted it until fliers of your one-week commemoration and official message was received from the Supreme Knight. It was just so hard to believe that a man full of energy and action, has just withered away.

You were a generous, kind, knowledgeable and a disciplinarian. Our region had an official encounter with you somewhere in 2015 and since then the relationship grew stronger particularly so when your hometown is located within our region. During your reign as Supreme Knight, you consecrated one Court and Council as well as a Junior Council and Court in our region. Apart from these you regularly paid visits to component Councils within the region on both official and unofficial duties. Your presence at our regional conferences and your teachings and admonitions cannot be forgotten. You constantly encouraged Council 14, Obuasi to

work at expanding the Order within the Obuasi Diocese and this yielded results when Council 155 was consecrated at Tutuka while other efforts are on-going. You took special interest in activities of our region and had initiated some key activities and projects to take place within the region which unfortunately did not see the light of day before your passing to eternity.

Though we are saddened by your demise, we strongly believe that the life just ended marks the beginning of a better one in heaven.

You have indeed won the prize. Yes, heaven is the price!!!

Ashanti South Denkyira Marshallans will miss you.

Rest in peace gallant soldier till we meet again.

*Damirifa due!!!, due ne  
amanehunu!!*



TRIBUTE BY

# THE NOBLE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF MARSHALL, COUNCIL 74 AND COURT 67, ACCRA-CENTRAL



**T**he news of the passing into eternity of the very distinguished Marshallan, Sir Kt. Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako Arhen, provoked spontaneous messages of shock, disbelief, and sadness, by his colleague Brothers of Council No 74 on the WhatsApp Platform of the Council, with the consolation of their Sisters of Court No 67: “Oh what a shock”, “What a tragedy for the entire Marshallan Fraternity”, “An irreplaceable colossus of the Noble Order has fallen”, etc. Such was the outpouring of grief by all Brothers and Sisters of Accra-Central, who, unexpectedly, heard of the passing on of a man, who had been seen by many, hale and hearty, not long before he passed on.

But, despite the exclamations of shock and dismay, Scripture, offers us some sort of consoling words under such sad situations, some as follows: “Good people die, and no one understands, or even cares. But when they die no calamity can hurt them. Those who live good lives find peace and rest in death” (Isaiah 57: 1-2). Furthermore, Scripture continues, “My thoughts, says the LORD, ‘are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours” (Isaiah 55:8).

So let us render unto Caesar what is due unto Caesar, and unto God what is due unto God.

Then, Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, was initiated into the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall in September 1991, at his Mother Council No 10, Accra, and after going through the Preliminary Course of Study of the Order, he was admitted into full Marshallan Knighthood at the 9th Degree. He, then undertook the Lower Degree Course of the Order, and successfully passed the prescribed Examination in June 1993, next proceeding to the study of the Mystics Psychology Course of the Noble Order, which he completed in November 1994.

Having demonstrated early initiative and talent, Bro. Ernest Amoao-Arhen was appointed Assistant Secretary of his Council, from January 1996 to December 1998, and substantive Secretary from January 1999 to November 2000. In the meantime, he served as the Reporter of Council No 10 from January 1997 to December 1997, served on the Welfare Committee from January 1998 to December 1998, and concurrently served during the above period on the Business Committee, and the



Finance Committee of Council No 10. He had also served as an Organizer of the Junior Order of his Council over a seven-year period from January 1993 to November 2000.



During the year 2000, Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, teamed up with a group of like-minded Brothers of his Council No 10, to canvass for the formation of a new Council at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabrake, Accra. This new Council No 74, his present Council, was indeed consecrated on 25th November, 2000, with Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, being listed on the Consecration Charter of the New Council, as one of the Fifty-Six Founding Members, and more importantly, being elected to the position of First Grand Knight, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Council, for his recognized diligence, initiative, and leadership qualities, serving Two Years on the throne as Grand Knight, until 2002.

After serving his tenure as Grand Knight, Bro. Amoako-Arhen did not rest on his oars, and contributed immensely to the development of the Noble Order by serving in several other capacities. From January 2003 to August 2005, he served as the Regional Welfare officer of the erstwhile Greater Accra Regional Council. The high performance rate of Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen did not go unnoticed by the Supreme Council, the highest Administrative Body of the Knights of Marshall. Thus, in the year 2003, Bro. Amoako-Arhen was appointed unto the Standing Committee of the Supreme Council, as Supreme Auditor, a position he held for

four years, until 2007. Meanwhile, Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen had been elevated in rank in the year 2004 from the position of Past Grand Adviser (PGA), to the rank of Past Regional Grand Knight (PRGK), with the Heraldic Title of "WORTHY BROTHER". After completion of his term as Supreme Auditor in 2007, Worthy Brother Amoako-Arhen was appointed as the Supreme Secretary of Finance, serving over a seven-year period from 2007 to 2013. Still in progression, W/Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen was elected in 2013 as the Deputy Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall, over a two-year period, until 2015, when he ascended to the pinnacle of power of the Knights of Marshall, as the 31ST Substantive Supreme Knight, with the Heraldic Title of, "SIR KNIGHT", to serve a two-year tenure, superintending over Marshallan Councils in Eight (8) Countries in the West African Sub-Region, and in the United Kingdom.

Sir Kt. Bro Ernest Amoako-Arhen was a deep thinker. During his Inaugural Address at his installation as Supreme Knight at the Marshallan Temple, Sekondi, on 29th August, 2015, Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen made a rallying call to members of the Noble Order to help diversify the revenue sources of the Noble Order, to meet the changing needs of the times. In line with that, he proposed the setting up of a Microfinance Company, to be known as the Fraternity Micro Finance Company Limited, to contribute to the reduction of poverty in the country, by providing financial services to the needy business Institutions, and individuals. He also proposed the establishment of the St. Anthony Montessori Schools Complex at various parts of the Country, to start from Pre-School, through Basic School, to the Senior High School Level, as part of processes to impart knowledge, and develop the powers of reasoning and judgment of students. Sir kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, further proposed the setting up of a Rubber Plantation at Tarkwa to generate some income for the Noble Order.

The progression of Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen in the Fraternal Order did not end with his tenure as Past Substantive Supreme Knight of the Knights of Marshall. In the year 2019, Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, was elected as the Vice-President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK), an Organization of Fifteen (15), International, Catholic, Kindred Orders with similar objectives, and organizational features in common. Sir Kt. Bro. Amoako-Arhen should have been installed as the Substantive President of IACK in the year 2021, but this suffered periodic reschedule, because of the COVID outbreak, until the installation was definitely confirmed to take place in Rome in September this year, 2023. But Man proposes, and God disposes, making it impossible for his installation to come off in his life time.

Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen, worked very hard to earn his unchallenged recognition as a very distinguished member of the Noble Order of the Knights of Marshall. But he worked even harder on his faith, to also earn a very rich Curriculum Vitae, in his service to the Holy Mother, the Catholic Church, having served in the following capacities at his Parish, the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka, Accra, over several years:

- i.  
Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen was a Board Member of the Millenium House Complex Project of the Holy Spirit Cathedral, and was Chairman of the Millelium House Fundraising Project.
- ii.  
He was Chairman of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Golden Jubilee Planning Committee.
- iii.  
He was Public Relation Officer of the Parish Pastoral Council from the year 2003 to 2004.
- iv.  
He was Vice-Chairman of the Parish Pastoral

Council over a four-year period in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

v.  
He, then, became the Substantive Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council over a four-year period in the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012

vi.  
Concurrently, in serving in the above capacities at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Sir Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen was Patron of the following Societies at the Holy Spirit Cathedral:  
The HSC Main Choir, the St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society, the St. Augustine's Society, and the H.S.C. Youth Choir.

Sir. Kt. Bro. Ernest Amoako-Arhen demonstrated a charitable spirit at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, donating a full complement of Choir Robes to the Holy Spirit Cathedral Choir, and supporting some youth of the Parish to various Tertiary Institutions. No wonder, for his Dedication, Commitment, and Selflessness, he was awarded a Certificate of Honour at the 125th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Accra, by the Archbishop.

But the icing on the cake towards his honour, occurred on 10th December, 2022, when the Papal Award of St. Gregory the Great was bestowed on him, at an Installation Ceremony at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, in recognition of his immense contribution to the Holy Mother, the Catholic Church, and to humanity. This Award earned him an additional "SIR" Title, thus in addition to the "Marshallan Title", becoming, "Sir Kt. Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen". For his life accomplishments, we can only make reference to him in terms of the wise saying of Henry Wadsworth:

"When a great man dies, for years, the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men."  
The Marshallan Fraternity has, indeed, lost an accomplished Marshallan, an encyclopedia of Marshallan rituals, who could instantly offer any explanation on any aspect of Marshallan

rituals and Activities, down to earth with the grassroots of the membership of his Council No 74, attending all Council No 74 Meetings, including Committee Meetings, whenever available, and ready to help every member out of any problem. Council No 74, and Court No 67, indeed, the Noble Order of the Knights and Lades of Marshall, have lost a Gem, and it is with very heavy hearts that We, The Marshallan Fraternity of Accra-Central, bid farewell to our fallen leader. But as Marshallans, we take Consolation in our belief that, the life of our Sir Kt. Bro Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen, just ended, marks the beginning for him of a richer and immortal life in the Noble Order Above, in the LORD’S Kingdom. Indeed, Jesus said to him: “I promise you, that today you will be in Paradise with me” (Luke 23:43).

To the Bereaved Family that he has left behind, particularly those belonging to the Marshallan Fraternity, his spouse, MRL Sis. Vivian Amoako-Arhen, her children, and other relations, they need to keep this in mind: “He heals the broken-hearted, and bandages their wounds” (Psalm 147:3).

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O LORD, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the Soul of late Sir Kt. Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen, and the Souls of all the faithful departed, through the endless Mercy of God, rest in perfect Peace.

*Amen.*



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T R I B U T E   B Y

# THE HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC).



*“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:50-51 (NKJV)*

**S**ir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was a true servant of God, who lived a life of dedicated service to his community and his church. He was a beloved parishioner of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish, where he served well on the Parish Pastoral Council in various capacities for over a decade.

Sir Amoako-Arhen’s service to the church began as the Youth Coordinator on the Parish Pastoral Council in 2001 and 2002, and he went on to serve as PRO in 2003 and 2004, Vice Chairman between 2005 and 2008, and Chairman of the Council between 2009 and 2012. His tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to the work of the council were truly remarkable, and his leadership was an inspiration to all who served alongside him.

In addition to his service on the Parish Pastoral Council, Sir Amoako-Arhen was also a Board Member of the Millennium House Complex, and he served as the Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee tasked with raising funds

for the building of the complex. He was also the Chairman of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Golden Jubilee Planning Committee, where his organizational skills and attention to detail ensured the success of the momentous celebrations.

Sir Amoako-Arhen’s generosity and kindness were evident in his support of numerous societies in the church, including the Cathedral Choir, to whom he donated a full complement of choir robes in 2015, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society, St. Augustine’s Society, and the Youth Choir. He was also known for his support of young people, providing financial assistance to some youth of the church to attend various tertiary institutions.

Sir Amoako-Arhen’s dedication to serving the church did not go unnoticed, as he was conferred with the title of Papal Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, for his distinguished personal character and reputation and for his conscious service to the Church and Society, in December 2022. Prior to this, he was

awarded a Certificate of Honour during the 125th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Accra. His service to the church was a reflection of his deep faith and his commitment to living out the values of the gospel.

As we bid farewell to Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen, we take comfort in the knowledge that he lived a life of faithful service to God and his community. His legacy of selflessness, generosity, and devotion to the work of the church will continue to inspire and guide us in the years to come.

## *Rest in peace*

Sir Amoako-Arhen. Your service to the church and your community will never be forgotten.

# TRIBUTE BY ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ADANSI AKROFUOM

It is with profound sorrow that Saint Luke catholic community writes this tribute to bid our son and brother farewell to eternity. Indeed, to every life there is an end as the scripture says in Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 “There is time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die”

Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen your death fills us with sorrow and causes us so much pain, which we find very difficult to overcome. Your absence had created a big vacuum in the Catholic Church here in Adansi Akrofuom and the Obuasi Catholic Diocese as a whole. Indeed the sun that shines to give life to many has suddenly disappeared leaving us in tears. The late Sir Knight Ernest Amoako-Arhen

was a citizen of Adansi Akrofuom but resided in Accra with his wife and children. He was a very staunch Catholic, a registered member of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish at Adabraka in Accra. He was an active member of the Cathedral Parish and held various positions.

He visited Akrofuom quite often and made it a point to join us for Mass whenever he came round. Although, Sir Knight lived in Accra, he had great interest in St. Luke’s Church activities, and many times offered us the needed support in cash and in kind.

During Rev. Fr. Lawrence Mensah’s time he donated sets of robes for the Altar Servers, and bought a good number of Hymn Books for the church choir, as a way of motivating them to

sing Catholic traditional hymns and psalms. Sir Knight Ernest Amoako-Arhen was very instrumental in liaising with Catholics from Adansi Akrofuom who were resident in Accra and Tema to do things to support the local church.

On some occasion, when Sir Knight was made the Chairman for the Annual Harvest of St Luke Catholic Church, he encouraged as many of the Akrofuom citizens in diaspora as possible to participate and contribute their widow's mite towards the harvest. Sometimes he even brought friends from Accra who were non-natives. He was a guardian to our church.

About two years ago, Sir Knight contacted Bishop John Afoakwa (Catholic Bishop of Obuasi) and the Parish Priest to give him a site to build Our

Lady's Grotto on the Catholic Church premises in memory of his mother, for the church in Akrofuom. His hope was that, it would offer our Catholic members the opportunity to pray and seek for our mother Mary's intercession in their daily lives. Unfortunately, death laid its icy hand on him before he could inaugurate it. This is sad!

The entire congregation of St. Luke Catholic Church prays that God will give him a peaceful rest till we meet again in heaven. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in Perfect Peace

*Nyame nfa wo kra nsie, da yie.*

## TRIBUTE BY HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Holy Spirit Cathedral Choir pays a touching tribute to their late patron, Sir Ernest Amoako Arhin, who always expressed his concern for the choir's aged members and had a vision for a revamped choir with younger members. As Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, he sought to collaborate with others to form a Junior Choir, but a disagreement over scheduling stalled the project. Sir Amoako Arhin had so much respect for the Cathedral Choir that he even apologized for inviting another choir to perform at his son's wedding, as he didn't want to disturb the Cathedral Choir. He was a generous benefactor who sponsored the cost of the choir's beautiful mauve-colored robes. The choir is devastated by his passing, but they celebrate his legacy and wish him a peaceful rest in the bosom of Abraham.



TRIBUTE BY  
ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

*St Theresa Little Flower  
Hidden from the world and all  
Blooming in the Carmel's Garden  
To fulfill the Masters call.*

*Chorus  
Hear our prayer St. Theresa  
Lead us on your little way  
That we live alone for Jesus  
Teach us how to love and pray.*

**T**hen I heard a voice from heaven saying *“Blessed is those who die in the Lord from now on, yes says the Spirit they are blessed indeed for their deed follow them “Revelation 14:13”*

Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen SPSK, KSGG was one of our patrons when the society was formed at the Holy Spirit Cathedral.

Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen was a noble, gentle and respectful man who always gave advice anytime he visited during our meetings. He continued doing that regularly before other duties made it difficult for him to visit regularly, but he never forgot to send us messages when he could.

Great people are not just great but work hard to become great. We celebrate his dedication and commitment to the growth of the church and our noble society.

Greatness is not only about building monuments and leaving a great empire behind; his life was a great monument and empire that transcended beyond the physical. Well done for living such an impactful life.

Rest well Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen.  
May your soul and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

*Amen*



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T R I B U T E   B Y

# ROSCO/FIASSEC OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (ROFOSA)



*“Now Praise we great and famous men’  
The fathers, named in story,  
And praise the Lord who now as then  
Reveals in man His Glory” (MHB 896)*

**W**e have gathered here to pay Tribute to a very distinguished and iconic gentleman of ROSCO/FIASSEC Old Students Association (ROFOSA). The entire ROSCO/FIASSEC Old Students Association was thrown into a state of shock when the news was broken to us that our First National President had kicked the bucket. The untimely death of the Late Royal Mr. Ernest Amoako-Arhen has robbed the Association of one of its humble, tolerant, and inspiring members.

(“Royal” is a title given to every past student of ROSCO/FIASSEC).

