

# CATHEDRAL ASSEMBLY 3298

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**NEXT MEETING: Aug 19, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

Location: Cathedral of St Catharine of Siena

Bishop Thompson Room

1825 W Turner St, Allentown

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## Exemplification of the 4th Degree



**Saturday June 11, 2016**

**Holiday Inn Conference Center, Fogelsville**

*Plant the seeds of Patriotism*

**Ask a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight to join the 4<sup>th</sup> degree**



## Congratulations to our newest Sir Knights!

**James A. Beauchner**

**Larry B. Bernhard**

**Rev Thomas R. Buckley**

**Tony Doroba**

**Thomas K. Epstein**

**Gary Godshall**

**Michael T. Hartman**

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**Jonathan E. Sefko**

**George P. Wagner**

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MESSAGE



My Brother Sir Knights,

My first year as your Faithful Navigator is coming to a close. As I look back on this past year, I see many accomplishments that we have completed, such as: the Shower of Roses at Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Silver Rose Ceremony for our Lady of Guadeloupe, the Blue Mass, Bishop Barres' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Wreaths Across America, Winter Social, Pro-Life Masses, 40 Days for Life, the ordination of 47 new Permanent Deacons, opening ceremonies of two Special Olympic events, Msgr. Mraz 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ordination of two new priests and last, but not the least, hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification. What an honor it has been to be at most of these events.

Looking forward to next year it looks like it could be even busier. The Pope's visit to Philadelphia has to be the highlight of next year. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a visible part the World Wide Church. Below is a request for volunteers. Clicking on the underline phrases will take you to their web site.

The World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia (September 22-27, 2015) is expected to attract well in excess of a million people to the City of Brotherly Love. Archbishop Chaput and the Philadelphia archdiocese need volunteers to welcome and assist the many visitors and support the scheduled events.

In a spirit of service, Knights and their family members are invited to volunteer during the course of the six days of activities. Opportunities are available for a variety of tasks and events; multilingual volunteers are requested in particular to assist with translations.

All volunteers must be 18 or older, reside in the United States and apply through the [World Meeting of Families website](#). For security purposes, all applicants will be subject to background screenings.

A Vatican-sponsored international gathering and visit from the Holy Father are not only rare, but a blessing for the United States and the Greater Philadelphia area. Please consider the significance of this occasion and the unique opportunities it offers to participate in such important events.

[Please volunteer today.](#)

This August, Philadelphia will be hosting the 133rd Supreme Convention. If you have never been to a Supreme Convention, it will be something you will remember the rest of your life. Below is information on the States dinner. Come join us and celebrate being a Knight of Columbus.

On Tuesday, August 4th, the Pennsylvania Convention Center - Philadelphia will play host to the annual Knights of Columbus States Dinner. Tickets are \$60 each and can be ordered online at [www.kofc.org/reservations](http://www.kofc.org/reservations). Dress for the evening is formal attire, most men wear tuxedos with a white dinner jacket and many of the ladies wear dresses to this gala event of over 2,000 knights and their families.

This is going to be a very busy year and communications is an import part of being effective. To this end we now have our own web site [www.assembly3298.org](http://www.assembly3298.org). Please visit it frequently. I'm looking for 3 to 5 volunteers to administrate and keep it up to date. If you know what a .jpeg and .pdf files are, you are qualified. If interested, drop me an e-mail ([jim@jnsc.org](mailto:jim@jnsc.org)) or call 610-392-1401.

The Supreme Court ruled on Friday that marriage for all is a constitutional right. The Catholic Church should be prepared for persecution in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's ruling on homosexual marriage. "I'm disappointed because the government is recognizing sin," Franklin Graham said. "This court is endorsing sin. That's what homosexuality is – a sin against God." "Given the choice of obeying God or the government, I believe Christians will obey God - even if there is hell to pay."

We, the Knights of Columbus, are the Strong Arm of the Catholic Church. The world needs us to stand up for religious freedom, for family values and the right of the unborn to “Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness”. Our rights are ~~slowly~~ quickly being taken away. Stand with me in protecting the unborn and the elderly, whose lives are no longer protected. If the life of an unborn child can be taken away because it is an inconvenience, who is to stop them from taking our life because it is a burden on society? Stop being complacent and speak out for what is right and just. Your life and mine depend on it.

I'm very proud of the Cathedral Assembly 3298 Color Corps. 18 members of the color corps provided 332 man hours at 33 different events. And only 5 men clocked more than 200 of those hours. Ask any of these 5 (Rich Guth, Dan Zeroka, Jim Hoffman, John Fitzpatrick or myself) the joy and satisfaction we receive in giving.

All members of the Knights of Columbus have been invited to march in a parade for the opening of **the Little League World Series** on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This event is televised worldwide. What an opportunity to show our support for good family fun. There will be a float for those who cannot walk the parade route. All members of the Color Corps will be first, followed by the Knights of Columbus float and the all the other knights (Wear something that has a Knights insignia). **THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT.** A bus can be arranged at about \$30.00 per person or we can car pool. I hope to see you there.

