

Ancient and Noble Order
Knights of St. John International
ASSUMPTION COMMANDERY 511, NNEWI

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KSJI TEMPLE
 St. John Cross Catholic Church
 Egbo, Nnewi North L.G.A.
 Anambra State, Nigeria.

21 January 2026

Our Ref.

Your Ref.

Date

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Mr. James Okoye
 Umudim, Nnewi.

**RE: LETTER OF FORMAL EXPULSION AND CEASE AND
 DESIST ORDER**

Dear James,

Consequent upon the investigation into the incident of 14th January 2026 at Our Lady of Assumption Cathedral, and following your failure to provide a satisfactory response to the query issued to you regarding your conduct, I have been directed by the Board of Trustees and the general body of Commandery 511 Nnewi to formally notify you of your **EXPULSION** from the Knights of St. John International (KSJI)..

This decision follows a thorough probe into reports of your public denunciation of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and your subsequent embrace of apostasy. Such actions represent a grave violation of the fundamental requirements of our Noble Order.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AND CANONICAL GROUNDS FOR
 EXPULSION**

Your expulsion is based on the following provisions of the KSJI Constitution and the Code of Canon Law:

1. **Requirement to Remain a Practicing Catholic:** According to Chapter VI, Section 23 of the KSJI Constitution, every member "shall be and remain a practicing Roman Catholic... Upon conviction of failure to comply with this requirement, such persons shall forfeit their membership in the Knights of St. John International".
2. **Conduct Unbecoming of a Knight:** Your public actions constitute "conduct unbecoming a Knight," which under Chapter II, Section 33, is a recognized offense within the Order. Furthermore, Chapter VI, Section 2 prohibits the retention of any member who violates the provisions of the Catholic Church or is a member of a society condemned by the Church.

3. **Ecclesiastical Discipline:** In accordance with **Canon 1311 §1** of the Code of Canon Law, the Church "has its own inherent right to constrain with penal sanctions Christ's faithful who commit offences". Your act of apostasy—the total repudiation of the Christian faith—places you in direct violation of the Church's spiritual authority, which this Order is sworn to protect.
4. **Misconduct and Penalties:** Chapter VI, Section 49 empowers a Subordinate Commandery to impose "expulsion for violation by any member of any by-law of said Commandery, or of any lawful order made by any superior officer".

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Effective immediately, you are hereby stripped of all "claims, rights and privileges of membership in the Knights of St. John International". You are **COMMANDED TO CEASE AND DESIST** from the following:

- **Wearing of Uniforms:** You are no longer authorized to wear the KSJI Full Dress Uniform, Marching Uniform, or any attire associated with the Uniformed Rank...
- **Use of Insignia and Titles:** You must immediately stop using the title of "Sir" or "Brother" in relation to this Order, and you are prohibited from displaying the Knights of St. John Cross, Jewels of Honor, or any other insignia of rank...
- **Possession of Order Property:** You are required to surrender any property belonging to the Commandery, including your ritual books and sword, as these are reserved strictly for members in good standing...

Please be advised that under **Canon 1336 §3 n. 5**, the Church recognizes the prohibition against "exercising any right or privilege or using insignia or titles" as a valid expiatory penalty for those who have broken communion with the faith.

We regret that your journey with this Noble Order has come to this conclusion. However, the integrity of our mission to "cultivate a love for the Roman Catholic Church" and maintain "filial respect for the spiritual authority of the Church" leaves no room for compromise on the matter of apostasy.

Yours Fraternally,



Noble Cyprian Egbosi

Worthy President, Commandery 511 Nnewi

Cc:

- Supreme Secretary, KSJI
- Supreme Subordinate Secretary
- Grand Secretary, Nnewi Grand Commandery
- Commandery Spiritual Director