The Late Royal Ernest Amoako-Arhen entered Royal Secretarial College (ROSCO) in 1969 in Tarkwa for his secondary education. (ROSCO later was renamed Royal Secondary Commercial School when it became a Government-assisted school, and now is called Fiaseman Senior Secondary School). He completed ROSCO in 1974.

He, together with some dedicated Old Students, spearheaded the formation of ROSCO/FIASSEC Old Students Association (ROFOSA). The Late Royal Ernest Amoako-Arhen was elected the first Branch President of the Accra/Tema Old Students Association. He was later elected the first National President. His vision was to bring together and mobilize most of the Old Students in the country under one umbrella. Thus, to give effect to this vision, under his able and capable leadership supported by his executives, he ensured that the Association formed branches in Accra/Tema, Sekondi/Takoradi, Tarkwa and Kumasi. As part of organizing the branches, he led his executives to attend National Council Meetings in either Takoradi or Tarkwa or Kumasi. It would be recalled that on one of such trips from Kumasi, one of his executive members who was driving indicated that he was tired and that they should stop by a town and look for accommodation to rest. Our late National President who was alert throughout the journey, took over the steering

wheel of the vehicle and drove the team until they got closer to Accra. His reason was that he was a team player and burden-bearer; one ought to be ready at all times to offer a helping hand to a friend who was tired and in need of assistance. Such was the man who now lies motionless before us!

The Late Royal Ernest Amoako-Arhen's commitment to the ideals of the Association and progress of his alma mater knew no bounds. In fact, he put service before self and provided leadership. On occasions when the Association had planned a programme, particularly one with a national character, he ensured that his executives met at least once a week after close of work, to review assignments and activities.

It was under his reign that the Association introduced Awards Ceremony for teaching and non-teaching staff and students of our alma mater. It was an event organized to reward the teaching and non-teaching staff and students for the positive roles they had played in varying identifiable disciplines. It was indeed a huge motivation to the stakeholders. It is on record that by such event(s) in the School, the academic performance of the School improved and the teachers and non-teachers demonstrated inordinate commitment.

Like many, we discovered in him a friend and a brother whose love for his alma mater was deep and unwavering; one who was ardent in his friendship and focused. His fellowship, lively attitude and invaluable counsel will be sorely missed. He impressed and inspired us

by his regular demonstration of commitment, simplicity, cooperation and Godliness. He was always poised to advise, to guide, to encourage and to caution. His faith in Catholicism was deep and strong. Above all, he had a great sense of humour!

The contributions of the Late Mr. Ernest Amoako-Arhen as an Old Student and a Leader are too solid and numerous to fit into this rather short tribute. It was his dream to grow and sustain the Association. To a large extent, he succeeded in realizing his dream.

Our former first National President was indeed a gentleman, graceful in manner and easy of address. His demeanour elicited politeness to all persons whom he came into contact with. He was warm and sociable. He received and accorded every "Royal" with respect and dignity.

The Association has lost a huge and a strong pillar of strength, a courteous, an affable person and one of the finest gentlemen of our time. True, the final curtain has been drawn on the life of our amiable, illustrious, humble and distinguished old student, we pray and trust that the Most High will welcome his soul and give it a habitation in the bosom of Abraham. May our first National President's body be at rest, his soul at peace and his spirit of ensuring that ROFOSA becomes a strong Association, linger always in our minds.

Fare THEE well, Royal Ernest!

*Rest in perfect peace!!*



## TRIBUTE BY

# MR JOHN KASTA

(Former Student and Personal Friend, Ghana Secondary School, Tamale)



I am saddened to hear of your passing. I hope this tribute will bring comfort to your family and friends. All these mourners are gathered here today to give a befitting burial to you as a great man. You are one of those great men the ALMIGHTY GOD sent to this world to do good, and you were extremely kind to me and several other people you met during your wonderful lifetime.

You were posted to Ghana Secondary School, Tamale in September 1976 to teach Accounting, Commerce and Economics at a tender age of about 21/22 years.

As a young, dynamic and handsome young tutor, you were immensely popular and well liked by your students. You excelled at these subjects and students were motivated in their studies. Mr Arhen, you were a first class gentleman; very patient, well composed and quiet.

His Excellency John Dramani Mahama (former President of the Republic of Ghana) was one of your students at GHANASCO Tamale. Extraordinary achievement to have taught a future President of Ghana!

You wrote Commerce and Economics pamphlets, which were of great help to most of your students, who could not afford to buy expensive western written textbooks. One was titled "Economics in a Nutshell" which became your nickname. You were a unique human being full of kindness and compassion.

In 1984, we met again at Obuasi, and in our conversation you wanted to know what I was

doing at the time. I told you I was living in Obuasi with my uncle (District Chief Executive) and had decided to take up a job with Ashanti Gold Mining Company as a Miner. You told me to dismiss the idea and advised me to pursue higher education. I followed your advice and went to University of Ghana, and this has positively impacted on my life; the rest is history. You touched my life, and the lives of those who encountered you. I am lucky to have known you and proud to call you a dear friend and my "master"/tutor.

Although, you are no longer with us your memories will remain with me till my last day on this earth. God knows why He called you to His Kingdom far too soon. Your passing has left a massive void in many lives. No day goes by without me thinking of you. Writing this tribute fills my eyes with tears. It is difficult to believe that you are gone forever.

You were a fantastic role model to many of those students you taught. You have left us (those who encountered you) many remarkable memories that we will ponder over for a very long time.

My heart is completely shattered into pieces by your passing. Dear "Master" and friend, Sir Knight Bro Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen; May Your Soul Rest in Perfect Peace till we meet again. The world is poorer without you. You shall never be forgotten.

DAMIRIFA DUE

TRIBUTE BY  
ASMONA CONSTRUCTION LTD

*“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord;  
(Romans 14:8)*

It is with great sadness that I have to pen this tribute in memory of our trusted friend, co-worker and colleague. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was a unique man, so cool, hardworking and gentle; a man we least expected to leave us so soon and at this time.

I have known the family of Mr. Amoako-Arhen long before he joined our company in 2010 as a General Manager. He brought a lot of life into the company. He was in-charge of running the office and dealing with the Institutions we work with. He was responsible for resolving very delicate issues affecting the company and the workers.

As a devout Christian, and prominent member of the Catholic Faith, he was able to combine

his Church activities with his office duties to perfection. He was somebody you could always rely on for his wisdom and good counsel.


We will continue to remember him for his hard work, love and affection towards the people in came into contact with. As Nelson Mandela said; “What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lived”

Mr. Ernest Amoako-Arhen served very well and he will be greatly missed.

*Rest in Peace, Brother*

TRIBUTE BY  
OLD WORKERS OF LAVA LIMITED

*None of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself, if we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*  
"Roman's 14; 7-8



Every life entails a special story, every human being has something special to offer. Some people are a treasure for the world because their efforts make a big difference in changing someone's life. It is only when such people depart from this world, you realize that the world suffer from a deficit.

We met Mr Amoako Arhen at Lava Limited as its Accountant, when we were employed in 1985 and 1986 most of us fresh from school without any life experience.

He was a quiet man who related very well to all of us, giving us advice on how to live our lives and to always tell the truth and keep proper accounts of the goods we are entrusted with. Although we left Lava before he retired we still keep contact with him.

We visited him on the 29th January 2023 when we learnt of his ill health, we charted and were very happy together, less do we expect, that to be our last visit, we had plans to visit frequently so we can benefit from your rich advice and guidance, Alas death has taken you from us but we do however believe that God has taken you to a place that is better, where there is no more pain, and we will surely meet again on the yonder side.

Fare thee well, Accountant  
Rest in the bosom of the Father

*Da hie, Da yie*



TRIBUTE BY  
AKROFUOM AREA RURAL BANK,  
ADANSI AKROFUOM



The Board of Directors and Staff of Akrofuom Area Rural Bank received with the greatest shock, the news of Sir Knight Bro Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen's untimely death. We are deeply saddened to lose such a treasured and valued former board member of Akrofuom Area Rural Bank. He was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Bank on the 18th of April 2009 and served for two full terms.

Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen played very important roles to lift the fortunes of the Bank. He spearheaded the formulation of management policies, which helped the Bank greatly to rationalize its activities. He also assisted the organization to streamline its strategy and policies to propel the development of the Bank.

