

Sasse Alumni Association Inc

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President Fote's message - April 2021

Hello SOBANS,

Greetings. I hope you had a great month of March, and I hope you and your family are staying safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. I just want to take a few minutes and bring you up to speed with what has been happening at SOBA America this past month, and upcoming April plans.

Administration Updates

2021 SOBA America Virtual National Convention preparations in full gear

Our administration is working hard to deliver on our promise to make the 2021 Virtual National Convention a show stopper. We have contracted with two companies that have expertise in event production and virtual conference management. We have secured some great speakers for the intellectual enrichment session. We are working with chapter presidents to get all the material and information needed for the other elements of the convention so we can put things together on time.



I look forward to seeing you on May 29th. Also, don't forget to bring your dancing shoes because we will have a virtual convention gala like no other. Our own very Bendrix Tabu will be the MC and the amazing DJ Skipper will be the DJ. It will be a fun way to close a very eventful and unique convention. We will share more details on the entire day as we get closer.

Do your part now by registering for the convention today. Go to our website and pay your convention levy. Deadline is May 10th in order for you to receive your convention material, including your convention gift

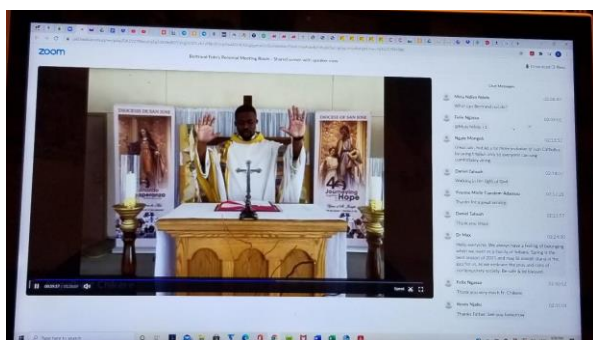
and unique access needed to participate in the deliberations. Only duly credentialed delegates shall have key access needed to participate, including voting on motions etc. Don't procrastinate - pay your convention levy online today. Do NOT send cash app--- register via our website so we can have your necessary demographic information.

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Virtual Meet The People tour

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic put a wrench in my Meet The People tour of the chapters. My goal was to visit every chapter so I could get a chance to meet fellow SOBANS and have conversations about our association. After visiting SOBA Dallas and SOBA Oklahoma in October 2019, I visited SOBA Minnesota and SOBA Georgia in early 2020 before COVID-19 put a stop to my travels. I have now resumed the tour, albeit in a virtual fashion given our new reality. I have had great conversations with SOBA Montreal and SOBA New England so far in my virtual tour. I look forward to visiting the other chapters shortly in one of their upcoming Zoom meetings.

St. Joseph's Feast day Virtual Mass - A great new tradition is born in SOBA America



SOBA America celebrated our patron saint - St. Joseph on St. Joseph's Feast Day with a virtual mass on Saturday March 20th @ 12:30 PM ET.

It was heavily attended by SOBANS and members of our communities. It was very well organized, thanks to CAO Edwin Atem (SOBA Georgia)

who did all the heavy lifting and SOBAN Bendrix Tabu (SOBA Houston) who joined me to form the virtual choir. Our own very Reverend Father Angelbert Chikere of SOBA California officiated the mass. Several SOBANS also took part in doing the readings and prayers of the faithful. Thank you all for making this a success. I also want to thank all SOBANS who made it to mass, as well as our friends and family who joined us to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day.

The feedback was great. SOBANS immediately called for this to be a new tradition in SOBA America - St. Joseph's Feast Day virtual mass around March 19th annually. We will work to make this a reality. If you missed this Latin mass which brought back fond memories of our days in SJC Sasse, make sure you attend mass at the Virtual Convention on May 29th which will kick off the day at 11:00 a.m. ET.

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Pa Ferdinand Ngando Honor Project - Brief Update

The Pa Ferdinand Ngando Honor Project team is working hard on the project. An initial review of the scope of work was done by the technical project managers - SOBANS Dr. Ebob Etta and Alain Taku. They presented a short video of preliminary 3D generated images of the Assembly Hall. The team noted that the scope of work needed to be done to achieve our goal of a beautiful, durable multi-functional



hall is much bigger than we had initially envisioned based on the estimates that the school engineer had sent. The technical project managers were then tasked with doing an in- depth analysis of the scope of work needed to capture all the elements that are needed, including rest room facilities for use by patrons of the hall during events. They will be presenting their report at the next meeting in April.

The team also discussed some questions and suggestions from SOBANS regarding different aspects of the project. Here are a few questions that came up

1. How can SOBANS contribute to this project? SOBANS can contribute to this project in one of several ways:

- Through their class leadership. We have reached out to US/Canada based class leaders so they can help coordinate fundraising efforts within their classmates across the globe. We ask that they keep a list of those who donate and submit along with funds so the donors can be appropriately recognized. Those funds should be sent to the Treasury of SOBA America. They can call 1 (888) 504 SOBA (7622) Ext. 2 with any questions on how to send the funds.
- Directly through our website www.sobamerica.org or by [clicking on the tab below](#). Please include your class in the donation form and indicate your donation is for the Pa Ferdinand Ngando Honor Project.
- Via PayPal to treasurer@sobamerica.org
- Via cash app to \$sobaamericafinance

If you contribute by PayPal or cash app, please indicate your class. You can call 1 (888) 504 SOBA (7622) Ext 2 with any questions or call me directly. You can also e-mail info@sobamerica.org with any questions.

