

**SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE ST. JOHN'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DELIVERED BY FESTUS ODUNAYO OSHOBA ON SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020**

**THE MISSION OF LATE REVEREND FATHER FABIAN CLOUTIER HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE SJOBA**

**GENESIS**

“There is no success without a good successor”

The vision of our founding father the late Rev. Fabian Cloutier was to raise men who would impact their world positively, love themselves and others. No wonder “Ut Diligatis Invicem” is the motto of the institution. He accomplished the mission to realize the vision by recruiting distinguished men and women and administratively using the human and material resources to produce the members of the St John’s Grammar School Old Boy’s Association who have followed in their master’s footsteps by using their human and material resources to give back to their Alma Mata in various ways that are celebrated today.

The President, Chief Sunday Abimbola Bolaji, has in his report adumbrated how the school was established. It is my honour and privilege to attempt to trace the story of our association from genesis to revelation.

The old students were given opportunities to give back to their alma mata from the very early stages by being invited to teach subjects where there were vacancies. Johnian Solomon Olayinka Ayetigbo who started teaching Sciences in the School on the first day of October, 1971 excelled beyond doubts. Johnian P. A. Ijiwole was a full member of staff in 1972. So many others had taught various subjects at several other times. I was one of the privileged ones and taught mathematics in 1976.

**CHRONICLES**

On 29th of May, 1971, at about 2pm, forty old students of St. John’s Grammar School, Ile- Ife, attended an inaugural meeting to form the Old Boys’ Association. Elections were held and Segun Awoyefa emerged President, M. Bosoro Vice President, and O. Odewoyin, General Secretary. A Constitution drafting committee was appointed and at about 4pm the current students as at that time hosted the old boys to a Dance in the Hall.

The Secretary then was a student of the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) as many old boys were admitted to study various courses at the University and the University of Ibadan. Liaison between the Old Boys and the School was facilitated by proximity and they gave their best to their Alma Mater. At his retirement as the pioneer Principal of St. John’s Grammar School, Reverend Father Cloutier listed the Old Boys’ Association’s goodwill message as one of his heart warming rewards.

By 1974, the Old Boys’ Association formed then had faded.

A meeting of the old boys was held at the residence of Dr. Tao Mustapha of the 67/71 set on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 1998 at Olori Road, Ijebu-Ode; where a protem committee was set up comprising of

1. Chief Sunday Abimbola Bolaji --- Protem Chairman
2. Chief Segun Owolade ----- Protem Publicity Secretary
3. Dr. Gabriel Osoba ----- Protem Secretary.

Others who were present included Mr. Tunde Ojeyinka, Mr. P.F. Aborisode, Evangelist C.O. Olayinka

Subsequent meetings were held at the Gateway Hotel, Ota, Ogun State on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1998, while on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1999, a constitution drafting committee comprising of Evangelist C.O. Olayinka as Chairman, Mr. Ayo Owolawi as Secretary and Chief C.S. Owolade as member was inaugurated.

During the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1999 at the Gateway Hotel, Ota, with Mr. Gbenga Arojo as the returning officer, the following were elected as members of the Executive Council of the Lagos State Chapter of the St John's Grammar School Old Boys' Association:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. President                      | Chief S.A. Bolaji        |
| 2. 1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice President | Evangelist C.O. Olayinka |
| 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Dr. A. Adelore           |
| 4. Secretary                      | Dr. G.A. Osoba           |
| 5. Financial Secretary            | Mr. A.M. Owolawi         |
| 6. Treasurer                      | Dr. P.A. Omopariola      |
| 7. Publicity Secretary            | Chief S.A. Owolade       |
| 8. Assistant Publicity Secretary  | Mr. S.B. Adenuga         |

A family get together was held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at the Gateway Hotel.

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school was celebrated from the 29<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2002. Reverend Father Thomas Makanjuola Ilesanmi delivered the guest lecture titled "The role of the Catholic Church in Educational Development in Nigeria. The highlights of the event included Jumat Service on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2002, launching of ten-million-naira appeal fund and presentation of Awards and Certificates to distinguished members. Celebration of the Holy mass at the Catholic Church, Ilode rounded off the celebrations. Dr. Festus Oshoba was the chairman of the planning committee, Mr. Paul Adedeji was the secretary while Mr. Victor Olu Bameke was the Treasurer. At the time of the celebration, Mr. Anthony Olufidipe replaced Dr. P.A. Omopariola as the treasurer.

In 2006, Johnian Tope Elusogbon was the chairman of the 2006 Honours awards and re-union planning committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2006. Other members of the committee were Segun Omoworare, Festus Oshoba while Mr. Paul Adedeji served as the secretary.