As an inclusive financial institution, Akrofuom Area Rural Bank has brought great value, support and relieve to the livelihood of the people of Akrofuom community and beyond; our fallen board member is a key contributor to this feat. Sir, the sound inclusive financial management policies you championed is a key factor to the

improvement we see in the livelihood of both the poor and the vulnerable across Akrofuom Traditional Area.

Sir Knight brought passion and dedication to everything he did. He was always there, whenever we needed him, and He was an embodiment of the organization's vision and deeply committed to the transformation of the Bank's progress and sustainability. Sir Ernest readily transmitted his repertoire of knowledge to the management of the bank through his mentorship initiatives.

The entire Staff of the Bank will forever remember his efforts and the commitment he brought to everything he did.

The Akrofuom community and its environs have indeed lost a dynamic person, a mentor, a colleague, a leader and a financial advisor.

May the gentle soul of our Board Member Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen rest in the bosom of our Lord and savior.



TRIBUTE BY  
MRL SIS. MATILDA TAY

FIRST NOBLE LADY OF COURT 67 - ACCRA CENTRAL

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*“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelations 21:4.*

**T**he Phenomenal person is you our First Grand Knight Sir Knight Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen. A golden heart stopped beating, a hard working hand is at rest; for a while, our world seemed to grind to a halt and we felt such emptiness in our hearts.

We were the first Noble Lady and Grand Knight of Court 67, and Council 74 Accra Central in the year AD 2000 when Council and Court were consecrated. We both steered the affairs of the Court and Council in its first administration, 2000-2002 of two years, ending our administration on 31st December, 2002. Since then, we have both gone through the various ranks as constitutionally mandated by the Noble Order. Besides that, you have graciously moved further and made it abundantly higher to other international levels; as the Vice President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK), ready to be installed the Substantive President come September, 2023 only for evil death to rob us of this honour. You recently got honoured and Knighted by His Holiness, the Pope with the Knight of St. Gregory the Great (KSGG). CONGRATULATIONS I doth my hat for your sterling qualities in leadership.

God bless you and keep you safe in His bossom. We indeed made it great from the start of the Council and Court and it was you who made it much better and explicitly for the Council and Court to see tremendous growth to this stature today.

The gentleman who understood the pain of a fellow human being and would go the extra mile to assuage the pain of such fellow. The gentleman whose yes was yes, and no was an absolute no, is Sir Knight Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen SPSK, KSGG.

I take consolation in the fact that there's time to die and that it's universally accepted as death must surely be a blessing for the renewal of our souls for transition to the the Noble Order above.

SIR KNIGHT BRO. SIR ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN, YOU ARE MAN OF GREAT VALUE. YOU SERVED YOUR GOD DILIGENTLY AND FAITHFULLY. MAY THE LORD GRANT YOU THE GLORY THAT YOU DESERVE. Damrifa due, may your soul rest in perfect peace. Amen!

God have mercy on your soul Amen!!  
God bless and keep you safe in His bossom.

*Amen!!!*

TRIBUTE BY  
MRL SIS. ALICE STELLA AYEBI (SPGL)

—◆◆◆—  
“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”  
1 Corinthian 15:55

and Sir Kt. Bro Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen were destined to attain common goals for the Noble Order in the year 2015-2017. Initially, both of us found it difficult to build thrust among ourselves due to circumstances beyond control.

God timely intervened through good companions and the camel's back has broken in July 2015 at the Togo Benin State Conference in Lome. In a dramatic scene, our good companion pulled us towards each other and emphatically remarked “You need to talk”. We all broke into laughter. Sir Kt. Amoako-Arhen then looked into my face and retorted, “So, Deputy Grand Lady, what are your plans? Well, I answered “My focus is on the strategic plan of the Noble Order. “How?” he probed further. “I hope to access the society's needs and determine areas for intervention in line with the strategic plan” I explained. Oh fine, he complemented.

The short but brief interaction we had on that day paved the way for a good companionship and cordial work relationship such that our

complementary efforts resulted into a successful administration at the time.

We were confronted with challenges though, a usual phenomenon in every human endeavor, yet we shared common ideas and competed favorably to break new grounds.

Sir Knight, your death at this time has been least expected. You would have lived longer to tell our stories someday, considering your age, but Alas, the inevitable has happened. Why now? You could have lived longer to establish stronger relationship among leadership. “Alice! you worry people”, was your usual often expressed jokes in Twi any time we meet. Again why now?

Yes, man proposes and God disposes. We stand to accept God's divine plan. And so, I say, Father grant thy wearied one rest forever more; for the day of toil is done.

Rest! Ernest, Rest!! Sir Kt. Bro. Amoako-Arhen, Rest in Peace.

*Amen.*



BURIAL MASS FOR THE LATE • SIR KNIGHT BRO. SIR ERNEST AMOAKO-ARHEN (SPSK- KSGG)





TRIBUTE BY

JOHN PAUL ABRAHAM PGA, RS, PROSPER K. SOSSOE GA, RCO & SISTERS DR. MARIAN TSEGAH PNA, RS, CECILIA AGBENYEGA NA, RCO



*“For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:7-8*

**I**t is with heavy hearts that we pay tribute to a dedicated servant of the Church, a beloved Papal Knight and a great Marshallan Knight. Sir Knight Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen, your lifelong commitment to the Catholic faith, selfless service to the Church, and unwavering faith in the words of the Gospel have inspired all who had the opportunity to witness your lifelong work.

It is with great respect and admiration for your life of service as a Catholic Marshallan Knight, your unwavering commitment to the Church and your dedication to the core values of the Marshallan order of Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Service which has made a significant impact on us, that we pay this tribute in your memory.

Your service to others is truly remarkable, and it is a testament to the depth of your faith and your belief in the principles of the Catholic Church. Your exemplification of the Marshallan virtues of patriotism, zeal, and honor is recognized and valued, and your contributions to the mission of the Church have not gone unnoticed.

An inspirer, a motivator, a father, one who stood for truth, would say it no matter the consequences and often misunderstood because of his convictions. He was interested in our progress and will call at anytime to find out about our plans for an upcoming event. Our mentor, advisor and leader, who championed the cause in securing a site for the construction of a multi-purpose building

with the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Abelenkpe, has gladly accepted the call of God, to come and rest, after diligent and hardwork!

We are indeed at peace because true selfless people like you are saints around us. We know we will continue to hear your rich counsel in our quiet times, and we shall endeavour always to strategize for every assignment, for success.

Sir Enest Amoako-Arhen, was our walking encyclopaedia who devoted his time, wisdom, resources and sacrificed for the success of every phase of our leadership journey. We will forever miss your company, follow-ups on our Building project with key stakeholders, hours of phone calls to evaluate past events and discuss present and future activities of Council 74 and Court 67. We are fortified in our belief that even in Heaven, you will bless us with the needed direction for the realization of the vision for our beloved Council 74 and Court 67.

Sir Knight Bro. Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was Our number One fan, our loudest Cheerleader, our guide, our source of inspiration and desire to do a lot more for humanity. We are glad to have made you proud through our deeds. In God's name, we will hold high your legacy as best as we can, because we have a charge to keep, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

Your generosity and selflessness are a true reflection of Christ's teachings, and your leadership within the Marshallan fraternity has

made a significant impact on the lives of those around you. Your service as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the great was, in itself, a great accomplishment.

As we mourn the loss of a devout servant of the Church, we remember the Papal Knight's legacy, built through acts of selflessness, dedication, and service to God's people. Let us keep his family in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the Papal Knight's life, a life truly well-lived in the service of God. May God grant his soul eternal rest and bless his family and loved ones with strength and comfort in this moment of grief.

The work of a Papal Knight is far from over as it is passed on from one generation to the next, and while our hearts are heavy with sadness, we take comfort in the knowledge that their unwavering dedication and service to the Church significantly impacted both their community and the Church. The memories of your good deeds will remain evergreen.

Congratulations on your achievements, and thank you for being a beacon of hope and inspiration to all of us.

May your gentle soul Rest In Perfect Peace with God, Our Pillar –

*Till we meet again.*



TRIBUTE BY  
UNDER THE TREE MEMEBERS

*Faithful are the words of a friend who corrects out of love and concern. Oil and perfume make the heart glad, so does sweetness of a friend's counsel that comes from the heart.*  
(Proverbs 27:5a-9)

**W**here do we start and what do we say?  
We are still grief stricken and heart broken.  
We are even writing this and in the past tense.

This was so not the plan. Oh! Why!  
We are really confused and numb!  
Thinking it is a bad dream we'd wake up from.

Hmmm! It is so painful.  
Writing a memorial tribute to a dear friend, brother and confidant with who we have shared a significant part of our life, is the last and hardest thing we thought we would be doing at this point in our life.

In the early 70's, we met a decent gentleman imbued with a deep sense of solicitude honesty, generosity and approachable attributes that we greatly admired.

Kwabena Arhen, as we affectionately called him was a very trustworthy and selfless individual, who never hesitated to assist anyone who needed help. Our relationship with Kwabena strengthened when we joined the Knights and Ladies of Marshall.

It was through this enviable society that the Cathedral Marshallans Association was coined from, members who were parishioners of the Holy Spirit Cathedral.



We still have memories of our weekends joint community meetings and visiting each other for communal merry making.

We fraternized with you recently when you were awarded as a Sir Knight by the church.

Kwabena Arhen became our mentor, friend, brother, father, everything in one. We spoke about everything and had no don't touch me topics. If we needed any advice or guidance, all we did was to approach him.

His mission was a great one, he taught others around him the importance of loving God and loving each other. He loved the Lord and was deep with his Catholic faith.

He was not afraid of speaking the truth. All of his relationships were transformed by one single ingredient: Love, the most essential ingredient for our time here on earth.

Kwabena made his entrance to the world, played his many parts and exited when we least

expected We have come to accept this fact but still find it difficult to understand why his exit had to be that way. As Christians we have been made to understand that when we leave this life on earth, we transition to a better place.

Kwabena Arhen's passing has really brought home to us the fact that when we leave this world, our material goods, roles, titles and profits no longer matter.

All that counts when we have completed our mission is that we loved fully and we're loved in return.

Kwabena Arhen, you have been such a blessing to us. Your memory will never fade. The world has lost a beautiful soul.

Heaven has acquired back a beautiful soul. Repose comfortably in the bosom of the Almighty who has called you to rest.

*We miss you solely.*





T R I B U T E   B Y

FLORENCE MENSAH, ANNA COBBA-BINEY, RHODALINE  
BOAKYE AND SYLVIA AHOUNNON

*Then I heard a voice from Heaven saying, "Write this: Happy are those who from now on die in the service of the Lord!" "Yes indeed!" answers the Spirit, "They will enjoy rest from their hard work, because the results of their service go with them." Revelation 14:13*

Sir Knight, as affectionately called by all was a precious gift from God. So much patience, care and love he possessed. You were such a great person who touched our hearts in so many ways and always there for all who came your way. You were a man filled with so much Wisdom and Self-sacrifice and you had a way of looking at the world that is both insightful and compassionate.

How on earth can we ever forget you our beloved Sir Knight.

You were an affable man, always concerned about our well-being. Your words of advice and encouragement anytime we visit or meet you at functions has made us better people, your life was an overflow of mercy, love and compassion. You cannot be easily forgotten. Not now. Not the nearest future. Your incredible memories would forever linger in our minds. We hold our heads up and walk in confidence knowing you are resting peacefully with your maker in heaven. We mourn because we will miss you, but we

know heaven has gained an Angel. Thank you for standing tall in the Noble Order and being generous to all. Indeed a great tree has fallen!!

With love and gratitude,  
Rest well in the bosom of your maker Sir Knight Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen till we meet again!!!





TRIBUTE BY  
THE VAN DERPLUYM FAMILY, USA.

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*“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor Knowledge nor Wisdom”.*  
*Ecclesiastes 9:10*

**I**t is with heavy heart that we pay this tribute to our dear Sir Knight as we affectionately call him.

We are glad to have known your good examples of devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose.

Sir Knight was a man with a warm heart and a pillar in the lives of so many including us.

Your passing has left a great vacuum in the Noble Order and our lives. You were not only our Sir Knight but our mentor, father as well as a teacher.

You were a leader who knew how to achieve the very important tasks and sometimes amazed by your humility.

You were always ready to extend your knowledge to the betterment of the Noble Order and also

generous in your words.  
Indeed you were a real gem.

Painfully, you did not live to see your many plans for Council 74 and Court 67 Building Project fruition. You exhibited true leadership and contributed in many ways to the development of our Building Project.

We are grateful for the time we spent together and the laughter we shared and look forward till we meet again.

May God bless your gentle soul Sir Knight Amoako-Arhen, you will be greatly missed.

*Rest in Perfect Peace,  
Amen!*





TRIBUTE BY

# SIR KT BRO ALBERT K. SALIA & WORTHY BRO EMMANUEL KWESI OFORI-DANKWA

*Partings come and hearts are broken, love ones go with words unspoken.*

*“Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He springs like a flower and withers away, like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.” – Job 14:1-2*

“Albert, how are you today? Please take good care of yourself. Don’t appear in public until you are fully recovered. Be careful with what you eat. Tell Ofori (Worthy Bro Emmanuel Ofori-Dankwah) I asked of him. Tell him my phone will be off so he shouldn’t worry if he is not getting through to me.” I did not know these were his final words to me on March 3, 2023 when he called to check on me. Since I fell sick, he and his wife, Most Respected Lady Sis Vivian Amoako-Arhen have visited me a couple of times but the calls were frequent – sometimes four times in a day just to check on me.

Our personal relationship started when he invited me to join his installation planning committee under the leadership of the late Sir Kt Bro Andrew Nukpeh. At the time I joined the committee, the committee had virtually done its work. He then tasked Ofori-Dankwah and myself to review the work and make recommendations where necessary. After that,

he virtually handed over the implementation work to Sir Kt Bro Nukpeh, Ofori -Dankwah and my good self. At times, we clashed with him because he wanted some things to be done in a particular way which we resisted. “You people are strong ooo. It is my installation and yet you are dictating things for me,” I recall him saying to us. But in the end, he was so excited with the outcome and we became closer thereafter.

You came to our lives, for a little while. You left footprints on our hearts and we will never be same. The debt owned by us to you is immeasurable and inexpressible.

Sir Kt Bro Sir Ernest Amoako-Arhen was a simple, a strong man, straightforward but often misunderstood person. He was often misunderstood because he believes in principles and insist on the right things being done. You spent a great deal of your life on earth impacting and investing in the lives of other

people. You knew you had a gift and didn't hoard it but like a grain of wheat, you sowed it in the lives of others. We are all witnesses to just how much fruit your noble investment has yielded. We mourn your passing but we know with absolute certainty that heaven is clapping to receive you.

He was someone who believed in self-sufficiency and not depending on levies to run the Church or the Noble Order. That led him to moot and start the rubber plantation project for the Noble Order.

He also led the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish to put up what was supposed to be a guest house for visiting Catholics to the Archdiocese to serve as income generating venture. But it was converted to offices. He also went to the Techiman Diocese to negotiate for a release of land for a school project. This was something he wanted all Regional Councils and Courts to take up to as income generating projects.

Sadly, as he joins the Noble Order above, the first harvesting from the rubber plantation is expected to take off this month. This reinforces his conviction that the project was not his personal property but for the benefit of the Noble Order.

Sir Ernest was nicknamed the Marshall Inspector General of Police (IGP) simply because each time he saw something wrong, he stood his grounds that it must be corrected,



often attracting criticisms for not allowing the wrongs to be corrected later. He was very strict, a trait he said he learnt from Sir Kt Bro Sir James Augustine Adomako, popularly known as Sir James, the metuselar of the Noble Order. He believed in the youth and would do anything possible to support the youth of the Noble Order and at church to rise to the top.

He loved the Noble Order and believed in its rituals. He had always acknowledged the depth of knowledge of the rituals by the late Sir Kt Bro D. D. Domfeh and Sir Kt Bro Tony Baffour. To him, Sir Kt Bro Tony Baffour should have been a permanent member of the Standing Committee and Supreme Council because 'he understands the rituals and explains them better to everyone's understanding'.

Sir Amoako-Arhen, many people, found in you a father, confidante and an adviser. You were prepared to listen to anybody who cared to talked to you, regardless of age, or gender. Your



generosity spread to all who came into contact with you. You were honest in your dealings with everyone. You spoke your mind without fear or favour. These endeared you to many, but a few were uncomfortable with the truth.

We are grateful for the time we shared with you and cherish the memories we made.

