

BRIEF HISTORY OF ANAEDO SOCIAL CLUB

OFFICIAL HISTORICAL RECORD

The end of the protracted Nigeria/Biafra war in 1970 brought huge relief, happiness, and merriment to the generality of Nigerians. It was at one of such celebrations, especially at the wedding of Chief J.C.N Ikejiuba at Ndingbu Otolo Nnewi, that various people gathered as his guests. Notably, Chief B.N.C Maduewesi, Chief Mike Ike, Mr. Christopher Agina, Chief J.S Okeke, Mr. S.A Nwangwu, Mr. Joseph Ejiogu, the late Louis Ojukwu, the late James Okeke, Bartholomew Emenike, Clement Okoli, and Benneth Udeogu realized a shared vision. These 12 gentlemen formed an association named **Anaedo Social Club of Nigeria**, establishing a befitting platform for social interaction.

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As time progressed, more people were attracted to the group; the association Executive formally came on board comprising:

Chief B.N.C Maduewesi	President
Mr. Clement Okoli	Vice President
Chief Mike Ike	General Secretary
Mr. Christopher Agina	Asst. Secretary
Chief J.C.N Ikejiuba	Treasurer
Mr. Benneth Udeogu	Financial Secretary
Chief John Okeke	Publicity Secretary
Late James Okeke	Chief Provost
Mr. Sylvester Nwangwu	Asst. Provost
Late Louis Ojukwu	Executive Member
Mr. Joseph Ejiogu	Executive Member
Mr. Barth Emenike	Executive Member

NATIONAL EXPANSION & GROWTH

Although the newly formed association Executive initially appeared parochial as members were exclusively from Otolo, Nnewi, the fame and impact soon began to spread to other parts of Nnewi and its environs. Before long, it was no longer a purely Nnewi affair. Many members who returned to their former places of business, especially Lagos, began to groom themselves together and inaugurated the first branch of the club in Lagos. This was swiftly seconded by Aba, and later Kano, Sokoto, Maiduguri, Jos, Minna, Benin, Yola, Enugu, Onitsha, and Port Harcourt in the seventies and eighties, culminating in the successful formation of 14 National branches in Nigeria.

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS & INFRASTRUCTURE

The club went international with the inauguration of the London and Boston branches in the nineties and twenties. On the infrastructural front, the club built its first Hall for meetings and other social activities in 1972, while the present gigantic edifice—the club's main Halls and Bar—was completed and opened by the Commissioner for Chieftaincy and Social Development in December, 1977. The Certificate of Occupancy has since been securely obtained from the government.

COMMERCIAL VENTURES & MEMBERSHIP

Another landmark in the history of the club was the building and opening of the **ASCON Hotels/Suite Ltd**—a Limited liability company overseeing the Hotel/Suite complex. The company floated shares to her members at the ratio of 51% to 49% (the club owning 51% and individual members owning 49%). These shares are still open for sale to members of the club across both National and Diaspora chapters.

Admission into the club is open to men of proven integrity, while the admission of women is strictly subject to the approval of the Central Executive Committee (C.E.C.). Membership certificates are proudly presented to members on their Inauguration/Induction date by the President of the International club. The International club operates under a vibrant constitution which makes the club unique in all respects.

DIASPORA IMPACT & GOVERNANCE

Branches in the Diaspora (UK and USA) are progressing satisfactorily. The London branch holds the distinction of being the first international branch. The branch is run by an elected executive committee in line with its regulations and bye-laws, which derives its authority directly from the National constitution. Election for branch officers is conducted every 3 years.

We are proud to belong to an esteemed, noble club, where the membership encapsulates all professions, and where due process and the rule of law consistently abound.

ODINMA ANAEDO!

Chief F.C. Ike

National Patron