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**“Advancing Our Noble Mission, United in Purpose and Strength”**

**Message by the Supreme Subordinate President - Noble Lady, Sister Philomena T. Williams**

Distinguished clergy, esteemed Knights and Ladies, fellow members of our noble Order, Juniors, and Cadets.

To God be the Glory— **“Great Things He Has Done, Greater Things He Will Continue To Do.”**  
Today, we stand not by our strength, but by His grace. And for that, we bow our heads in gratitude.

We begin by expressing our profound appreciation to the Holy Catholic Church, represented here by His Grace, Most Reverend Dr Gabriel Blamo Jubwe, Metropolitan Archbishop of Monrovia; His Lordship, Bishop Andrew J. Karnley, Cape Palmas Diocese; and His Lordship, Bishop Anthony F. Borwah, Gbarnga Diocese. Your Grace, collectively, your guidance, your teachings, and your unwavering spiritual leadership continue to shape our mission and strengthen our commitment to service. You remain our moral compass, and with deep humility, we acknowledge your role in forming us into disciplined, faithful, and purpose-driven leaders.

To the electorates who have entrusted us with this sacred responsibility, we say **thank you!** Your confidence is not merely an Honor; it is a solemn call to serve. We pledge to lead with transparency, integrity, fairness, and unwavering devotion to our mission. Every member’s voice will be heard, valued, and respected.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to our Standing Committees, the backbone of our organization. Your dedication to long-term planning and organizational development ensures that our Order continues to grow in strength and purpose.

To the Planning Committee, we offer sincere thanks for this beautifully coordinated program. Your attention to detail reflects the excellence we strive for as an Order.

My dear sisters and brothers, today marks a new chapter in our collective journey—a moment of **renewal, reflection, and rebranding**. Rebranding is not about changing appearances; it is about **reviving purpose**, strengthening identity, and aligning our actions with the spiritual and social values that define us as a Catholic fraternal family. Our Order was built on faith, discipline, charity, and service. These pillars must guide every decision we make as we reposition ourselves for greater impact.

**Rebranding for Spiritual Growth:** Our first responsibility is to God and His Church. As we rebrand, we recommit to deepening our spiritual formation, strengthening our participation in the sacramental life, supporting the Church’s evangelization mission, and promoting moral discipline and Christian values.

When our faith is vibrant, our service becomes meaningful. When our hearts are anchored in Christ, our unity becomes unbreakable.

**Reaffirming Our Catholic Identity and the Rule of Law:** As Catholics, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the rule of law—within our Order and in the society we serve. Our identity as Knights and Ladies is inseparable from our fidelity to the teachings, traditions, and moral authority of the Holy Catholic Church.

Every program, every activity, every initiative must align with the Church’s rules, regulations, and canonical guidance. We reject any practice or behavior that contradicts the catholic faith, justice, discipline, transparency, or moral integrity. The rule of law is not optional—it is a sacred obligation rooted in our baptismal calling and strengthened by our vows. We are called to be models of obedience, discipline, and moral clarity. Our conduct must show that we are governed not by personal interests, but by the Constitution of the Order, the laws of the Church, and the principles of justice that define true Christian leadership.

**Strengthening Collaboration Between Knights and Ladies:** Today, we reaffirm our commitment to strengthening collaboration between brothers and sisters of the Order. Our shared mission—to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, advance charity, and uplift the moral fabric of our communities—calls for renewed and accelerated cooperation.

At the same time, we affirm that the Ladies’ Auxiliary is an autonomous body, empowered by its Constitution to govern internal affairs. Our collaboration with the brothers is not one of subordination, but of **mutual respect, shared purpose, and coordinated action**. We vow to work together as equal partners in service, each respecting constitutional boundaries while embracing the unity that strengthens our Order internationally.

**Rebranding for Social Growth:** Our society looks to us—not only as a uniform body, but as a moral force. Therefore, our rebranding must focus on building members’ capacity; supporting the welfare of sisters and juniors; promoting education, empowerment, and social responsibility; and strengthening collaboration across Subordinate, District, Grand, and Supreme structures.

