

CATHEDRAL ASSEMBLY 3298

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NEXT MEETING: Sep 16, 2014

Location: Cathedral of St Catharine of Siena
Bishop Thompson Room
1825 W Turner St, Allentown
Go to Rectory Entrance & ring doorbell

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Installation of Officers – Sept 16 @ 7 PM – Officers to wear Tux or Coat & Tie



Exercise Your Right and Patriotic Duty

Register to Vote by

October 6, 2014

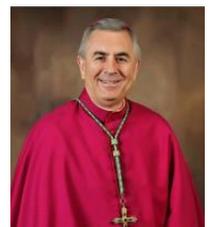
I vote because...
it's my right,
it's my responsibility,
& it's my children's future.

Calling All Color Corps & Sir Knights



Diocesan Red Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Gainer, Diocese of Harrisburg
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 7 PM



Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Bishop Barres' Ordination
Sunday, October 19, 2014 @ 3 PM

Both events at Cathedral of St Catharine of Siena

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MESSAGE



Worthy Sir Knights,

This past year has been one of many accomplishments that we all should be proud. Our past Faithful Navigator, Rich Gomes, lead the assembly with such dedication and resolve right up to his death that it will be hard to fill his shoes.

The Faithful Navigator is the servant to all the members. I take this as my duty to one and all. I cannot do this alone. I need the help of Jesus and the Jesus in you. Being united in one Spirit, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. We have a number of charities we are now supporting and we need to raise the funds to successfully carry out these endeavors.

Some of the projects we are undertaking this Fall are, Voter Registration, Flu Awareness Crusade, installation of officers, Color Corps, Patriotism committee, Wounded Warrior events, Squires Circle and our Winter Social. Other projects down the road are Supreme Convention and World Meeting of Families, both in Philadelphia. These last two require a lot of man power and will be looking for volunteers. I'd like all to start praying the rosary till Election Day that this country will turn back to God and follow His ways. I've learned many years ago to follow His plan is much easier the following my plan.

The installation of officers will be Sept 16, 2014 at 7 PM I the Bishop Thompson Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Vivat Jesus!

You Faithful Navigator,
Jim Mueller

FAITHFUL FRIAR MESSAGE

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

This year we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the inclusion of the phrase “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. What does one nation under God look like?

First, it is a nation in which citizens are not afraid to act according to their faith in all circumstances. Archbishop Charles Chaput in his book *Render unto Caesar* puts it this way, “If we really believe God exists, that belief will inevitably color our personal and public behavior: our actions, our choices, and our decisions” (p. 9). True faith invades all of life – mind, heart, will, decisions, public actions as well as private.

Next, one nation under God has citizens who love God in their selfless acts of service toward their neighbor, especially the needy, poor, and abandoned. A nation under God is immensely interested in others. The farther away we are from a true solidarity with the unborn, the poor, the elderly; the more a nation promotes a culture of death, of selfishness, of the idolatry of wealth, honor, power and pleasure; the farther away it is from God. The reverse is true. The more a nation concerns itself with those on the periphery of society the closer the nation is to God and his sovereignty.

Finally, a nation under God prioritizes the worship of God and personal prayer, even at the expense of those things that seem most precious to the world – my time, my money, my interests. Our recognition as a nation to the sovereignty of God is in direct proportion to how full our churches are on a Sunday and how many knees bend in the privacy of our homes.

In Christ,

Magr. Andrew A. Baker

Get Involved & Make Difference

According to 2010 U.S. Census data, the percentage of families with no father is 10.8 percent nationally. The rate is even worse in our area. Allentown's rate is 21.6 percent, Easton's 21.4 percent, and Bethlehem's fatherless households are not far behind at 15.8 percent. Here's the significance:

Youth from fatherless homes account for: 63 percent of youth suicides, 71 percent of pregnant teenagers, 90 percent of all homeless and runaway children, 70 percent of juveniles in state-operated institutions, 85 percent of all youths sitting in prison, 85 percent of all youth who exhibit behavior disorders, 80 percent of rapists motivated with displaced anger, 71 percent of high school dropouts, and 75 percent of all adolescents in chemical abuse centers. ("The Future: Set Adrift on a Sea of Fatherless Children," Idaho Observer, July 2003. As quoted in: Sowers, John. "Fatherless Generation: Redeeming the Story." (Zondervan, 2010).

