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And Lady Susan

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT #1



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL



## Worthy Master's Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012

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Sir Knights and Ladies,

Vivat Jesus!

In review of the first half of the fraternal year, the District saw 74 new Sir Knights join the ranks of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at the Fall Exemplification. Even though this number of new Sir Knights is typical for the District these past few years, it was only 26% to the District's membership quota of 313. I would ask each Assembly to try and meet their membership quota. Doing so will ensure that your Assembly continues to be a vibrant Assembly in the future.

At the Fall Harvest Meeting, I brought forward a major concern where there has been two incidents where Color Corps from two assigned Assemblies never showed up for the assignment, nor was the Marshal contacted by the Assembly Commander 3 days prior to the assignment stating that his Assembly would not be represented. This is very embarrassing to the requester, the Master and the District as a whole. The membership attending the meeting concurred with my recommendation that should another incident happen like this again, a letter of apology will be written by either the Commander or Navigator of the Assembly to the person who had requested the Color Corps for the assignment.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, approximately \$7,500 was donated to Desert Angels by the District through donations collected years back by Cardinal Mercier Assembly (\$6,400) for gift packages for the troops and donations received (\$1,000) at the Fall Harvest Meeting for Desert Angels. This money will be used for postage to ship the packages overseas. During the meeting, 125 boxes were packed by the ladies. I would ask you to refer to the article within the newsletter for more information and pictures.

The Spring Exemplification will once again take place at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate on March 3, 2012. The Class Honoree will be Father Joseph Duc Vu. See the article within the newsletter for more details.

The Biennial meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for Master will be taken. If you are interested in holding the office of Master, a resume' must be submitted at the time of nomination.

Susan and I would like to wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Clifford F. Wasmund  
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## FALL HARVEST/PACKING PARTY DISTRICT MEETING

Where do I even start to thank those who participated in the Fall Harvest Ladies Program? I thought while the men were “doing their thing” that the ladies would have some fun and try to “make a difference”. We had asked the Assemblies to consider assisting in providing items needed by our military men and women. Help arrived in droves and donations were being pushed in on flatbeds! We had 40 ladies RSVP that they would be attending and we actually had 47 eager ladies arrive and ready to work. There were jobs for everyone and the energy in the room, along with the heat, was unforgettable. By the end of the men’s meeting, 125 boxes had been packed, sealed, labeled and ready for pick up. We had run out of American flags and Bibles otherwise we would have continued. The 5 cases of donated items remaining were delivered by Cliff (Master) to the next Packing Party held by Desert Angels the following weekend, at St. John Vianney in Shelby Township, which happens to be at our home Parish. I can’t begin to thank all those who contributed and came to help pack. Within the week of the “packing party” I was receiving notes and pictures from Afghanistan (via Desert Angel) thanking us for the boxes!

With the help of the men and women of Michigan District #1, we continue to show our Troops they are not forgotten in deeds, not just in words. Changing our world, one box at a time.

Our next Ladies event will be at the Spring Exemplification being held on March 3, 2012. Our ladies program will include a well-known Detroit celebrity, which I think everyone will enjoy. We will also have our basket raffle at this Exemplification. Monies from the raffle will be going to a good cause.

Regards,  
Lady Susan



## BIENNIAL MEETING

The Biennial meeting will be hosted by Bishop Schoehnerr Assembly #3057, and tentatively scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Mystical Rose Council #7561 located at 72025 North Avenue, Armada 48005. The doors will open at 9:00 AM and the meeting will start promptly at 9:30 AM. Nominations will be taken for Master for the next two year term of 2012-2014. Three names will need to be submitted to the VSM. Those interested must submit a resume’.

### Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge  
Allegiance  
to the  
Flag  
of the  
Unites States  
of  
America,  
and to  
the  
Republic  
for which  
it stands,  
One Nation  
Under God,  
Indivisible,  
With Liberty  
and  
Justice  
for all.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1, 2012	New Year's Day
January 22-24, 2012	March for Life in Washington DC
January 28, 2012	State Bowling Tournament Begins – Bay City
<b>January 31, 2012</b>	<b>Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728C)</b>
February 19, 2012	State Deputy Tribute Dinner – DeCarlo's Banquet Center
February 22, 2012	Ash Wednesday
March 3, 2012	Spring Exemplification at Crystal Gardens
March 11, 2012	Daylight Savings Time Begins
<b>March 11, 2012</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit</b>
March 24, 2012 ( <b>Tentative</b> )	Biennial District Meeting – Hosted by Bishop Schoehnerr Assembly #3057
March 25, 2012	K of C Day of the Unborn
March 29, 2012	Founders Day
March 30 – April 1, 2012	Spring MI Drive
<b>April 1, 2012</b>	<b>To Be A Patriot Award Entry Form to Master (Form TBP-1)</b>
April 6, 2012	Good Friday
April 8, 2012	Easter
April 15, 2012	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 19, 2012	34 <sup>th</sup> Annual Right to Life Dinner, Burton Manor, Livonia
<b>May 1, 2012</b>	<b>Assembly Elections through 5/31/2012</b>
May 13, 2012	Mother's Day
May 15, 2012	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 24-26, 2012	State Convention on Mackinac Island
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day
<b>June 1, 2012</b>	<b>Red, White &amp; Blue Award Application due to Master</b>
May 20, 2012	Feast of the Ascension
<b>June 9, 2012</b>	<b>Summer District Meeting – TBD</b>
June 14, 2012	Flag Day
June 17, 2012	Father's Day
<b>June 30, 2012</b>	<b>RSVP and Plaque Application (Form 2863A)</b>
<b>June 30, 2012</b>	<b>Civic Award Application (Form 2321)</b>
<b>July 1, 2012</b>	<b>Report of Officers Chosen (Form 186)</b>
July 4, 2012	Independence Day
<b>August 1, 2012</b>	<b>Annual Assembly Audit (Form 1315)</b>
August 12, 2012	160 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Father McGivney

**Blue = District Wide Event**

**Red = Form(s) due**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 15, 2012	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
August 17, 2012	Provincial Newsletter Submission
August 17, 2012	Provincial Sir Knight Submission
August 18, 2012	State Officers Installation, Ceremony at Madonna Univ., Banquet at Burton Manor
September 15, 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Fall Exemplification, DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center
October 5-7, 2012	Provincial Meeting
October 12-14, 2012	Fall MI Drive
October 20, 2012	Prep Bowl at Ford Field
November 5, 2012	Fall Harvest District Meeting at TBD
November 11, 2012	Veteran's Day
November 11, 2012	State Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit
November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving Day
December 2, 2012	Christmas Parade in Rochester
December 8, 2012	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 25, 2012	Christmas Day

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Former Master Frank Pawelak recently received a card from Fr. Nick Thompson who was ordained this summer and was a recipient of a chalice provided by District 1 in April.

***Dear Frank and all the Knights,***

***Thank you for the chalice you donated to me. Today I remembered you in the Mass. Sorry I was unable to attend the ceremony to receive the gift in person. I am enjoying the priesthood very much. I am assigned to St. Michael's Parish in Marquette, MI. I am the chaplain for the Catholic Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University. Thank you all again. Let's continue to pray for each other.***

***In Christ, Fr. Nick Thompson***

## MILITARY CHAPLAIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

With the need for 800 Military Chaplains worldwide and only 280 currently serving, Supreme has developed a program which will pay 50% of the seminarian's tuition with the understanding that after ordination and serving at a parish for three years, he will enter the service as a military chaplain and serve 3-5 years. Since the meeting, I have received further clarification as to the 4th Degree's participation in this program. Supreme has requested a \$4,000 donation from each jurisdiction, meaning from each of the 50 States, and not from each District. As result of this clarification, the targeted quota per Assembly is significantly reduced. However, I would like for each Assembly to consider asking each of your members to make a one time donation to this fund in the amount **NOT** to exceed \$5.00. Their support will address two causes that the 4th Degree stands for, support for our priests and our veterans. I have also found out that the VSM will keep a record of donations by Assembly and will pass this information on to each District Master. Your check should be mailed directly to the VSM and made out to the ***Knights of Columbus*** and on the memo line write ***Military Scholarship***.

## EVENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT



Ladies packing boxes with goodies for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan during Fall Harvest District mtg.



Ladies writing out labels for packing boxes intended for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan



Wreaths Across America, Master and State Warden bring up wreath representing the MIA and POW's



Color Corpsmen placing wreaths at the grave site of veterans who served their Country



Vietnam Veterans of America prepare for the 21 gun salute at the grave sites



Posting of the Colors at this year's Prep Bowl, October 22, 2011

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