**A New Culture of Unity and Accountability:** United in Christ, every member is equal—equal in dignity, rights, opportunities, and obligations. Whether a newly initiated member or a long-standing member, whether in a leadership role or a member, no sister is “more of a Knight” than another. Our strength lies in unity, not hierarchy. We make a clarion call on all sisters to support their Subordinate Auxiliaries, strengthen their Grand Auxiliaries, and remain loyal and obedient to the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary. Let every member participate actively, encourage the growth of our juniors, and promote peace, unity, and charity in all interactions.

Any act of disrespect or disobedience will, in accordance with our Constitution, result in the enforcement of the appropriate disciplinary measures—not as punishment, but as the backbone of progress. Accountability is not optional; it is essential for excellence, and every member will be accountable for their actions. We will confront obstacles with courage and will not permit anything or anyone to undermine our progress.

**Operational Strength and Forward Movement:** We will progressively implement positive recommendations to improve governance. As we speak, based on recommendations of the Supreme/Deputy Organizers, the St. Paul Grand Auxiliary's transition from two Districts to three is underway.

We anticipate a resolution and recognize the need for a standardized West African Summit Uniform to ensure regional representation. In the absence of a resolution detailing the official protocol for where, how, and when it is to be worn, as it applies to events unrelated to the Summit, the uniform considered the harmonized uniform is hereby discontinued, effective immediately, until a resolution is reached. Moving forward, to preserve cultural identity, the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary of Liberia will design a standardized Liberian Uniform. Each Grand Auxiliary is instructed to submit three names to constitute the Uniform Committee. Grand Presidents shall serve as Ex-Officio Members. The Committee will report directly to the Supreme Subordinate for approval. All are hereby ordered to immediately return to the status quo, the white uniform with regalia, white stockings, and white shoes.

In alignment with the tradition of Past Respected Presidents' regalia, and as resolved during the meeting with the Respected Presidents, approval is hereby granted for the design of a **Standardized Respected President Regalia** for all meetings and official activities. All Respected Presidents are expected to appear properly attired in their regalia on the Feast Day to ensure uniformity, dignity, and visibility.

It is the obligation of every member to remain current with the per-capita tax, and all payments must be made quarterly without reminders. This obligation is essential for the smooth and effective operation of the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary.

We encourage independence in implementing Grand Auxiliaries programs, with supervision and approval from the Supreme Subordinate Auxiliary. As part of a renewed focus on strengthening the independence of the Grand Auxiliaries, each Grand Auxiliary shall plan fundraising programs, developmental projects, and sustainable initiatives. The Grand Auxiliaries should plan appropriate recognition programs for qualified recipients of the Queen of Saints Award.

**Empowerment Initiatives:** Our juniors are the heart of our future. and their moral and ethical upliftment is our sacred responsibility. The Supreme Subordinate Ladies' Auxiliary will provide financial assistance to three deserving juniors—one from each Grand Auxiliary. Per semester, a **US\$200.00** per-student contribution is approved to support tuition and encourage moral and academic excellence.

In furtherance of our empowerment agenda, **US\$500.00** is allotted to each Grand Auxiliary as seed funding for a "**Revolving Enhancement Program**". Each Grand Auxiliary shall identify two deserving sisters for capacity-building support. By our Feast Day, we expect six sisters to report measurable improvement in their personal or professional lives.

Workshops and training initiatives will be developed to enhance members' skills and confidence.

**A Call to Rise:** Finally, my dear sisters and brothers, **this is our moment to rise.** This is our moment to redefine who we are and what we represent. Let us embrace this rebranding journey with courage, faith, and determination. Let us reaffirm our commitment to unity, discipline, charity, and service.

**A Valentine's Blessing:** As we celebrate this season of love, I extend heartfelt wishes to all our dear sisters and brothers. May this Valentine's Day fill your hearts with lots of love, unity, and renewed sisterhood and brotherhood. Let us continue to support one another with dignity, compassion, strength, and the unwavering bond that defines our noble Order. **I am with you in Spirit - ALL MY LOVE!!**

**United in Christ - May God's love guide us always.**