The Good Lord has blessed our Assembly with good men. Come join us and make a difference. God has a plan for us, a very special part to play and only you can play it. God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Your Faithful Navigator,

Jim Mueller

### **FAITHFUL FRIAR MESSAGE**

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

Love for our country is not foreign to our life as Christians. As a matter of fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that “the love and service of *one's country* follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity” (2239). As Knights, all good works are informed by charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Knights ought to be among the greatest citizens of their country.

The love of country should compel us to be involved in society and the political process. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia writes in his book *Render Unto Caesar*, “I've grown increasingly tired of the church and her people being told to be quiet on public issues that urgently concern us. Worse, Catholics themselves too often stay silent out of a misguided sense of good manners.”

Archbishop Chaput concludes that “if we *really* believe God exists, that belief will inevitably color our personal and public behavior: our actions, our choice, and our decisions. It will also subtly frame our civic language and institutions.”

At times we all hear people complain about the direction our country is taking or they complain about this politician or that decision. If we truly love God and our country, we will not remain silent but get involved so as to make a better future.

In Christ,

*Msgr. Andrew A. Baker*

# Warriors to Lourdes Program



*A letter from Ruth Joyce, wife of brother Sir Knight Jeff Joyce:*

The Warriors to Lourdes Program 13th-18th May, 2015 was a cooperative effort of the Military Archdiocese and the Knights of Columbus to support Wounded or Disabled Military Personnel and their family members/caregivers in the attendance of the 57th Annual International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. The Knights were key in detailed organizing, financing (covering the costs of the Warriors and their families), and provided the Honor Guard for Masses and ceremonies.

Theme of Pilgrimage: I Am My Brother's Keeper

Who attended: Wounded or Disabled Military Personnel and their family members/caregivers, Military Chaplains, veterans, Knights of Columbus as organizers and volunteers, medical/nurse volunteers, general volunteers, and we were joined by thousands of other military from around the world. ~220 Catholic Clergy concelebrated at the International Mass. Catholics and Protestants came together for this pilgrimage. We were greatly honored by the visits of Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services and Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight.

We were afforded the opportunity to attend Mass daily, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, tour the Lourdes Sanctuary (comprised of 3 basilicas, numerous chapels, the Grotto where St. Bernadette encountered our Blessed Mother, the Baths, and outdoor Stations of the Cross), pray before Holy Relics, be immersed in the healing waters of Lourdes, share in fellowship with other pilgrims during Stations of the Cross, worship, meals, and small discussion groups, participate in a candlelight Marian Procession attended by thousands, and celebrate with thousands of pilgrims at the opening and closing ceremonies with glorious music and prayer.

As a former Army nurse, I felt both privileged and humbled to be part of this pilgrimage. Thanks to all the Knights for making this pilgrimage possible. Please keep all service members, their families, and especially Catholic military chaplains in your hearts and prayers.

Ruth Joyce

*Note: Ruth quietly volunteered to go on this pilgrimage, wanting the focus to be on the soldiers and veterans. To donate, go to*

<https://www.kofc.org/giving/Donate.action?charityType=WWPS&lang=EN&donorType=US>

**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.

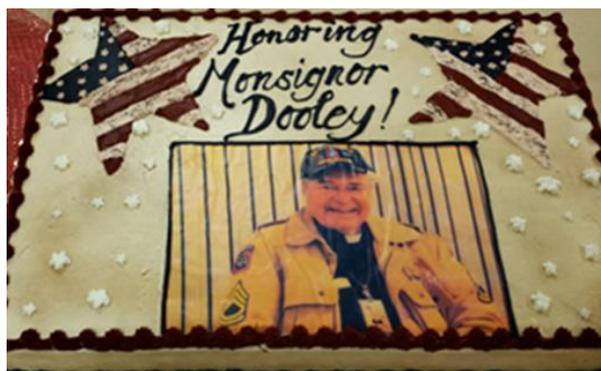
Please contact CC Commander Tony Verna @ 610-481-0031, Deputy CC Commander Rich Guth @ 610 435-1935, Faithful Navigator Jim Mueller @ 610-392-1401 or Master John Fitzpatrick @ 610-530-7728, regarding all CC requests. Please contact Jim Mueller or Tony Verna if you are interested in becoming a member of the CC.

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

A Pennsylvania Central District exemplification of the 4th degree was held in honor of Monsignor Joseph Dooley, retired Allentown Diocese priest and WWII combat veteran, on Flag Day in Allentown, PA. The exemplification mass collection of \$703 was donated to support military vocations. An additional \$900 was later collected and donated to support the 2016 Warrior Pilgrimage to Lourdes.



Deacon Brendon Laroche, left, and Deacon Jared Zambelli genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament after entering the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown for their ordination to the priesthood.



Pope John XXIII Assembly in Cliffside Park, NJ, provided an honor guard for a Sept. 21 Blue Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church. The assembly also provided an honor guard for a Mass celebrating the closing of the centennial year of St. Michael Church in Palisades Park.

Father John Boddie Assembly in Topping, VA, hosted a golf tournament to benefit the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Nearly 90 golfers participated in the event, which raised \$7,300 to assist wounded veterans.

## SQUIRES UPDATE



A number of our Bethlehem Catholic HS Squires graduated on June 5. The circle looks forward to another successful year of service and charity when school begins in late August. The squires will again support the annual ARC golf tournament in September.