Whether done formally or informally, **mentoring is an opportunity to change history, to re-write the story of a generation.** Mentors will be the quiet heroes of this movement. Studies have shown that one-to-one mentoring, done over time, transforms the lives of both the mentor and mentee. Mentors matter. (The Mentoring Project Field Manual, www.thementoringproject.org).

Eloquent Oxen

Father Bernard J. Ezaki

Draw near to him [i.e. Jesus], a living stone, rejected indeed by men but chosen and honored by God. Be you yourselves as living stones, built thereon into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

--1 Peter 2:4-5--

The early gothic cathedral of Laon, eighty-five miles northeast of Paris, boasts magnificent late 12th-century sculptures of Christ, Our Lady, and the saints over and around its doors and windows. High up on its towers, however, one can make out the stone images of oxen. The four-legged figures stand like dedicated sentinels, seemingly unaware of the honor that has been accorded them. Though silent, they speak volumes. Apparently the medieval masons wanted to pay tribute to their oxen. The beasts, after all, patiently hauled the cathedral's heavy stones for miles, from quarry to building site. Thus the bovine statues give eloquent testimony to the builders' gratitude.

The cathedral of Laon makes me think of the temple of living stones that Jesus is building of us who belong to His Church. Oh yes, Mary and the canonized saints will be given great prominence in this structure. What about the rest of us humble plodders? I firmly believe that even the most menial service we do in the name of God will receive its due recognition. Our Lord will not be outdone when it comes to showing appreciation. He will certainly reward His faithful sheep, but He will not forget His oxen!

VOLUNTEER: *to offer oneself for an undertaking by choice and without request*

COLOR CORPS

Our Color Corps (CC)/Honor Guard will participate in a variety of masses and ceremonies. Honoring our fallen brothers has been a time honored tradition and part of who we are as Knights. Last fraternal year, we put in nearly 150 man-hours serving at viewings, funerals, confirmations and other special occasions.

Please contact Tony Verna @ 610-481-0031, Faithful Navigator Jim Mueller @ 610-392-1401 or Master John Fitzpatrick @ 610-530-7728, regarding all CC requests. Please contact Jim Mueller or Tony Verna if you are interested in becoming a member of the Color Corps.

4th Degree Knights in Action

Father William V. Higgins Assembly in Decatur, AL provided an honor guard for a Mass celebrating the 25th ordination anniversary of Father Raymond Remke, a K of C chaplain and pastor of Annunciation of the Lord Church.

Blue Grass Assembly in Lexington, KY awarded a \$500 scholarship to Suzanne Miller, a senior at Lexington Catholic High School.

Father Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly in Georgetown hosted a veterans dinner-dance to celebrate local wounded warriors and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. More than 170 guests attended the event, which recognized several honorees from World War II to present-day conflicts.

Father John J. Griffin Assembly in Middlesex County provided an honor guard for the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima when it visited St. James Church in Woodbridge.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Council #10921 will be hosting the Vatican International exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles from Friday October 3rd thru Sunday October 5th. This photographic exhibit premiered in Rome in 2005 during the Year of the Eucharist. The exhibit tells the stories of 126 Church approved Eucharistic Miracles. It displays the histories of actual events where the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has been made visible to our earthly senses, when the consecrated bread and wine was changed into physical human flesh and blood. This exhibit has been shown in hundreds of Churches across the United States and is now in the Lehigh Valley. Plan on spending an hour or two and be amazed at how, over the centuries, Jesus has continued to make His presence known to man through these Eucharistic Miracles. Please plan on making it a day of spiritual devotion with family and friends. The exhibit will be open from 5 pm to 9 pm on Friday, 9 am to 9 pm on Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday. Call 610-675-5316 for more information.

SQUIRES UPDATE



Bethlehem Catholic Squires: Squires came back to school on August 25th. There are a number of candidates who will be invested over the next few months. The Squires will volunteer their time at annual ARC of the Lehigh and Northampton Counties golf tournament on September 26.