

# CATHEDRAL ASSEMBLY 3298

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**NEXT MEETING: Jan 20, 2015 @ 7 PM**

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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## WINTER SOCIAL



The Cathedral Assembly will hold its Winter Social on Saturday January 17, 2015 at 7 pm in the St Joseph the Worker School Multipurpose Room. Ticket prices for this formal event will be \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. Dress is either tuxedo with social baldric (if you have it) or business suit. Ladies should dress appropriately for a formal occasion. This event is open to all brother Knights (do not have to be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree) and their guests. Please RSVP by **January 11<sup>th</sup>** to John Fitzpatrick.

## Baskets of Cheer

The assembly will once again raffle off baskets of cheer to help raise funds for our charities. Tickets are \$2 each or \$6 for 10 tickets. The winners drawing will be held on January 17. Tickets will also be available by contacting SK Ken Boyce @ [kenboyce1938@yahoo.com](mailto:kenboyce1938@yahoo.com).

## Dues Statements

Dues statements were emailed/mailed to assembly members in mid December. As payment is received, your membership card will be sent out beginning in January. If you have a question about your dues statement, have not received your statement or are experiencing financial/personal hardship, please contact Faithful Comptroller John Fitzpatrick @ [jlfitzpatrick@verizon.net](mailto:jlfitzpatrick@verizon.net).

## FAITHFUL FRIAR MESSAGE

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

Although we are a relatively young country, the United States has a few canonized saints. One of the earliest canonization for our country is St. John Neumann. His feast day is January 5. As Bishop of Philadelphia from 1852 to his death in 1860, the holy bishop served a territory which includes the Diocese of Allentown. Several parishes in our diocese were founded and received visits from St. John Neumann.

It is hard for us to imagine but when St. John Neumann finished his seminary studies there were “too many” priests in his native Bohemia. He wrote to the bishop of New York who decided to ordain him and send him to the growing German parishes in his territory. Eventually Fr. Neumann joined the Redemptorist order and served in many places in the northeast. When chosen bishop of Philadelphia he spent many weeks visiting parishes and establishing the first Catholic school system in the United States.

St. John Neumann eventually learned 6 different languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, “Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!”

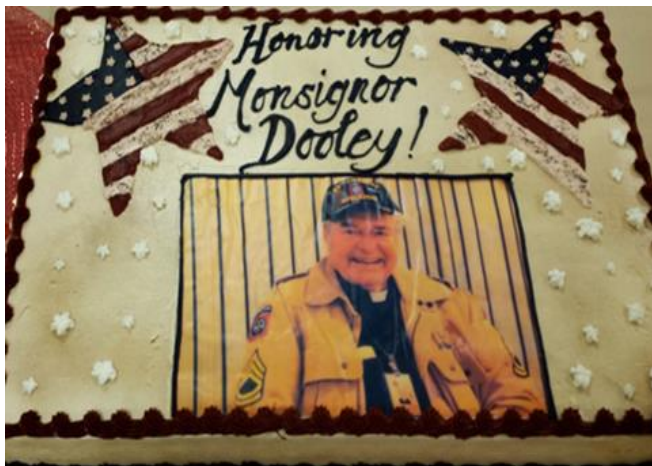
He lived poverty so strictly that once on a visit to Germany he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, the saint remarked, “The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own.”

St. John Neumann, intercede for us!

In Christ,

*Msr. Andrew A. Baker*

### June 14, 2015 -Save the Date!



Coming to the Lehigh Valley  
for the first time since 2004!!!

### Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

Holiday Inn Conference Center,

Fogelsville, PA

We are the host assembly

Ask a 3rd degree Knight to join the 4th degree

*In Solidarity with our Bishop and Priests*

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MESSAGE



My Fellow Sir Knights,

Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope all had Joyous Christmas and will have a Happy, Healthy and Faith Filled New Year.

As we look forward to 2015, it pays to look back on our accomplishments. We this fall kicked off the first time event to support Wreaths Across America. We as individual knights, councils and our assembly have purchased wreaths to be placed on the graves of members of the military at Resurrection Cemetery. It was a bright cool day and in unison with Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts of America Knights of Columbus Color Corps and others adding to the dignity and the solemnity of the day. Some 900 wreaths were placed on the graves of those who stood up for America. Let us never forget the men and women who put their lives on the line so we can be free. I was proud to be there with my worthy brothers. I hope to see many more of you there next year. We had our installation of officers in September and I'd like to thank John Fitzpatrick, Master of our District, for conducting a memorable installation.

As we look forward to upcoming events, let us not forget our winter social. This is a time that we can enjoy each other's company and get to know each other. This a once a year event and would like all to attend. There will be music, food and drink to celebrate our Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Call Ken Boyce for tickets.

This is a year that will go down in history. Our Holy Father will be visiting us this September. A lot of preparation is underway. Busses have been secured to Philadelphia (\$25.00). We have a special bus just for Knights of Columbus and 3 others already full. If you are interested Going with the Knights, please let me know. When the bus is full, we will not take any other requests. First come first served.

I am looking for a committee to get started an annual Communion Breakfast, either during Lent or near to Columbus Day.

Vivat Jesus!

Your Faithful Navigator,  
Jim Mueller

### The American Catholic Almanac

Written by: Brian Burch, Emily Stimpson

*A Daily Reader of Patriots, Saints, Rogues, and Ordinary People Who Changed the United States*

For information on the 2015 Supreme Convention in Philadelphia,  
go to <http://www.2015pakofc.org/>

Are you, or do you have a relative who is, a member of the military or a first responder and would like to share your experiences? Send in a short article and picture and we will include in an upcoming newsletter

## 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.

Please contact CC Commander Tony Verna @ 610-481-0031, Deputy CC Commander Rich Guth @ 610 435-1935, 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 CC.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights in Action

Members of our assembly and Color Corps participated in the Wreaths Across America event on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection Cemetery. In addition, our assembly donated wreaths in honor of Msgr Dooley and in memory of SK Rich Gomes, PFN, and Tom Ryder, PGK. We look forward to participating in next year's wreath laying.



## 2014-15 Confirmation Schedule

All confirmation ceremonies will begin at 4:30 p.m.  
Please confirm ASAP if your parish wants an Honor Guard

### Lehigh Deanery

Tuesday, Feb. 10 – St. Thomas More, Allentown  
Wednesday, Feb. 11 – St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield  
Thursday, Feb. 12 – St. Ann, Emmaus  
Wednesday, March 18 – Cathedral, Allentown; St. Paul, Allentown @ St. Paul, Allentown  
Wednesday, March 25 – St. Joseph, Coopersburg

### Northampton Deanery

Tuesday, March 3 – St. Theresa, Hellertown  
Thursday, March 26 – Assumption BVM, Colesville

## SQUIRES UPDATE



The Bethlehem Catholic High School Squires Circle 5528 volunteered at the New Bethany Ministries Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry in November. The Squires also donated 3 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America Program honoring our deceased veterans. They will assist with the Free Throw contest at St Joseph the Worker in January and meet with members of the local Squires Circle at St Joseph the Worker.