During the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of our alma mater, St. John Grammar School, Ile-Ife on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, the President, Chief Sunday Abimbola Bolaji, congratulated all Johnians in Nigeria and abroad for being alive to witness the memorable event.

He reiterated that the idea of a national body of the old boys' association was mooted and implemented during the celebration of the home call of the founder of the school and the foundation principal, late Rev. Father Fabian Cloutier in 2009. Prior to this time, there were chapters of the old boys' association especially in Lagos and Osun State. On that occasion of the funeral programme of our founding father, the national 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President from Lagos chapter, the National Secretary from Ife/Osun branch and his assistant from Lagos spearheaded the formation of the national body.

The occasion also recorded a great Johnian assembly that witnessed the reading and ratification of the draft of the Old Boys' constitution prepared by some eminent Johnians in the legal profession.

The foundation National Executive Committee comprised of the following:

Chief Sunday Bolaji	President
Mr. Francis Oyawole (Late)	1st Vice President
Chief Dejo Adejobi	2nd Vice President
Mr. Tunji Adeyemo	Secretary General
Prof. Gabriel Osoba	Asst. Secretary General
Mr. Adebayo Ologbenla	Asst. Secretary General
Mr. Tony Olufidipe	Treasurer
Dr. Saka Opeloye	Financial Secretary
Mr. Gbenga Adefaye	Publicity Secretary
Mr. Kehinde Bamgbetan	Social Secretary
Mr. Tope Elushogbon	Record and Statistics
Mr. Tunde Awoyemi	Record and Statistics
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:	
Adeyeba Adelekan (Late)	Charles Babatunde Layade
Dr. Tao Mustapha	Diran Odeyemi
Dele Momodu	Chief M.O. Paul

Oluomo Gbenga Owolabi

Femi Makinde

Prof. Dapo Adedire (Late)

Chief Bioye Olatunbosun

Prof. Tunde Arayela

Dr. Festus Oshoba

Segun Awoyefa

The first pre-occupation of the National Executive was to identify areas in which the school needed urgent attention and to plan for the jubilee. The road to this golden celebration started with the inauguration of the 50th Anniversary planning committee under the chairmanship of Chief Dejo Adejobi with Dr. Festus Odunayo Oshoba as the secretary.

Several meetings were held at Ife and Lagos by the planning committee and the National Executive Council in preparation for this once in a century event. This celebration was originally fixed for January 2012 to coincide with the month of birth of the school. The date had to be changed in the face of the wide spread, national fuel subsidy removal strike that welcomed the New Year. April was chosen after a long thoughtful consideration of various options.

At the occasion, he passionately appealed for generous donation at the launching of the one hundred million(=N=100,000,000.00) fund for the projects to be carried out in the school.

At this juncture, it is very important to put on record some contributions of old boys to the upliftment and development of the school.

**1. 7377 set renovated (including re- roofing with long span aluminium sheets) the school Block D, stocked it with students' furniture to mark their 40th anniversary.**

**\*7377 set also gave all the students customised exercise books.**

**2. 7681 set renovated (including re- roofing with long span aluminium sheets) the second half of Block B**

**3. 7580 set renovated the chemistry laboratory and equipped it with reagents and equipment worth about one million naira (the laboratory is presently in a state of disrepair due to poor maintenance)**

**\* 7580 set paid for the NECO examination of six students**

**\*7580 set presented two lawn mowers to the school**

**\*7580 set is also presently building a multi -Million Naira Modern water system toilet for students (under construction)**

**4. 7984 set renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminium sheets) and furnished the school library building with books, ceiling fans and furniture.**

**5. 7782 set paid over four hundred thousand accumulated electricity bill**

**\*7782 set also supplied four prepaid electricity meters to the school**

**6. 7883 set renovated the school sports field Grand Stand.**

**7. 6973 set in commemoration of their 50th admission anniversary distributed customised exercise books and ball pens to all students, teachers and guests at the ceremony**

**8. 1997 set distributed St John's Grammar School customised exercise books to all students**

**9. 7074 set marking their 50th admission anniversary gave WASSCE Examination sponsorship to five students**

**10. 1985/91 set gave WASSCE examination sponsorship to 15 students.**

**\*1985/91 set also gave cash award to teachers.**

### **INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS**

**1. \*Senator Jide Omowore renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminium sheets) and furnished the Administrative Building**

**\*Senator Jide Omowore also renovated (including re-roofing with long span aluminium sheets) a block of six classrooms and the Art Room as part of constituency project.**

**2. \*Engineer Ayo Alabi renovated the first half of the school Block B.**

**\*Engineer Ayo Alabi also built a modern Gate and Gate house**

**\*Engineer Ayo Alabi also built a bronze statue of Reverend Father Fabian Cloutier.**

**\*Engineer Ayo Alabi also gave comprehensive scholarship to a student. (including books, uniform, examination sponsorship, feeding etc)**