2. How will donors be recognized? We will respect the wishes of donors. Some classes have indicated that they want to be recognized as a class without individual names on the donor wall. Others have indicated that they want individual names of donors from their class on the wall. We will accommodate both requests. We ask the class leaders to indicate their preference when they send in their class contributions.

Contributions received so far: The classes have indicated that they are working on their contributions. Many classes are close to their target. The 1985 class is the first class to make its

contribution to the project. Special thanks to 1985 global class President Clement Nkamanyi (SOBA Germany Foundation), US class coordinator Jasper Teboh (SOBA Minnesota), and global class PRO Renzo Agbor (SOBA Georgia) for leading this effort in your class. We have also received an individual donation from SOBAN Arnold Ngatchu (SOBA Germany Foundation) of the 1987 class.

Please let any member of the team know if you have questions about the project.



[Click here to make a donation to the Pa Ngando Honor Project and add your name to the donor wall by honoring Pa Ngando.](#)

Celebrate Each Other Initiative

April 2021 Spotlight - SOBAN Barrow Tabe

Finding happiness as he ties the knot with his soulmate Michele in Holy Matrimony

In this month's Celebrate Each Other Initiative, we celebrate love as we congratulate SOBAN number 5214 - Barrow Tabe - of the 1992 Class on his wedding to his beautiful bride Michele Nelson. In this trying time when the COVID-19 pandemic has brought significant stress to SOBANS and the rest of the world, it is refreshing to be able to celebrate once again. What better celebration than that of love?

This amazing love story started some three years ago in February 2018. Their first date started off with what could have been a hiccup as Michele was late for the date. Much to her relief, Barrow, an active duty military guy who is trained to honor punctuality, simply smiled and reassured her when he said "don't worry about it. Things happen." As Barrow puts it, her stunning look and amazing smile captured his attention. This was truly a match made in Heaven and they both realized they had met their soulmates as they got swept in deep conversation for hours. What started as a brunch date morphed into a dinner date as they could not let go of each other's sights and the hours flew by. This was just the beginning of a love that has blossomed every day. On Saturday March 20th, 2021, their love was sealed in holy matrimony at the Foxchase Manor in Manassas, Virginia.

Of the many things that Barrow loves about his wife Michele, her tenacity and joy for life stand out the most to him. She has taught him many things as they feed off each other. One important thing he has learned from his queen is to enjoy the moment as nothing is guaranteed tomorrow.



The power of the love they share is so strong that even a global pandemic could not get in the way of them taking this huge step and tying the knot. They had to, however, make some adjustments in order to meet COVID-19 state and local municipality safety guidelines. They had to scale back and streamline their guest list, among other measures that they took, to ensure the safety of their guests.

Love is an amazing thing. On behalf of SOBA America, First Lady Laura and I wish SOBAN Barrow Tabe aka Popolski and his bride Michele, our newest SOBANESE, a lifetime of joy and happiness in their union. We pray that the good Lord will shower them with blessings and make their love grow stronger every day. As a brotherhood, we share in each other's happiness. Congratulations.

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We are working on our second edition of our annual SOBA America business directory (2021-2022). If you or your SOBANESE own a business, I urge you to consider being featured in our SOBA America Business Directory. We launched this during the last convention. The next edition will be available at the 2021 National convention. We will widely distribute the directory so we can reach thousands of potential clients for your business. We will also work on a digital version so the directory can go viral and reach tens of thousands of potential clients.

[Click here for the 2020/2021 SOBA America Business Directory](#)

Our goal is to promote businesses owned by SOBANS and SOBANESE. In order to feature, you just need to make a few simple steps. Send an email to info@sobamerica.org with basic business information by filling out our business directory submission template. You can also call 1 (888) 504 SOBA (7622) Extension 3 with any questions. **Deadline to make the cut for the 2021-2022 edition is April 5th, 2021.**

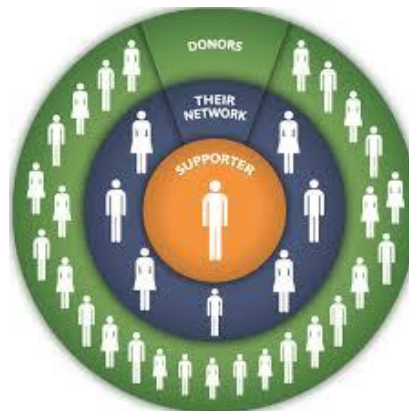
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Thank you for reading

On behalf of the NLT, I wish you and your families a blessed month of April. Together, we will continue the transformation of SOBA America. Teamwork makes the dream work. Stay safe.

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