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## MICHIGAN DISTRICT #1



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Worthy Master's Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013

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Sir Knights and Ladies,

Vivat Jesus!

Here I am, sitting in the basement where it is nice and cool while it is hot and humid outside. Little did I know that our cool Spring would lead into last Summer's heatwave once again. We can only hope it will be short lived.

Similar to the last several years, our District donated chalices in April to six of the eleven Deacons who were ordained in May and June. Thank you to those Assemblies who donated chalices.

I am proud to announce that District #1 was once again represented by an outstanding turnout at both the Living Rosary on the Capital steps in Lansing on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the Summer Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies at CMU in Mount Pleasant on May 30<sup>th</sup>. I couldn't have been more proud of our District's Color Corps in both their attendance and professional appearance. I was told by the Masters of District #2 & #4 that they appreciated our presence and participation at their events and which helped make them such a success.

Color Corps 101 & 201 was held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Sterling Heights for the Northern portion of the District. The 201 presentation was just a sneak peek of what to expect in the upcoming 201 course and participants feedback was appreciated. Thank you to Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly #1839 for hosting this event. Marshals George and Al are working on a location for the Southern half of the District to be held in the near future.

Angel Flight was a program that we had hoped would never have to be implemented, but was put into action the first week of June. Please read to article within, and thank you to all those Color Corpsmen who were able to participate.

It is that time of year to conduct your annual Assembly Audit by August 1<sup>st</sup>. I saw a big improvement last year from the previous year in first time acceptance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or the District Comptroller George Stump. Use the previous year's audit to start this year's audit concerning members and available funds. These are the two areas that cause issues and result in audits being rejected.

The Summer will be relatively quiet except for Officers Installations and Color Corps assignments. I thank those Assemblies who have scheduled their installations with other Assemblies. My staff appreciates the extra time they now have to spend with their families during the Summer. Those who haven't scheduled yet, please do so.

Fraternally yours,

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## 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.

## Angel Flight

It was my hope on not having implemented this program, but due to the unfortunate death of Staff Sergeant and Reserve Police Officer for Chesterfield Twp. Patrick Wisniewski, who was killed by a drunk driver while sitting at a light on his motorcycle at 21 Mile and Jefferson Roads, the program was put into action. The call went out to the District Color Corps who signed up for the program. 20 Color Corps attended the ceremony at Selfridge Field on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Many positive comments were received about our presence there as we stood and presented swords as the hearse passed by. I am extremely proud of those men who attended and represented our District in a very professional and dignified manner. I would have wished to have been there but unfortunately I was out of town on another K of C assignment. I would like to thank PFN John Iannotti and Marshal Tom Schmidt who helped with the coordination of this event.

Clifford Wasmund

## District 1 Chalice Presentation

This year, eight (8) Deacons were ordained from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, six (6) of whom received a chalice, platen and case from District 1. On Sunday, April 14, 2013, Master Clifford Wasmund, Chalice Chairman Richard Fron, Faithful Navigator Mark Brezenski #0482, Faithful Comptroller Elton Hedges #0488 and CC member Paul Adesko #2599 attended Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. At the conclusion of Mass, the Sir Knights and several guests in attendance witnessed President of SHMS and Former State Chaplain Msgr. Todd Laginess bless the six chalices at a side chapel within the Church. Only one Deacon, Benjamin Huynh from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, was present for the ceremony. The other five had scheduled assignments at their assigned Churches. The chalices were later presented to the other Deacons prior to their ordination. The Deacons who were not in need of a chalice from District #1 received a Thank You card in answering the call to become a priest. This year, chalices were donated from Notre Dame Assembly 0481, Bishop Gallagher Assembly 0482, Msgr. Schulte Assembly 0492 and Sacred Heart Assembly 2599.

## Fall Exemplification September 21, 2013

The 2013 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Fall Exemplification will be held once again at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center located at 6015 East Ten Mile Road (E. of Mound Road), Warren 48091. The price for the candidate will be \$70.00; Priests are free. There will be a Ladies Program which is also free of charge. The cost of the dinner for wives and/or friends will remain the same at \$30.00 per person but the meal has been upgraded this year. Should the candidate choose to purchase a class photograph, which is optional, the cost is only \$6.00. All Sir Knights are encouraged to ask a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member from their Council to become a Sir Knight this coming Fall. Our Class Honoree will be Fr. Tom Sullivan, District Friar.

To give our Candidates the best value for their money, the 2014 Spring Exemp will also be held at DeCarlo's. Research has been done and this is the most centralized location to for those traveling from all directions within the District.



