

# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



December 2013 / January 2014

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## Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,  
The next few months have numerous, massive, well-celebrated days of joy. Yet these days of Christmas, New Year's and Respect Life Sunday should not stress only one day of acknowledgement. These three days are all focused on life and encouraging us to be alert daily to spiritual growth.

Christ is born – Christmas – are we daily living our faith and walking with Him? That is not just being aware of His life, but are we living His teachings every day? Words and phrases like *Keep Christ in Christmas* are great, yet shall never restrict our faith to seasonal practice.

In celebration of a New Year, we logically and joyously focus on Times Square, food and football games. But again, our lives of faith shall also be alert to constant, sincere maturing in faith!

Finally, our monthly celebratory days are beautifully enhanced in acknowledging *Respect Life Sunday*. Let's not just momentarily clamor about all life for merely a brief time.

We often hear the words time, talent and treasure. When we are alert to Christ's words, our time should not focus just on the holydays, but our treasure in Him, always.

Brothers, enjoy the season, and let's not leave its message fading out till next season.

His Peace to all,

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## Faithful Navigator Message

Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights,

### *The Meaning of Christmas*

As Linus explains to Charlie Brown in *Peanuts*, an angel of the Lord came upon shepherds in the desert, and the angel exclaimed, fear not - I bring you tidings of great joy! A Savior is born today, Christ the Lord.

In the *Bells of St. Mary's*, there's that famous scene when the first grade class sings happy birthday to the baby Jesus in the manger.

And in *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey is troubled and suicidal, and Clarence the Angel shows George what a difference his existence made for all the people and families that he touched through all of his kindness.

So during this Christmas and New Year's season, wipe the slate clean with a family member or a friend that you may not be talking with and begin a new slate with them. Feel that

magical spirit, show peace and goodwill towards everyone and spread glad tidings to everyone.

So from my family to yours, Merry Christmas to all, and to all, a good night!

Vivat Jesus,

*SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator*

## Faithful Comptroller Message

*Dues:* dues bills for the 2014 calendar year will be mailed at the end of December. I am giving up my temporarily held position of Comptroller as SK Brian Coyle has stepped forward to fill the position as comptroller of the Assembly.

*SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN*

## Assembly Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will follow the general meeting on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was changed to the third Thursday for this month's meeting only. We ask that you bring clothing donations for those who have served our country who reside at the Paramus Veteran's home. They are always in need of sweat socks, sweats and sundry items. Please remember those who have fought for our country.

## Photo Gallery



*Members of our Color Corps accompanied the banner on the Prayerful Walk for Life held in Saddle Brook in October. Dr. Richard Onorevole, PGK, PFN is seen on the left. He passed away suddenly shortly after the walk.*



*New member John Tronolone was presented with his 4th degree exemplification certificate by Faithful Navigator Salvatore Donatacci (on the right) assisted by PFN William P. Bochicchio at the October meeting. Photo courtesy of SK Joe Shuler.*



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## Faithful Officers & Trustees 2013-2014

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipksi	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Captain:	<i>Open</i>	
Admiral:	Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN,	201-384-9015
Pilot:	* John McGill, PGK, PFN	
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## Committee Chairmen

Assembly Comm:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
20-Week Raffle:	<i>Open</i>	
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	Robert Sarao, PGK	201-303-0091
Meetings Social:	<i>Open</i>	
Membership:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Memorial Mass:	<i>Open</i>	
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Newsletter Editor:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
NJ Vets Home:	John McGill, GK, PFN	201-384-7511
PFN Dinner:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK, PFN	201-385-9697

\* Temporary fill-in for this position.

The monthly general meeting of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly is held at 8PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the home of Trinity Council #747. We appreciate their courtesy. The Council chambers are on the lower level of the school building. The entrance to use is opposite the front of Trinity Church on Maple Avenue.

## The Patriot Messenger Newsletter

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## Sick & Wake Report

Please contact SK Bill Connington, PGK, PFN at 201-385-9697 to add someone to this list. *Italics* indicates new names or a change.

## Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN	SK Frank Dinneen
SK John McGilchrist, PFN	SK Marion Golding
SK Dick Dorozynski	SK Tony Miele, PFN
SK Brian Coyle	SK Bob Dondero, FDD
SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen	SK Tony Zally, PSD
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD
SK Dave Benson, PGK	SK Bill Bochicchio PFN
SK Tom Ciotti, PGK	SK John Wolfe, Jr.

## Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao  
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo  
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski  
Jill Ciotti, wife of SK Tom Ciotti, PGK.  
Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN  
Nunzia, cousin of SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

## Wakes & Passings

SK James H. Harris  
SK William R. (Bill) Murphy  
PFN Dr. Richard Onorevole

## A Note from the Editor

There is a new email address for sending information to the editor: patriot@trilogy.net. If you need to send something via snail mail, please contact me for an address. .

SK Brian O'Dowd, Editor

## Affiliate Council Reports

Our Lady Queen of Peace Council #3426 [Maywood] will be running their annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser. Fresh Balsams and Douglas Firs are available starting Saturday 11/30 at 400 Maywood Ave in front of OLQP Church in Maywood. We will be open all day weekends and starting at 5:30PM on weeknights. Please stop by to support our local charities.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont/Bergenfield] is having their annual Christmas party on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-11PM. Cost is \$30 per person for food and beverages. They will also be collecting new unwrapped toys for their "Toys for Tots" box, and canned food for the Church food pantries. There is also a grab bag for those attending - bring in a gift and go home with a gift! Women bring a women's gift and men bring in a men's gift with a \$10 value. Contact Larry at 201-315-0456 or by email: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to make reservations.

St. Michael's Council #2861 [Lodi] is hosting their annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-8PM. Good food, dancing and a show performed by Roberto's Dance Studio. Come and celebrate with family and friends. Tickets are \$50 at the door. Contact Joe Nuccitelli at 201-805-4576.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont/Bergenfield] is also hosting their annual New Year's Eve extravaganza. Cost is \$70 per person. Good food, live music and lots of fun. Don't delay - to make reservations by sending an email to: kofc1345reservations@gmail.com and let us know how many will be attending. Then make your check in the amount of \$70.00 payable to: Columbian Club, and mail your check to: New Year's Eve, PO Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628.

Our Affiliate Councils are encouraged to send updates on their activities for inclusion in the Patriot Messenger. Send via email to patriot@trilogy.net or contact the editor directly.

## Dates to Remember

### December\*

- 12 - Officers Meeting - 8PM
- 19 - General Meeting & Christmas party - Please bring clothing for the Veterans - 8PM
- 25 - Merry Christmas to everyone and your families
- 31 - New Year's Eve party - St. Johns Council, Dumont N.J.

### January

- 6 - Master's Meeting - Wallington N.J
- 9 - Officers Meeting - 8PM
- 22 - March for Life in Washington, DC
- 23 - General Meeting - 8 PM
- 31 - Deadline for fraternal reports

### March

- 3 - Bishop O'Connor Assembly will host the Master's Meeting - 8PM

\* There is NO Master's meeting in December!

## Help Wanted!

The Bishop O'Connor Assembly is looking for several Sir Knights to fill the following open positions:

*Captain* - assists the Faithful Navigator in running the Assembly and sets up refreshments for after the meeting. The Captain will receive assistance in planning and setting up the refreshments.

*Scribe* - records the substance of each general meeting, assembles minutes of the meeting, and reads the minutes of the previous meeting at the monthly general meeting.

*Sentinel 1 & 2* - guards the chamber door and checks membership credentials for late arrivals.

If you are interested in any of these positions or want to know more about what is required, please contact our Faithful Navigator SK Sal Donatacci 201-488-9081 or 201-238-0459 or by email at s035d@aol.com

I am happy to announce that we have a new Comptroller. SK Brian Coyle is taking the position as the comptroller of the Assembly. His life skills make him an ideal person to fill this role, I am very confident he will succeed in this position.

SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator