

President's Speech & Report:

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Special thanks to God Almighty:

I thank God Almighty for He is great. He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He makes grass to grow upon the mountains. He gives food to all the animals and to the young ravens that cry. He stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of His upper chambers on their waters. He is not delighted in the strength of the horse; he has no pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord takes pleasure only in all the people that fear him, and those that always hope in his mercy. Who is like the Lord our God, the one who sits on the throne who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? Above all TOIOG let us not relent in our continuous giving Praise and thanks to God for all His mercies over us and over our families. God makes peace amidst us and circled us with peace. He causes his wind to blow, and water to flow. If the sun, the moon, the stars of light, the water above and below the heavens can praise and thank him because he commanded, and they were created and he has also established all these things forever and ever.

TOIOG members, please let us standup, and say, **“THANK YOU LORD!”** Amen!

Thanks to the Past Presidents, Executives & the members:

Nothing in life is ever successful without the corporate effort of many gifted people who were willing to network and submit their talent, experience, passion, and commitment for a common goal that join us together. To this I will like to thank all those who have shoulder the responsibilities of this noble course beginning from all our ex- Presidents of this established unique organization—TOIOG, who have dedicated, worked relentlessly and committed themselves by laying a well solid foundation for this organization that we all are proud to build on. Our 1st President Mr. Olatunji, Mr. Kola Akanni, 2nd President, Mr. Animasahun 3rd President & Mr. Emmanuel Oke 4th President—with all of their supporting vice Presidents, Executives, and all TOIOG members. I say thanks to you all for a job well-done. I believe that when God joins people together, it is a supernatural act. During the past 14 years, I have been keenly aware that such a joining has occurred between the leaders and the members of TOIOG. This is why we are unique; this is why we are what we are today. But remember, this is just the beginning. As an adage that says, **“Ibere kii se onise, bikose eniti o ba foriti de opin lao gbala.”**

Welcome Address:

I welcome you all to the 2007/08 TOIOG Fiscal Year. I'm excited about the opportunity to begin a brand-new year on this noble journey of giving and serving

together. There's nothing quite like the ritual of taking down the old calendar and hanging up a new one to remind us that life is a fast-moving journey! But one of the good things about a new year is that it gives us an opportunity to stop and ask ourselves some questions:

- ❑ Where are we right now in our mission and goal?
- ❑ Where we are we going?
- ❑ Where do we want to be 365 days from now?

These three questions will lead us to individual search of heart, to think about why am I a member of this noble organization? And also, what can I do or contribute as individual to the success and progress of this well-established organization. There is no way this type of question will not lead us to what is call CHANGE. Change always bring-in new ideas, focus and integrate moving forward and backward never.

Changes:

It is a metamorphosis approach to newness in the way things used to be done, new structure and planning. It is a fundamental way of change in form and often habits of human methodology of doing things.

Overall, we are all very pleased with the establishment, foundation and the direction of which our organization is heading.

Our change should be to identify/outline our new priorities among them:

Meetings

-Commitment to build efficient meetings

Our meeting should be prompt and

punctual:

Start 6:00p.m.

End 8:00p.m.

It seems we are gradually falling-off from the standard time we set to start our meeting. Our by-law stated that the meeting could start only with 2/3 majority. I am recommending to the constitution committee to come up with new numbers of member that could present to start our meetings. And to adhere to our starting time 6:00 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. and to stop in 2 hours. We should also, cut back on irrelevant issues. I recommend to them to look at the following:

- ❑ Issues that are not on TOIOG projects will always open to the floor, but on a two to three people's point of view on the matter. The president will always be the last to ratify the discussion.

- Projects: The chairman or whoever the committee assigned will give report to the house. This may warrant grouping ourselves into 3 for few minutes to be more democratic on our decisions but the president will always conclude the decision.

Our meetings should be focused more on achievement than rhetoric. Not just talking, but acting.

-Spend our time qualitatively, set our cost to build a basis for working together on our critical business issue. This means we should Be sensitive

Activities:

This area rest heavily on the shoulder of our Social secretary. Our major events for the year is as follows:

1. Fundraising (if needs be)
2. End of the year party.

The major problem is securing a hall. Our Social Secretary should be able to give us update on the secured places for these 2 events by the next meeting. On each events, we might choose a team (not calling it committee) for this event. This will alleviate some boardings from the Social Secretary.

3. We need summer activities:

Committees

- Committees will report to the house on a monthly meetings.
- Meet regularly—Telephone Conference applaus
- Keep your committee meetings short but focus on the goal achievement
- Report to the meetings on your assignments
- Have fun

Investment:

Introduce a new and unique method of establishing an investment that will benefit members and even motivate/drive our horizon of commitment to Osun Indigenes organization.

Discipline:

Execute effective Constitutions and by-laws to gear us towards our responsibilities and services to the organization. I believe in “What is worth doing at all is worth doing well”. If we truly sign-up to be a member of TOIOG, the love, and zeal that drove us to be a member should always drive us to be a dedicated, and committed member. Respect should not be for the President, Executives or members of TOIOG alone, but for the name that joined us together as The Osun Indigenes Organization.

Fund-Raising:

Fund-Raising should take a new direction. We have various suggestions from Deacon Oke, and the vice president Chief Adisa. We will listen to them as the meeting continues.

Projects

We will revisit all projects that we have put together.

- Outline the ones we will working on
- We will all agree on which are of high priority
- We will focus on getting one thing done.

All these strategies and changes are all about how we are going to accomplish our objectives. i.e. how our committees will be linked together to get the performance we want without leaving anybody behind. I am talking about Team work. Committees should look at what they are in control of and how they influence and build objective appropriately.

I cannot do but to mention the great things that God is doing among us. We have 2 of our members that through grace of God went to the holy land – Mecca last year and this year. They are Alhaji Lekan Salami, and Alhaji Niyi Akanni. We are proud to have you not only as a member but as brothers and family. We pray that the spirit of God will continue to lead you aright. Also, it is with my great pleasure and pride that amidst us the Alliance of Yoruba Organizations have chosen a leader that will not only lead the Organization but change and move the organization forward in the right direction. My pleasure to announce and congratulate Mr. Kola Akanni. Please, let us all stand up to welcome our Alhajis, and congratulate Mr. Akanni.

TOIOG, remember that the mark of a leader is to be able to make even difficult decisions and act swiftly.

With God and our efforts in love and unity with the interest that joined us together, we will make it.

Thank you all the members of TOIOG for your love, interest, and dedication. And also for entrusting me to lead you again through this millennium fiscal year 2007 – 2008. Leading is serving, and I promise with God's help and your loving support, I am ready to serve my unique organization members and our community. May God richly bless you & May God richly bless our noble organization Osun Indigenes.

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