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# +Sacred Heart Assembly #2599

*In Service to One, In Service to All*

January 2012



Home Assembly of  
District #1 Master  
Cliff Wasmund



Home Assembly of  
Tony Vittorini  
State Warden



## From The Navigator

Brother Sir Knights,

Vivat Jesus.

The by-laws changes were voted on and approved by unanimous vote at our December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. These were submitted to Supreme electronically on December 14<sup>th</sup> and approved by the Supreme Advocate on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

To submit the by-laws electronically they must conform to the standard form that Supreme Supreme has posted on line. This has been done to establish a standard set of By-Laws which will be consistent from council to council or assembly to assembly throughout the Order. Anything that was passed as by-laws above and beyond this boilerplate becomes Assembly Policy.

I have attached the new set of by-laws to this newsletter for those of you that receive this newsletter electronically. I have also attached a copy of our Policy, that is, those by-law changes that ended up not fitting the boilerplate.

Our Past Navigator's Ball will be held on Saturday February 25, 2012 at Villa Penna on Hayes Rd. To reserve your tickets contact our Faithful Captain Larry Frontera at 586-306-3450.

The Spring exemplification will be held at Crystal Gardens in Southgate on March 3, 2012. So far, we have only one candidate. I would ask each of you to ask someone from your council to become a fourth degree knight. Veterans are always good prospects.

Sir Knight of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, Cliff Wasmund. Thanks Cliff for all of your help.



## From LOTA

Ladies,

Hope you had a marvelous Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing everyone at the January 10th meeting. We will meet in our usual spot in the front conference room at St. Isidore. Please come with ideas for baskets for Exemplification and the Convention at Mackinaw.

Margaret

## VA Launches Facebook Pages for All 152 Medical Centers

Strategy Enables Returning Vets to Engage with VA at the Local Level

Sacred Heart Assembly Website – [www.sacredheart2599.org](http://www.sacredheart2599.org)  
Michigan District #1 Website – [www.michigandistrict1.com](http://www.michigandistrict1.com)  
Provincial Website – [www.hennepinprovince.org](http://www.hennepinprovince.org)

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that all of its 152 medical centers are now actively represented on Facebook, the world's largest social networking site.

"This event marks an important milestone in the overall effort to transform how VA communicates with Veterans and provide them the health care and benefits they have earned," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "Veterans and their families told us from the beginning that they want to engage and they want relevant information delivered at the local level. By leveraging Facebook, the Department continues to expand access to VA, and embrace transparency and two-way conversation."

The process that began with a single Veterans Health Administration Facebook page in 2008 has now produced over 150 Facebook pages, 64 Twitter feeds, a YouTube channel, a Flickr page, and the *VAntage Point* blog. Additionally, in June 2011, VA produced a Department-wide social media policy that provides guidelines for communicating with Veterans online. The overarching strategy is designed to help break down long-perceived barriers between the Department and its stakeholders.

VA clinicians can't discuss the specific health concerns of individual Veterans on Facebook, but that doesn't prevent staff from monitoring VA's sites closely each day—and providing helpful information to Veterans when they can. In the last year, for instance, VA's Crisis Line counselors have successfully intervened on Facebook in cases where Veterans have suggested suicidal thoughts or presented with other emotional crises.

"Facebook's mission is to make the world more open and connected and we are excited to see government agencies using our service to better to connect with citizens, provide information, and deliver services," said Don Faul, Facebook's vice president of online operations, a former U.S. Marine and a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan. "We want to do all we can to support Veterans, so we're pleased to see the Department of Veterans Affairs using Facebook connect with Veterans in an authentic and engaging way."

VA currently has over 345,000 combined Facebook subscribers (or, "fans"). The Department's main Facebook page has over 154,000 fans and its medical centers have a combined subscribership of over 69,000. The Department plans to continue expanding its Facebook presence while also focusing

on bringing Twitter to every VA medical center as well.