## Fr. Leo T. Lulko's Funeral

Fr. Leo Lulko, Pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit for 33 years, passed away at the age of 73 of a fatal heart attack. Color Corps from Fr. Hardon and neighboring Assemblies attended the funeral Mass. Fr. Lulko was laid to rest in Highland Cemetery.

## Corporate Communion at Our Lady of Redemption, Council #15057



Color Corps from Babylon Assembly 0479, Pope John XXIII Assembly 1536, Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly 1839 and Sacred Heart Assembly 2599 attended the first Corporate Communion of Council 15057 held at Our Lady of Redemption Church in Warren

## Chalices Looking For a Home

At the District meeting in May, a discussion took place concerning a number of Assemblies who stated that they had chalices to donate to a priest or missionary but had no idea who to send them to. At the same time a number of Assemblies said that they knew of priests heading overseas that could hand deliver those chalices to priests in Africa, India and other countries. It was agreed that Chalice Chairman PFN Richard Fron would be a so-called "Clearing House" for Assemblies to donate chalices to and to advise Richard of a priest that would be going overseas and could hand deliver these chalices. Richard's contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

## 2013 Fall Harvest Meeting

The Fall Harvest District Meeting will be held on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** @ 2:00 PM at DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center in Warren.

Like last year's meeting, we will discuss the State of the District in regards to supporting Supreme, State and District Programs, and an open forum for questions and answers. This year the Assembly Awards will be presented at the dinner. The Faithful Navigator, Comptroller and Commander are expected to attend while other Assembly officers and members are also encouraged to participate. Like last year, the dress attire will be sport coats (tie optional).

Our District continues its partnership with Desert Angel and plans have been confirmed to do another "Packing Party" for the Ladies. DeCarlo's has offered a large room so there will be ample room for them to pack boxes. The goal this year is to exceed the number of 150 packed last year and collect donations to assist with the postage. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter, including specific items needed for the boxes.

## Recognition of 50 Years as an Assembly



(Left) Certificate presented to FN Jerry Kitka, Msgr Van Dyke Assy 0483. (Above) Certificate presented to FN Robert Greening, Cardinal Cushing Assy 0484. Both celebrated their Anniversary on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## District 1 Color Corps Answers the Call

This past quarter there were two optional "Out of District" assignments presented to the Color Corps. The first one was a Living Rosary on the steps of the State Capital Building in Lansing. Approximately 25 Color Corps from all parts of District 1 participated and represented nearly 45% of the total Color Corps in attendance. The rest were from District 2.

The second assignment was the opening ceremonies for the Summer Special Olympics in Mount Pleasant within District 4. District 1 made up nearly 25% of the total Color Corps in attendance. Only one Color Corpsman attended from District 2. District 4 Master and Marshal were extremely grateful in the participation of District 1 Color Corps.

The third was an "out of Country" event where District 1 was invited to participate in the Canada Day Parade on July 1<sup>st</sup> in Windsor. We had a total of 21 Color Corps cross the border and participate in representing the US followed by fellowship with our Brother Knights in Canada. This is the largest group to participate from the US since its inception in 1990 (confirmed by Breeze, who was a charter member of the group!).

The Color Corps who attended these events indicated that they enjoyed themselves, found it rewarding and would consider participating again next year. I realize that many work and are unable to participate, however, if the opportunity ever arises I would highly suggest that you participate and elect to fall out for these "out of District" events.



Chalice presented to Deacon Benjamin Huynh, from the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The chalices were blessed by Msgr. Todd Laginess, Former State Chaplain, Pres. Of SHMS.



Attending the presentation; Paul Adesko - 2599, FN Mark Brezinski - 0482, Master Clifford Wasmund, PFN Richard Fron - 0492 and Faithful Comptroller Elton Hedges - 0488.



Rev. Mr. Andrew Seba of the Eparchy of St. Thomas, Rev. Mr. John Whitlock of The Lansing Diocese, Rev. Mr. Marko Djonovic of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Rev. Mr. Stephen Petrica of the Madison, WI Diocese.



Opening Ceremony for Summer Special Olympics in Mount Pleasant



2013 State Convention Living Rosary on the front lawn of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island



Saturday Mass after the State Convention at St. Anne celebrated by Auxiliary Bishops Reiss and Hanchon

## Ladies Corner

It was wonderful seeing so many of the ladies from District #1 at the State Convention this year. It seems like work is never done as we now prepare for the Installation of Officers for the next fraternal year. For those Assemblies who have LOTA's, we will be installing the ladies immediately following the Assembly Officer's installations. We look forward to seeing you all once again and participating in your Installations.

I want to personally wish everyone an enjoyable, safe and healthy Summer.

