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Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

This year's 138<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention was held virtually on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with the opening Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven CT. The Michigan State Deputy, Walter Winkle, Jr. was gracious by inviting the Michigan delegates to the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island to view the virtual session. The State Officers did an outstanding job trying to reenact the experience the delegates would have had at the Supreme convention even down to the State Dinner held on the last evening of the convention. The Fr. Hennepin Province was honored to have one of the three Assemblies chosen globally for the "To Be a Patriot Award". The three Assemblies were:

- **That They Never Be Forgotten** - Jackson Assembly 2186, Jackson, Michigan
- **Moral Injury Conference** - Monsignor Bruno Hubertus Assembly 1791, New Braunfels, Texas
- **Bikes for Veterans** - Father Joseph O'Callahan S.J. Assembly 2820, Las Vegas, Nevada

On the even numbered year, appointments are made for District Master by Supreme for the next two years starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we have three District Masters from MID2, OHD1 and OHD2 who have completed their four years.

- Michigan District 1: Mark Brezenski Reappointed
- Michigan District 2: Joseph J. Yekulis New appointment, replacing David Buick
- Michigan District 3: Larry J. Herman New appointment, replacing Dale Bosley
- Michigan District 4: Keith Woodrum Reappointed
- Ohio District 1: Robert F. Solomon New appointment, replacing William Howe
- Ohio District 2: Jack Ritchie New appointment, replacing Ed Ponder
- Ohio District 3: Duane Lord Reappointed

I would ask the Assembly Officers and its membership to be supportive and offer their assistance when asked. Believe me, it takes a team to run the District effectively.

I would like to thank the outgoing Masters and their Ladies for the time and dedication to the Order and Province. The last two years have been difficult and trying with the introduction of the new uniform and then the COVID-19 pandemic. We've weathered the storm of the uniform change and are adjusting to the new way of life in how to hold Exemplifications and Assembly meetings. Both Lady Susan and I will miss the outgoing Masters and their wives but please know you will all remain part of the family. I thank you all for your hard work and will treasure your friendship forever.

The Supreme Assembly meeting will be held virtually on September 17<sup>th</sup>. I will provide a report after attending.

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If you ever wondered if the money you donated to the “**Military Chaplain Scholarship Program**” ever assisted a seminarian, then wonder no more. **Father Tyler R. Harris**, 2d Lt, USAFR, completed his formational journey in Seaside, California on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Father Harris, 40, plans eventually to serve on active duty as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force with endorsement and faculties from the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) after an initial three years of pastoral service in his home Diocese of Monterey. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, concelebrated the 11:00 a.m. ordination Mass. Also concelebrating were AMS Chancellor Father Robert R. Cannon, M.A., J.C.L., for whom the new priest served as a chaplain assistant for seven years at Travis Air Force Base, and Msgr. Mark Rowan, a retired chaplain with whom Father Harris served as a Religious Affairs Airman in the Middle East.

There are still a large number of Assemblies who have not submitted their **Form 186** to Supreme, your District Master and I. This information is critical in ensuring that the correct individual at your Assembly is receiving the latest information for you and your Assembly membership.

The Assembly’s **Annual Audit Report** was due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to those who have submitted their reports. For those who have not submitted their audit, please do so as soon as possible.

It has come to our attention that word has not spread about the 2020 Provincial Meeting. As I announced earlier this year, due to the pandemic and constraints issued by each State, we felt in the interest of your health and safety that the Provincial meeting be cancelled this year. The Masters will be formally installed at their Fall Exemplifications, whether in person or virtually. Awards for District and Provincial Sir Knight and the Lady of the Year will be provided to their District Master. He will then make the necessary arrangements to present these awards at the appropriate time. I will announce the recipients in a future newsletter. This would have been Lady Susan and my last Provincial Meeting as Vice Supreme Master but we look forward to planning the 2021 for my predecessor.

Please stay healthy and safe.

Fraternally Yours and God Bless,

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