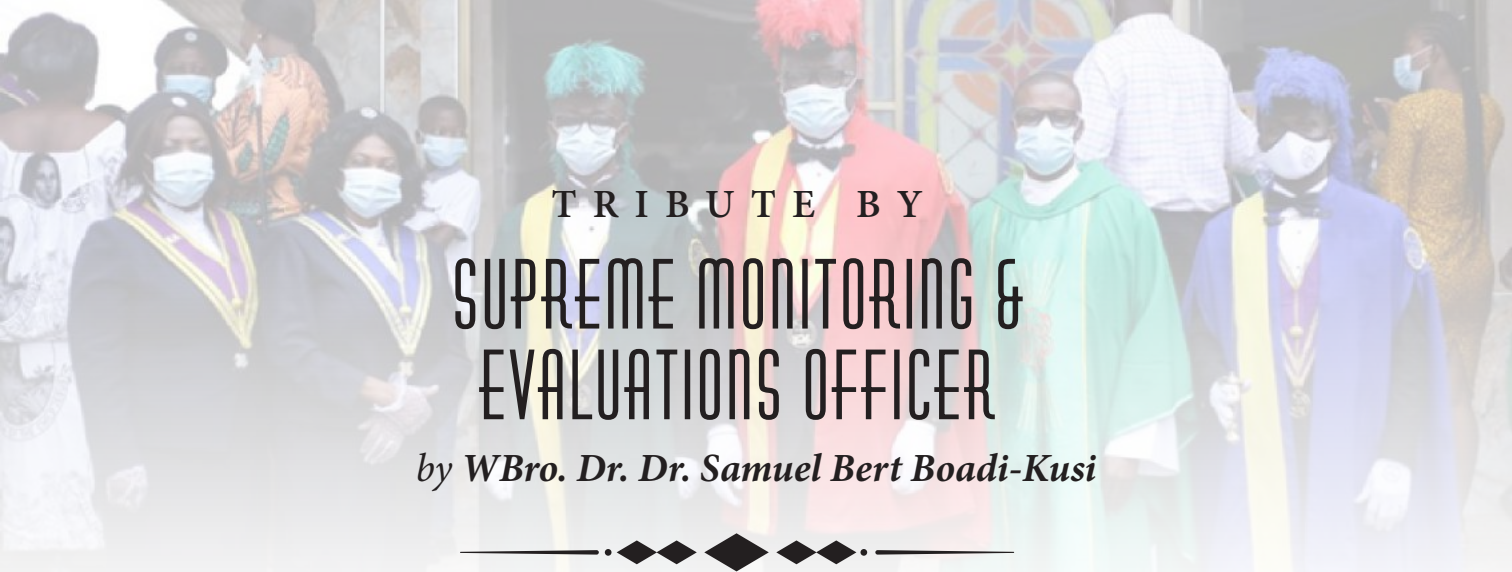
“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.” Sir Knight Bro Sir Amoako-Arhen, your life was a blessing, your memory is a treasure.

Fare thee well, Sir Knight, your spirit will forever be in our hearts and mind.  
Rest in God’s loving care.

*Rest in perfect peace, Marshall IGP.*







TRIBUTE BY  
SUPREME MONITORING &  
EVALUATIONS OFFICER

by *WBro. Dr. Dr. Samuel Bert Boadi-Kusi*

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*“A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky.  
To serve the present age, My calling to fulfil, Oh may it all my pow’rs engage,  
To do my Master’s will.....”*

**Y**ou were a gallant soldier of Christ who has been recalled. An agent of change and reconciliation who has been called back home to rest from all your labour.

His was a life lived to the fullest. You came, you saw, and conquered. You believed, received and lived in the light of Christ. You were brave, high spirited, courageous and honorable, inspiring and impactful, passionate and focused, Jesus loving and fun-loving, people centric and God centered. Indeed, you were at the forefront, running the race, contending the faith, standing for the truth, encouraging, admonishing, correcting, leading, directing and creating opportunities for younger ones.

I first met you when you planned to visit Council 98, Santasi as a Deputy Supreme Knight and I was detailed to pick you up from the airport. Through our conversations and subsequent interactions, you became a father, friend and a mentor to me in the Noble Order. You honoured me by installing me as the 4th Grand Knight of Council 98, Santasi and subsequently as the 5th Regional Grand Knight of the Ashanti South Denkyira Regional Council. I can recall the visits to Sir Kt Bro Sir Prof G. W Brobby when the team was in Kumasi and the words of wisdom you all shared with us. You always encouraged hard work, proper planning and advocated that we leave a good legacy in whichever capacity we found ourselves in. You were a firm believer that this world is not our home and joining the Noble Order should be a conduit to gaining heaven and nothing else. You insisted on the need for a retreat and other spiritual works before installations and elevations. You had a

unique way of relating to people.

I am grateful for the bond we have shared, for the time we spent, for the lives you have touched and for giving yourself without holding back your knowledge particularly of the rituals and the doctrines of the Catholic Church. I will miss those calls to check up on me and the family at least once a month, I will miss your counsel on issues relating to the Noble Order, I will miss the talks and guidance during planning of events. I will miss the manner in which you conducted installations. Though I will miss you, yet, I celebrate your life and your victory into the heavens. If shock, if tears, and if prayers and wishes could bring you back, I know you will be back with us now. But it pleased the Lord to call you home because your work here on earth is done, and absent in the body is present with the Lord [2 Cor 5:8]

Indeed, I am sure that heaven has gained a gem. The path you have laid down is one worth emulating. I have no doubt you served your generation; you fulfilled your calling and did your Master’s will.

*Issiah 57:1-2 For those who follow godly paths will rest in peace when they die. Your passing has brought more meaning to the watchword “Tempus fugit; Memento Mori”*

*Rest in peace Sir Kt Bro Sir  
Ernest Amoako-Arhen!!!  
Till we meet again !!!*



# Memorable Initial Reactions

*May the merciful Lord grant him a peaceful rest and the consolation of His Spirit to the bereaved family and all of us. He will be dearly missed.*

**Msgr John Opoku Agyemang**

*The Lord gives! The Lord takes! This news is humanly unbearable! May the Lord grant us the grace of fortitude! May his soul rest in peace.*

**W/Bro. Samuel Zan Akologo**

*Oh no, we have lost one of our gentle giants. My heart is bleeding. May the gentle soul of Sir Knight Bro. Sir Amoako Arhin rest in perfect peace.*

**W/Bro. Eric Amponsah**

*OMG, may his gentle soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine on him. The State of Liberia will miss you.*

**W/Bro. Thomas Asiedu**

*This is unbelievable!!!!. What's a shock? My mentor, my inspiration, my role model. You are the first sitting Supreme Knight to visit the Cape Palmas Region with very difficult and challenging roads. You installed me as a Regional Grand Knight in the Cape Palmas Region, the first to be installed by a sitting Supreme Knight in that region. After travelling through the length and breathe of Liberia in 2016, you created your administration created the Liberia State Council in 2017, when you again installed me as the 1st Deputy State Grand Knight, when I was already a sitting Regional Grand Knight. At the October 2022 Supreme Council Meeting, you and I sat on the same dinning table in the high officers' chamber of the Entertainment Hall. You continue to mentor me on the GOOD of the Noble Order in Liberia, since I am now the highest ranking officer following the death of our first StGK. Death, ooohhh death. Why, why ,and why???? Rest in peace, Sir. Kt. Bro. Amoako-Arhen. The Cape Palmas Region will forever remember you, the Liberia State Council will forever remember you.*

**W/Bro. Gregory M.Mieh**





*What very, very shocking news!!!. This is just incredible!!! Just stunning. May our dear Brother rest peacefully in the Bosom of the Lord, Amen.*

**Dr Amuah**

*Oh no no !!!! How do you relate to a situation like this. He looks good and stronger than most of us especially those of us who are physically challenged. This is truly a great loss and may his gentle soul rest in peace.*

**Kobby**

*Hmmmm! God knows best. Rest well dear Sir Kt Bro Sir Ernest. Till we meet again. Peace eternal !*

**W/ Bro. Samuel Bert Boadu Kusi**

*May his Soul rest in Perfect peace and may the powerful intercession of our blessed mother Mary usher him into paradise.*

**Henry**

*Very sad indeed !!!.. May your soul rest in the peace of our lord. You've Done your best Sir, rest well.*