For more information, please visit the sites below:

□ Directory of All VA Social Media Sites:

[www.va.gov/opa/SocialMedia.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/SocialMedia.asp)

• VA Facebook Page Directory:

[www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs?sk=app\\_7146470109](http://www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs?sk=app_7146470109)

## **January Birthdays**

### **Happy Birthday to our Brother Sir Knights:**

5	Harry Wasmund
15	Frank VanDamme
19	Andrew Snider
20	Walter Kraszewski
22	George Neven
23	Donald Russell
27	Rev. Pawel Duda
30	Albert Burchi
31	Robert Norris

## **Coming Events**

**January 1, 2012** New Year's Day

**January 10, 2012** Assembly Meeting 7:30PM St. Isidore

**January 22-24, 2012** March for Life in Washington DC

**January 28, 2012** State Bowling Tournament Begins in Bay City

**January 31, 2012** Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728C)

**February 19, 2012** State Deputy Tribute Dinner – DeCarlo's Banquet Center

**February 22, 2012** Ash Wednesday

**February 25, 2012** Past Navigator's Ball Villa Penna Banquet Center 6:00 PM 43985 Hayes Rd.

**March 3, 2012** Spring Exemplification at Crystal Gardens in Southgate

**March 17, 2012** St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit Tentative Date

**March 25, 2012** K of C Day of the Unborn

**March 30 - April 1, 2012** Spring MI Drive

## **From Our Commanders**

### **Coming Assignments**

1/21/12 - St. Therese of Lisieux, 48115 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp., Corporate Communion & Vocations Dinner @ 4:30P.M.

02/05/12 - Sacred Heart Church, 18430 Gratiot & Utica Rd., Boy Scout Mass, @ 11:00A.M.

### **Good of the Order**

**Please pray for our Brothers and Sisters who are ill:**

Fr. William Bonnici  
Joseph Abbruzzese  
Marty Lauria  
Geri Lauria  
Darlene Opalewski  
Mary Laudicina  
Jackie Hankiewicz  
Zigmund Graczyk  
Felicia Graczyk  
James Pedrotte  
Jerry Archer  
Delphine Pazin  
Frank Singer  
Chris Yates  
Ted Miarka  
Jerry Dimaggio  
Fr. Tom Sutherland  
Frank VanDamme  
Zigmund Pisarski  
Xenia Lufty  
Joseph Walega Jr.  
Megan Gareau  
Robert Sturza  
Carolyn Sturza  
Del Asbury  
Joe Mercadante  
Susan Schieres  
Darlene Proof

**Please pray for our Deceased Brothers and Sisters:**

Anna Theisen  
Hattie Decker  
Deloros Buhlinger  
S.K. Monzie Edmonds  
Elenor Opalewski  
S.K. Ken Zysk  
Jennifer Hagen  
Tony Werdbush

### **Meeting Schedule**

Tuesday Jan 10, 2012 7:30 PM @ St. Isidore's  
Tuesday Feb 14, 2012 7:30 PM @ St. Isidore's  
Tuesday Mar 13, 2012 7:30 PM @ St. Isidore's

### **2011-2012 Officers**

Faithful Friar.....Rev. Fr. Thomas Sutherland  
Worthy State Warden.....Antonio Vittorini  
Worthy District Master.....Clifford Wasmund  
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Faithful Inside Sentinel .....Robert Shaw  
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Faithful Outside Sentinel.....Tim Orbacki  
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Faithful Outside Sentinel.....Paul Gareau  
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(586) 752-4528  
Faithful Trustee 3 year.....Bill Camfield  
(586) 228-0754

#### **Appointed Officers:**

Chalice Committee.....Jesus A. Plaza  
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Color Corps Co-Commanders....Robert Van Eenoo  
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Frank VanDamme  
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Rosary Chairman.....Deacon Jerome Campernel  
(586) 254-8638  
Entertainment Co-Chairman.....Paul Gareau  
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Entertainment Co-Chairman.....Paul Palka  
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Veterans Committee.....Ed Lusk  
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