Lady Susan

## Mailing of Donation Checks and Forms

It still seems as though donations for Guest House, Holy Cross Children Services or the Military Chaplain Scholarship Program get mailed to the incorrect person or the check is made out incorrectly. At the May 18<sup>th</sup> District meeting, I included in your package a flyer that provides the correct information as to who the check should be mailed to and how the check should be made out. Listed below is the information once again for your reference. (Details for the Military Chaplain Scholarship Program is provided in the following article.)

	<u>Guest House</u>	<u>Holy Cross Children Services</u>
<b>Check Payable to:</b>	Guest House	Holy Cross Children Services
<b>Memo Line:</b>	Donation	Religious Education
<b>Mail to:</b>	Sir Knight Larry Grabowski, PFN Guest House Director 53411 Rebecca Drive Macomb, MI 48042	Sir Knight Robert J. Godi Former Master, Michigan District #4 1718 Ashwood Drive Reese, MI 48757-9438

From time to time I still receive audits or other forms from either FVSM George Mallison or FM Walter Winkle, Jr. George and Walter have not held office for nearly three years or more. Please make sure that the person mailing out the forms and audits are aware of who the current Vice Supreme Master and Master are.

## Military Chaplain Scholarship Program - Update

Just a quick update as to the donations received to date. We are at 46% to the District's five-year goal of \$20,000. I would ask those Assemblies who are less than 40% to go back to your membership and discuss the need to submit a donation and support this program. Remember, your Assembly would be supporting both your active military personnel overseas and Seminarians. In the event that you do not agree with the data below, I would ask you to please contact me directly.

<b>100%:</b>	0484, 1622, 2136, 3057
<b>80 – 99%:</b>	0470, 0490, 2599
<b>60 – 79%:</b>	
<b>40 – 59%:</b>	0477, 0478, 0482,
<b>20 – 39%:</b>	0488, 0521, 1536, 2032, 2521, 2804, 2942, 3082, 3099
<b>1 – 19%:</b>	0480, 0483, 1795
<b>0%:</b>	0475, 0479, 0481, 0492, 0515, 0520, 1839, 1963, 2149, 2304, 2521, 2696

Checks should be made payable to "**Knights of Columbus**", and on the memo line write "**Military Scholarship**". The checks should be mailed to **VSM George Dann, 5086 N. Belsay Road, Flint, MI 48506**. I would ask that you notify me that you have mailed a check to the VSM so that I can enter your donation into my records.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1, 2013	Report of Officers Chosen (Form 186)
July 4, 2013	Independence Day
August 1, 2013	Annual Assembly Audit (Form 1315)
August 1, 2013	Provincial Newsletter Submission
August 1, 2013	Provincial Sir Knight Submission
August 12, 2013	160 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Father McGivney
September 1, 2013	Knights of Columbus Tiger Game at Comerica Park, 7:05 PM
September 21, 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Fall Exemplification, DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center
October 11-13, 2013	Provincial Meeting
October 11-13, 2013	Fall MI Drive
October 19, 2013	Prep Bowl at Ford Field
November 3, 2013	Fall Harvest District Meeting – DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center
November 10, 2013	State Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit
November 11, 2013	Veteran's Day
November 28, 2013	Thanksgiving Day
December 14, 2013	Wreaths Across America
January 23-25, 2014	March for Life in Washington DC
January 26, 2014	State Bowling Tournament Begins – Flushing
January 31, 2014	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728C)
February 23, 2014	State Deputy Tribute Dinner – DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 4:00 PM Mass
March 5, 2014	Ash Wednesday
March 8, 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Spring Exemplification, DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center
March 10, 2014	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 9, 2014 (Tentative)	St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit
March 25, 2014	K of C Day of the Unborn
March 29, 2014	Founders Day
March 22-24, 2014	Spring MI Drive
April 1, 2014	To Be A Patriot Award Entry Form to Master (Form TBP-1)
April 5, 2014 (Tentative)	District Meeting – Location TBD
April 10, 2014 (Tentative)	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Right to Life Dinner, Burton Manor, Livonia
April 20, 2014	Easter
May 2014	Elections of Assembly Officers
May 11, 2014	Mother's Day
May 14, 2014	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 22-24, 2014	State Convention on Mackinac Island
May 26, 2014	Memorial Day
June 1, 2014	Red, White & Blue Award Application due to Master
June 14, 2014	Flag Day
June 15, 2014	Father's Day
June 30, 2014	RSVP and Plaque Application (Form 2863A)
June 30, 2014	Civic Award Application (Form 2321)
<b>Blue = District Wide Event</b>	<b>Red = Form(s) due</b>

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