**3. Senator Iyiola Omisore facilitated the supply of computers/accessories linkable with Internet.**

**4. Barrister Sola Oyeyemi purchased a new water pump and restored the school water supply system.**

**5. IKE DIAKU bought a modern public address system for the school.**

**\*IKE DIAKU also bought a combined computer printer and photostat machine for the school.**

**6. Captain Adeniyi Ademiju presented the school with packs of ink cartridges to facilitate easy and continuous use of the school computer printer and photostat machine**

**ROLL OF HONOR  
ST JOHN'S PERIMETER FENCE PROJECT DONORS**

S/N	NAME	SET	AMOUNT N
1.	Engineer AYODELE ALABI	74/79	1,500,000
2.	Senator IYIOLA OMISORE	73/78	1,000,000
3.	Compol (RTD.) AWOSOLA CHARLES AWOTINDE	71/75	640,000
4.	Captain ADENIYI ADEMIJU	73/77	370,000
5.	Barrister Dr. OLUSOLA OYEYEMI	76/81	360,000
6.	AYO AKINSOMI	66/70	250,000
7.	SAM SINA OLUDUNFE	73/78	250,000
8.	Prof. 'WALE OLADIPO	72/76	240,000
9.	YINKA LAWAL	75/80	1000 9" BLOCKS
10	BAYO OGUNKUNLE	75/80	1000 9" BLOCKS
11	Prof. ADEKUNLE ELUDIRE	73/77	160,000
12	SEGUN OLAFARE	73/77	160,000
13	ALADE AWOFISAYO	73/77	160,000
14	LAIDE OLANIYAN	73/78	160,000
15	BAMIGBETAN KEHINDE	76/81	160,000
16	DEBO ADEFISAN	76/81	160,000
17	Dr. FESTUS OSHOBA	70/75	160,000
18	Justice YINKA AFOLABI	79/84	160,000
19	MICHAEL OSOBU	67/71	160,000
20	Dr. BASIL BABAJIDE FADIPE		160,000
21	Dr. JULIUS BODE FADIPE		160,000
22	FELIX SIYANBOLA FADIPE		160,000
23	KENNETH OLALEYE FADIPE	76/81	160,000
24	GBENGA ADEFAYE	74/79	160,000
25	SEYI ADEFISAN	75/80	160,000
26	OLUOMO GBENGA OWOLABI	73/77	160,000
27	Dr. TAO MUSTAPHA	67/71	127,000
28	Bishop ABIODUN OLAOYE	68/72	100,000
29	TONY OLUFIDIPE	67/71	100,000
30	FRANCIS ABIODUN FASESIN	67/71	50,000
31	DAVID OKOSUN		50,000
32	TUNDE OJEYINKA	67/71	40,000
33	DR. LAWRENCE OLAJIDE MAKINDE	73/77	35,000
34	AYO BADEJO	78/83	32,000
35	Apostle BISI OLAOYE	73/77	25,000

36	Prof. GABRIEL OSHOBA	67/71	25,000
37	Dr. FAYENUWO G A	66/70	21,000
38	IKE DIAKU	79/84	20,000
39	OYEBIMPE KEHINDE	83/88	20,000
40	Rev AKINWALE RAZAK BALOGUN	73/77	20,000
41	ABIODUN COKER	73/78	20,000
42	Engineer WUYI ADETOGUN	79/84	16,000
43	ADEYEBA ADEDAPO	78/83	16,000
44	SOJI ADELORE	78/83	16,000
45	Engineer ELUWOLE POSI SAMUEL	73/77	16,000
46	Surveyor GBENGA ALARA	73/77	16,000
47	ADEGOKE ADERETI ANTHONY	72/77	16,000
48	OMIFARE OLAOLU	73/77	16,000
49	TAIWO THOMAS	76/81	16,000
50	Ambassador OBISAKIN LAWRENCE	70/74	15,000
51	ADEBISI OLADELE	81/86	10,000
52	OBISAKIN THOMAS ROTIMI	73/78	5,000

#### JOHNIAN DONOR SETS AND RANKING: FENCE PROJECT

RANKING	SET	AMOUNT N
1 <sup>ST</sup>	1976/81	1,100,076.81
2 <sup>ND</sup>	1970/74	1,100,000
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1971/75	1,005,000
4 <sup>TH</sup>	1979/84	1,000,000
5 <sup>TH</sup>	1996/70	600,000
6 <sup>TH</sup>	1977/82	550,000
7 <sup>TH</sup>	1969/73	500,000
8 <sup>TH</sup>	1980/85	250,000

The financial report will enumerate the financial contributions of members in full details, while the auditor's report had been circulated.