**W/Bro. LCT Zauku**

*This is unbelievable and who are you to ask God. We pray that the almighty God have mercy on his gentle soul to rest in peace.*

**W/Bro. Jerry Agyin**

*OMG!!!! My deepest condolences to the wife and the entire family. May the angels of God receive his soul and present him to God the most high.*

**W/Bro. Thomas Tengan**

*This is one of the occasions we would wish the reality were but a dream. Rest in peace big brother, may the angels lead to God the Most High.*

**Sir Kt. Charles Cobb**

*We are saddened to learn of the passing to his eternal reward of Brother Ernest Amoako-Arhen. Not only was Our Fraternal Brother Ernest a Past Supreme Knight of the - Knights and Ladies of Marshall - Official he was also the present Deputy President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. Brother Ernest attended IACK Conference in Perth Australia in 2015, subsequently in Washington in 2017 and in Glasgow 2019. We ask that you keep his family in your prayers at this sad time, and Mary Queen of Heaven, keep Brother Ernest in your heart, Our Lady, Pray for Us!*

**Catholic Order of The Knight of da Gama**

*You were such a nice gentleman, approachable and codial. May the good Lord grant you a peaceful rest Sir Kt.*

**Vivian Arthur-Collins**

*Hmmm, so is true that my mentor is no more, hmmm may his soul rest in peace*

**Samuel Eduam – Maclean**

*His departure is indeed a huge loss. I will fondly remember you Sir Knight for your admiration and encouragement bestowed on me after parades. May Jehovah grant you rest in his bossom.*

**Henrietta Akosuafua Bentum**

*You were an epitome of knowledge. You were an inspiration to us. You made life look cool. You have imparted the youth and I am a beneficiary. I remember the last encounter with you in the Christ The King Catholic*



# “Memorable Initial Reactions”

*Cathedral, Akatsi when you came to prepare us before an installation. You were a delight to listen to. Your command on the rites and their meanings. Your choice of words and the pace at which you delivered them. Your modesty and humility and honesty are the least to be described. Rest on Sir Knight Bro. May the heavens welcome you. May the angels cleanse you. May you have peace with the Lord. Fare thee well a gallant Knight. Adios Big Brother.*

**Clement-Martin Katsepor**

*Aaah, what am I seeing? Sir Knight Amoako Ahin. If it's true, may the Good Lord keep him in His bosom. Rest well Papa.*

**Christian Adu-Poku**

*Such a fine brain. He is a brother who is ready to impact knowledge! Rest well Sir KT.*

**Raymond Selorm Dzaka**

*A kind a caring soul. May the angels take charge of your soul, may light perpetual shine upon your soul may you rest in perfect peace.*

**Hilda Lamboi**

*I am lost of words. Aw hmmmm. May His gentle soul rest well. Aw hmmmm.*

**Eric Ansah Ankomah**

*Sir Kt Bro, Sir Ernesto Amoako-Arhen may your gentle soul find eternal Bliss with Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ until Jesus returns with you at His second coming My deepest condolences to the bereaved family*

**Dela Jageson**

*On behalf of the Knights of St Thomas More, Belgium I pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Ernest, who I had the honour to meet in Glasgow in 2019. RIP.*

**Gerald Payne**

*We received the shocking news on 06th March, a day we were as Ghanaians, celebrating our 66th Anniversary of Nationhood. Our condolence goes out the the family he left behind. May the soul of Sir Ernest Amoako Arhen and the souls of all faithful departed through the endless mercy of God rest in peace.*

**Sir Knight Bro. Ambrose Yennah**

*Hmmmm. Am dumbfounded. May his gentle soul and that of the departed brothers and sisters rest in perfect peace.*


**Nana Kwame Bonsu**

*He was a good man. I had the opportunity to meet him on 3 occasions. One was in Bong Country, Second in Ghana at Reunion and the third was the consecration of Liberia state. Sleep on Sir knight. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Tyrese Theophilus**

*May your selfless deeds on earth and for the Noble Order afford you eternal life in the Lord, Your master. We are devastated to learn of your passing, but we trust the Lord God, Your Creator, for calling you unto himself to reward you for your efforts in shaping the face of His Church. Mo Akoa pa Nokorefoc, Da Yie.*

**Terry Boachie-Mensah**



*Can't believe you are no more Sir Knight.  
May you rest peacefully with your maker  
Daddy.*

***Esther Manu***

*May Brother Ernest Rest in Eternal Peace,  
Prayers & Thoughts with all his Family &  
Friends from The Officers & Brothers of  
Province 16 Motherwell.*

***Des Hamill***

*May my brother Ernest rest in eternal  
peace with our lord and savior, he will be  
missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out  
to the family and the Knights and ladies  
of Marshall. Supreme Knight The Catholic  
Order of the Knights of da Gama.*

***Mervyn van der Walt***

*On behalf of the Knights of the Southern  
Cross Victoria (Australia), we are sad to  
hear of the passing of Bro Ernest, and offer*

*our condolences to his family. Requiescat in  
Pace.*

***Andrew Vaccaro***

*My condolences to his family and the  
Knighthood. He was a great Catholic  
Gentleman and was very social to everyone  
he met. May his gentle soul rest in perfect  
peace.*

***Killian Nyaku***

*Awwwww this is unbelievable hmmmnn.  
Sir Knight rest well. My condolences to the  
family and we the marshallan fraternity,  
God knows best.*

***Kyeyeku Oppong***

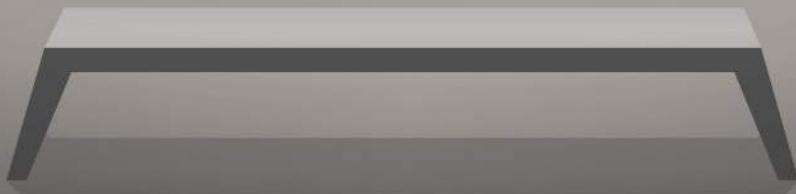
*My mentor in the Noble Order is no more.  
Hmm. Rest in the bosom of the lord till we  
meet again.*

***Francis Delali Klutse***



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*Conferment Of Papal Award ceremony*



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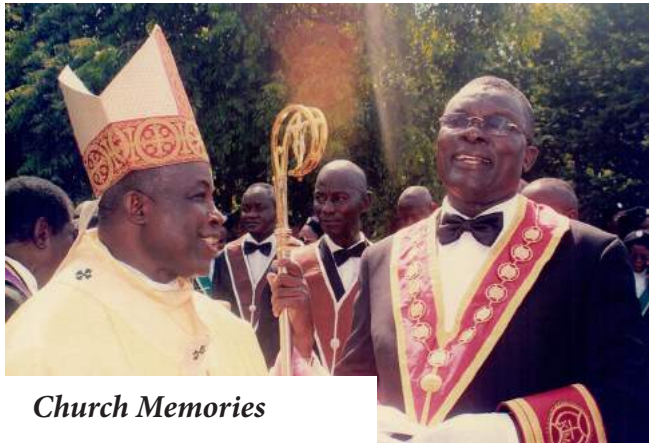
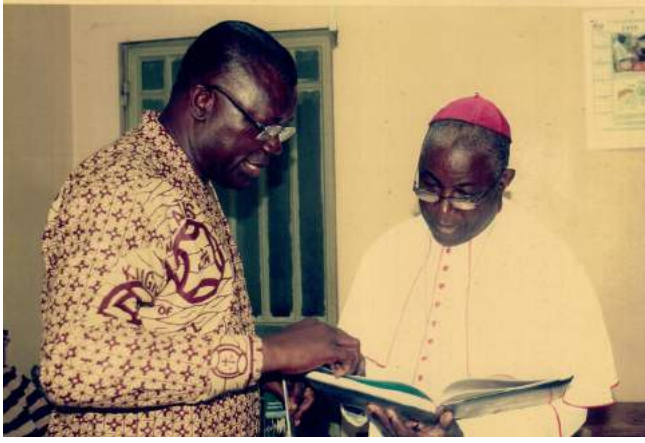




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**CH 349,**

1. Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings;  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings:  
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea;  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
4. I need Thy presence every passing hour:  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's  
power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
5. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

**A CHARGE TO KEEP,**

1. A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.
2. To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage  
To do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with watchful care  
As in Thy sight to live,  
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray,  
And still on Thee rely,  
Oh, let me not my trust betray,  
But press to realms on high.

