

CATHEDRAL ASSEMBLY 3298

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NEXT MEETING: Feb 16, 2016 @ 7 PM

Location: Cathedral of St Catharine of Siena

Bishop Thompson Room

1825 W Turner St, Allentown

Go to Rectory Entrance & ring doorbell



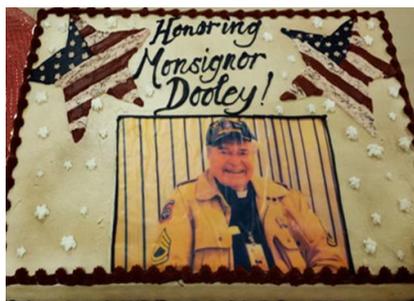
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COLOR CORPS

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 Bob Haggerty @ 610-748-0415, 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 Bob Haggerty if you are interested in becoming a member of the CC.



**Happy 90th Birthday &
60th Anniversary of your
Ordination! Monsignor Dooley**

**Exemplification of the 4th Degree - June 11, 2016
Holiday Inn, Fogelsville PA**

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MESSAGE



Brother Sir Knights,

Worthy Sir Knights,

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

This December, we participated in 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 warm 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. Thanks to Air Products for spear heading this project, some 1100+ wreaths were placed on each of the graves of those veterans 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 and experience the feeling of patriotism. I hope to see many more of you there next year.

The Spirit of the Lehigh Valley held its dinner and gifts for the less fortunate of the area. A number of Knights helped with wrapping gifts, serving meals, being Santa for a day at the Holiday Inn. What a wonderful way to get in the spirit Christmas. The only way to be joy filled is to give of one's self. I felt like I had done something worthwhile and my spirit was soaring. It carried me through the holidays. It is truly in giving that we receive.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Mueller

Your Faithful Navigator

Upcoming Confirmations

- Thursday, Feb. 18 – Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown; St. Paul, Allentown; St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 – St. Joseph, Coopersburg.
- Tuesday, March 1 – St. Ann, Emmaus.
- Thursday, March 3 – St. Thomas More, Allentown.
- Tuesday, March 8 – St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield.
- Wednesday, March 16 – St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Hellertown;
- Wednesday, March 30 – Assumption BVM, Bethlehem.

Check with your parish to see if the pastor would like the Color Corps present. Please contact FN Jim Muller or CC Commander Bob Haggerty if they do.

In Solidarity with our Bishop and Priests

Archdiocese for Military Services

Archbishop Timothy Broglio heads up the Archdiocese for Military Services, which was created by Pope John Paul II to provide spiritual support and other religious services to the U.S. Armed Forces. This has been increasingly challenging because of the shortage of Catholic chaplains. Catholics make up 25 percent of all troops but only 8 percent of the chaplain corps – not enough to go around.

The shortage has been more acute than it has been in the past. Catholic chaplains in the military numbered in the thousands during World War II. Now there are fewer than 240. "We could use an additional 200 priests today" states Father Kopec, an Army chaplain who deployed with the 101st Airborne Division to Iraq. He was one of only three priests in the whole division, and was responsible for a region roughly the size of Pennsylvania. Father Kopec commented, "As a battalion chaplain, you don't care if they're religious or not – you're responsible for their well-being."

Father Kopec says some of his most profound conversations and interactions occur with troops who are not Catholics, and even some who are atheist. Once while stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., Kopec was working late and went outside to smoke a cigarette. He met a fellow soldier at the smoke pit behind his office who was working a late shift on security duty. For about 20 minutes they shared jokes, smoked cigarettes and talked. Father Kopec says it was nothing unusual to him at the time, but he would later learn of its profound effect.

A few months later Father Kopec accompanied his unit roughly 170 miles away for field exercises. While away Father Kopec learned of an accident back on the base where a female soldier was accidentally crushed and killed by a forklift she was operating. The incident was further saddened by news that her husband, also an active duty soldier stationed on the base, was the first to be able to get to her.

Father Kopec was puzzled to learn that the husband refused to speak to any other chaplain who offered help and comfort, insisting instead on speaking directly with him. He would later find out the husband, who was not a Catholic, was the same soldier he had met late that night months prior. Upon reuniting after the accident, the man told Father Kopec, "Chaplain, when my wife died, there were a lot of other chaplains who showed up. I'm sure they're good guys, but I don't know them. I want to talk to you."

Father stated "That exemplifies how important it is, as chaplains, we make a personal connection with soldiers and help them and guide them through their faith experience when they have difficult times in their lives."

You may not be aware, but the Archdiocese for Military Services receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs such as the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program and must continue to rely solely on the generosity of private donors, like the Knights. Our Supreme Master recently reported on the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund, which has received \$1,106,486.28 from our most generous members. The Supreme Master asks that we keep this program alive and continue to promote the great need we have for Catholic Priest's to serve our brave young men and women in our nation's military. Order wide, we need to raise an additional \$93,513.72 to close out our campaign and reach our goal of \$1.2 million dollars. Let's continue to "Pass the Helmet" at our council and assembly meetings as well as at our fourth degree exemplifications.



Remember. Honor. Teach.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

National Wreaths Across America Day

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Looking forward to Saturday, December 17, 2016

What should I do to protect my loved ones from flu this season?

Encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated as soon as vaccine becomes available in their communities. Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk for serious flu complications, and their close contacts. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself from the flu.

When should I get vaccinated?

CDC recommends that people get vaccinated against flu soon after vaccine becomes available. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at our local hospitals are requested to get their flu shot by December 1.

Make Sure Your Council includes Report of the 4th Degree at Council Meetings!

- Ask your Grand Knight to allow you to speak about our activities and promote 4th degree membership at your council's regular business meeting. Here are some of our activities:
- Color Corps presence at funerals, wakes, confirmations and special masses
- We also support other groups and activities through our donations and presence:

Veterans Groups
Military Vocations
Diocesan Men's Conference
Wreaths Across America

Stand Up for Life Essay Contest
Mary's Shelter
Quo Vadis
Special Olympics

SQUIRES UPDATE

The Bethlehem Catholic High School Squires Circle 5528 and Squire Roses assisted with the Free Throw contest at St Joseph the Worker on January 8 and will participate in the ARC- K of C Measure Up Campaign Kickoff Breakfast in March.