#### REVELATION

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2020, an election was held and a new Executive Council voted into office. The result is as stated below:

		2020 ELECTION ANALYSIS		
			TOTAL	NO. OF
			VOTE	ELIGIBLE
		VOTE	221	256
OFFICE	CANDIDATE	SCORED	%	%
PRESIDENT	FESTUS OSHOBA	218	98.64	85.16
1ST VICE PRESIDENT 1	OLAJIDE MAKINDE	217	98.19	84.77
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	JIBOLA AWOSEYI	215	97.29	83.98
3RD VICE PRESIDENT	IKE DIAKU	210	95.02	82.03
GENERAL SECRETARY	DEBO ADEFISAN	215	97.29	83.98
ASST GEN SECRETARY	OBAFEMI OBADARE	213	96.38	83.20
PUBLICITY SECRETARY	KEHINDE BAMIGBETAN	218	98.64	85.16
SOCIAL SECRETARY	TEMITOPE ELUSOGBON	213	96.38	83.20
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	TAIWO ADEDIRE	213	96.38	83.20
TREASURER	OLAOLU OMIFARE	217	98.19	84.77
AUDITOR	ADEDAPO ADEYEBA	214	96.83	83.59

In order to ensure a smooth transition, the following transition guidelines time table was released and is being implemented.

**TRANSITION PROGRAMME TIMELINES FOR ST JOHN'S GRAMMAR SHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (SJOBA) 20062020**

1. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 - Release of proposed amendments to the CONSTITUTION OF SJOBA for deliberations by members and adoption at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. Release of names of proposed members of the Board of Trustees for consideration by members and adoption at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Release of the names of the proposed standing committees' members listed in the constitution for consideration by members and adoption at the Annual General Meeting namely:
  - A. Capital Projects/ Infrastructure Monitoring Committee
  - B. Academic Excellence Committee
  - C. Finance & Fund-Raising Committee
  - D. Johnians' Networking & Collaboration Committee
  - E. SJOBA Publicity Committee
4. Formation of various Ad-hoc professional networking committees by voluntary self-nomination including but not limited to the following:
  - I. LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - II. HEALTHCARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - III. ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
  - IV. FINANACIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - V. BUILDING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE
  - VI. ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE



VII. ESTATE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VIII. TAX AND AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The purpose of these committees is to allow unfettered interaction among the professionals and give opportunity to members to seek their professional expertise pro bono or affordable charges.

5. 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020: Closing of the accounts.
6. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020: Submission of all financial documents to the Johnians' External Auditors; Messers Adedayo Osobu & Co, Chartered Accountants.
7. Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020: Completion of External Audit
8. Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2020: Reports to be submitted and considered at the Annual General Meeting are posted online to allow for study and comments before the actual AGM, including
  - A) President's report
  - B) Secretary General's report
  - C) Financial report
  - D) External Auditor's report
9. Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020: Annual General Meeting from 2.00pm to 6.00pm by ZOOM and Telegram

AGENDA

- I. Nigerian National Anthem 1<sup>st</sup> stanza
- II. National prayer: National Anthem 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza
- III. School Anthem
- IV. President's opening remarks by Chief Sunday Abimbola Bolaji
- V. President's report
- VI. Secretary General's report
- VII. Financial report (Financial Secretary and Treasurer's combined report)
- VIII. External Auditors report
- IX. Appointment of External Auditors for the ensuing year.
- X. Adoption of the modifications to the constitution of SJOBA
- XI. Adoption of the membership of the Board of Trustees
- XII. Adoption of membership of the Electoral Committee
- XIII. Adoption of membership of the various standing committees namely:
  - A. Capital Projects/ Infrastructure Monitoring Committee
  - B. Academic Excellence Committee
  - C. Finance & Fund-Raising Committee
  - D. Johnian's Networking & Collaboration Committee
  - E. SJOBA Publicity Committee
- XIV. Adoption of the various professional advisory committees.
- XV. Adoption of the date for the swearing in of the new EXCO proposed for 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020

- XVI. Adoption of the date for inauguration of Johnian National Working Committee and all committees as well as commissioning of all projects proposed for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020
- XVII. Any other business.
- XVIII. Adjournment.
- XIX. Closing Prayer

I am very sure and convinced that indeed our founder is resting in peace in the bosom of our Lord having realized that the boys he trained have fully helped to accomplish his unfinished business on earth.

I wish to now seize this opportunity to thank you all for your commitment, doggedness, and unflinching support to uplift our alma mater to greater heights.

Thank you all.

Festus Odunayo Abimbola Oshoba  
General Secretary.