**CH 274,**

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

**374. THROUGH ALL THE CHANGING  
SCENES OF LIFE.**

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.
2. Of his deliverance I will boast,  
Till all that are distressed,  
From my example comfort take,  
And charm their griefs to rest.
3. O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his Name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.



# Hymns

4. The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.

5. O make but trial of his love;  
experience will decide  
how blest they are, and only they  
who in his truth confide.

6. Fear him, you saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight;  
He'll make your wants His care.

## 305. HARK HARK ANGEL MY SOUL ANGELIC SONGS ARE SWELLING

1. Hark, hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling,  
O'er earth's green fields, and ocean's wave-beat  
shore:  
How sweet the truth those blessed strains are  
telling,  
Of that new life when sin shall be no more!  
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

2. Onward we go, for still we hear them singing,  
Come, weary souls, for Jesus bids you come;  
And through the dark, its echoes sweetly  
ringing,  
The music of the gospel leads us home.  
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

3. Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,  
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea;  
And laden souls, by thousands, meekly stealing,  
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to you.  
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

4. Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary;  
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;  
All journeys end in welcome to the weary,  
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.  
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

5. Angels, sing on! Your faithful watches keeping;  
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above;  
While we toil on, and soothe ourselves with weeping  
Till life's long night shall break in endless love.  
Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night!

## 350. GUIDE ME, O YOU GREAT REDEEMER.

1. Guide me, O you great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
Hold me with your powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream does flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer,  
You are still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to you.

## 308. O CHRIST THE GLORY OF THE ANGEL CHOIRS.

1. O Christ, the glory of the angel choirs!  
Author and ruler of the human race!  
Grant us one day to climb the happy hills,  
And see your blissful face.

2. And oh, you Raphael, physician blest,  
Send down to us from your celestial height,  
To heal our soul's disease and direct,  
Our life-long course aright.

3. You too, O Mary, Mother of our God!  
And happy Queen of Angels, hither speed,  
Drawing with you the army of the Saints,  
To help us in our need.

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4. This grace on us bestow, O Father blest,  
And you O Son by name eternal birth;  
With you, from both proceeding, Holy Ghost!  
Whose glory fills the earth.

## 34. MY SOUL IS LONGING FOR YOUR PEACE.

*Antiphon:*

*My soul is longing for your peace,  
Near to you, my God*

1. Lord, you know that my heart is not proud,  
And my eyes are not lifted from the earth.
2. Lofty thoughts have never filled my mind,  
Far beyond my sight all ambitious deeds.
3. In your peace I have maintained my soul,  
I have kept my heart in your quiet peace.
4. As a child rests on his mother's knee,  
So I place my soul in your loving care.
5. Israel, put all your hope in God,  
Place your trust in him, now and evermore.

## 57. ACCEPT, O FATHER, IN YOUR LOVE.

1. Accept, O Father, in your love,  
These humble gifts of bread and wine,  
That with ourselves we offer you,  
Returning gifts already yours.
2. Your Son, the victim and the priest,  
Through human hands does here renew,  
The perfect sacrifice of love,  
To render God our worship due.
3. Behold this host and chalice, Lord  
To you on high the gifts we raise;  
Through them may we our honour pay,  
Our adoration and our praise.
4. Into your precious blood, O Lord,  
The priestly word will change the wine  
O may our sins be washed therein,  
Our hearts be made like unto yours.

5. No earthly claim to grace is ours,  
Save what your sacrifice has won;  
Grant then your grace, fulfil our needs,  
And may your will in ours be done.

## 416. WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD.

1. When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way;  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain:*

*Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*

2. Not a shadow can rise,  
Not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear,  
Not a sigh or a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.  
[Refrain]
3. Not a burden we bear,  
Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss,  
Not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.  
[Refrain]
4. But we never can prove  
The delights of His love,  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows,  
And the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.  
[Refrain]
5. Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do;  
Where He sends, we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey.  
[Refrain]



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## 245. HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS.

1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
It's manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding-place,  
My never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace!
4. Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as your are,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.
6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of your Name  
Refresh my soul in death!

## 103. O BREAD OF HEAVEN, BENEATH THIS VEIL.

1. O bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
that has my very God concealed;  
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;  
I love you and adoring kneel;  
each loving soul by you is fed  
with your own self in form of bread.
2. O food of life, that you do give  
the pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
he feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
and every grief with joy repays.

3. O bond of love, which does unite  
the servant to his living Lord;  
could I dare live, and not requite,  
such love then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
some love for such unmeasur'd love.

4. Belovèd Lord in heaven above,  
there, Jesus, is awaiting me;  
to look on you with changeless love,  
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
for how can he deny me heaven  
who here on earth himself has given?

## 419. YOUR KINGDOM COME O GOD.

1. Your Kingdom come, O God  
Your rule, O Christ, begin;  
Break with your iron rod,  
The tyrannies of sin.
2. Where is your reign of peace;  
And purity, and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
As in the realms above.
3. Where comes the promised time,  
That war shall be no more-  
Oppression, lust, and crime,  
Shall flee Your face before?
5. We pay You, Lord, arise,  
And come in Your great might;  
Receive o'ur longing eyes,  
Which languish for Your sight.

**NOW PRAISE WE GREAT**

1. Now praise we great and famous men,  
The fathers named in story;  
And praise the Lord who now as then  
Reveals in man His glory.
2. Praise we the wise and brave and strong,  
Who graced their generation;  
Who helped the right, and fought the wrong,  
And made our folk a nation.
3. Praise we the great of heart and mind,  
The singers sweetly gifted,  
Whose music like a mighty wind  
The souls of men uplifted.
4. Praise we the peaceful men of skill  
Who builded homes of beauty,  
And, rich in art, made richer still  
The brotherhood of duty.
5. So praise we great and famous men,  
The fathers, named in story;  
And praise the Lord who now as then  
Reveals in man His glory.

**212. YES HEAVEN IS THE PRIZE.**

1. Yes heaven is the prize,  
My soul shall strive to gain  
One glimpse of Paradise,  
Repays a life of pain.

*Chorus: 't Is Heaven; yes heaven;  
Yes Heaven is the prize;  
't Is Heaven; 't is heaven;  
Yes Heaven is the prize.*

2. Yes, Heaven is the prize!  
My soul, Oh think of this;  
All earthly goods despise,  
For such a crown of bliss.  
't Is Heaven, etc.
3. Yes, Heaven is the prize!  
When sorrows press around,  
Look up beyond the skies,  
Where hope and strength are found.  
't Is Heaven, etc.

4. Yes, Heaven is the prize!  
Oh, it's not hard to gain;  
He surely wins who tries,  
For hope can conquer pain.  
't Is Heaven, etc.

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*Antiphon:  
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Near to you, my God*

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And my eyes are not lifted from the earth.
2. Lofty thoughts have never filled my mind,  
Far beyond my sight all ambitious deeds.
3. In your peace I have maintained my soul,  
I have kept my heart in your quiet peace.
4. As a child rests on his mother's knee,  
So I place my soul in your loving care.
5. Israel, put all your hope in God,  
Place your trust in him, now and evermore.

**98. SAVIOUR GOD, POSSESS MY HEART.**

1. Saviour God, possess my heart,  
From it never more to part;  
Come, Lord, to my heart and reign,  
Come dear Saviour, and remain.
2. Jesus, Jesus come to me,  
All my longing is for thee,  
Of all friends you are the best,  
Make of me your counterpart
3. Dearest Lord, I live for thee,  
Son of God, I die for thee,  
Jesus, I belong to thee,  
Now and all eternity.

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## 106. THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT.

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.
2. My Spirit he restores again;  
My life he does reclaim,  
He guides me into righteousness,  
To glorify his name.
3. Although I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For you are with me; and your rod  
And staff my comfort still.
4. My table you have well prepared,  
In presence of my foes;  
My head you do with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## 247. SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE.

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in your earthly home;  
Lo! round your lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to you our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise  
Sweet Sacrament divine (2x)
2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home of every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease,  
And sorrows all depart.  
There in your ear, all trustfully,  
We tell our tale of misery,  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.(2x)
3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within your shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,

Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest. (2x)

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In your far depths do shine  
Your Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine. (2x)

### HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I have made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

### Chorus

*Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?





Here I am, Lord... Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
**REST IN PERFECT PEACE.**



## *Appreciation*



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