



# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

April 2018

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## *Faithful Friar Message*

Sir Knights,

Christmas came and now Easter arrives. Our Lenten season is almost past; Ash Wednesday and our "doing something" for Lent must not be quickly forgotten. Often people give up "doing lent" at a certain point in life. Let's not just practice our faith for a while, but rather make it our daily involvement in spreading our faith.

On Ash Wednesday, old palm is burned to obtain ashes. *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel* is the prayer when having the ashes applied to our foreheads. Quickly, these ashes are wiped away! Our desire to be more Christian must never evaporate. The Lord came for our salvation – are we an active part of His plan, or are we just seasonal people of God?

His peace always!

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## *Faithful Navigator Message*

Brother Knights,

We have started the New Year coming off a very successful 2017. From the Memorial Mass to the Christmas Party, providing gifts to the Vets and the Christmas Mass at the Veteran's Home in Paramus, we finished 2017 with a strong commitment to our Catholic Faith and Patriotic Mission. I thank all the Sir Knights, family, friends and our Officers for their participation in these events. As we prepare ourselves for Lent and the coming Easter Season, I would like to bring your attention to these important upcoming events.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree – to be held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, 199 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ. I encourage all Sir Knights to make every effort to enlist new candidates for the Exemplification. The Honoree at this Exemplification will be our Worthy State Deputy, Robert E Hatler.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> State Convention- Wildwood, NJ

I thank you for all the great works that you do. May God continue to bless our order and all of those who serve.

Vivat Jesus,

*Frank Gallacher, PGK, Faithful Navigator*

## *From Your Comptroller*

I wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The **First Dues Notices** were mailed out on **December 30<sup>th</sup>**. I have mailed cards to the paid members. **Thank you, to all the Sir Knights who mailed their dues in.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> dues notices went out and currently, there are 29 members who have not yet paid. Please make every effort to pay your dues so Bishop O'Connor can continue to operate as an Assembly.

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Your efforts are greatly appreciated in this matter. Remember every additional mailing adds costs the Assembly. Please help by paying your dues on the First Notice in the future. If you are on tough times please contact me or any Officer or come to a meeting to discuss your situation.

Try to keep warm until Spring really arrives.

Thank you, God Bless!

*SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329  
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## *Assembly Commander Report*

The change in regalia has been put off until the end of the 2019 fraternal year, due to difficulties in getting the new uniform.

Since the last Patriot the Assembly has had five regimental call outs: The Red Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark; the First District Communion Breakfast, Mass held at St. Leo's, Elmwood Park; the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree and Military Ball, held at LaNeve's in Haldon; the Mass for Life at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark; the Mass for the Chaplains of the Dorchester at St. Stephen's Church in Kearny.

We had seven Assembly call outs: Walk for Life at Sacred Heart Council, Rochelle Park; Benefit for Soldiers' Angels, Sacred Heart Council Rochelle Park; the PFN Dinner held at Sacred Heart Council, Rochelle Park; Confirmation at St. Francis Church, Ridgefield Park; Bishop O'Connor Memorial Mass held at Holy Trinity, Hackensack; Blessing of new parish center, Sacred Heart Rochelle Park; St. Francis in Hackensack 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass.

As of this article, we have one Regimental call for the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on April 22 at the Tara, Parsippany and two Assembly call outs: Holy Thursday, March 29 at St. Francis, Ridgefield Park; May Crowning, May 6, at St. Francis, Ridgefield Park.

Anyone interested in becoming a Color Corpsman, please call Jim Meng at (973) 246-7137 or come to one of our meetings: Officers meeting is the second Thursday of the month and the General meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of the month. Both meetings are held in the basement of the old Trinity School, 34 Maple St. Hackensack.

Vivat Jesus!

*James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator*

## *Nominating Committee*

Worthy Sir Knights,

The time has come to select a new slate of officers for the upcoming Columbian Year. As you read this message, the Nominating Committee will have started the process of reviewing potential candidates. Please note we are still in need of Sir Knights to participate. If you are ready to increase your participation and guide the future of the Assembly, please contact me directly.

*SK Frank Gallacher, PGK, Faithful Navigator  
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### Faithful Officers & Trustees 2016-2017

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Frank Gallacher, PGK	201-384-3402
Captain:	John Tronolone	201-906-6809
Admiral:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
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Comptroller:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Purser:	Edward J Sullivan, PGK, PFN	
Scribe:	Robert Sarao	
Inner Sentinel:	Francisco Rodriguez	
Outer Sentinel:	George Gagnon	
Trustee 1 yr.	John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Trustee 2 yr.	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Trustee 3 yr.	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-6809

### Committee Chairmen

Assembly Cmdr:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
20-Week Raffle:	John Tronolone	201-906 6809
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	<i>Open</i>	
Meetings Social:	Richard Brown	201-294-6334
Membership:	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Memorial Mass:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-6809
Military Ball:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
Newsletter Editor:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
NJ Vets Home:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
PFN Dinner:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
Sick & Wake:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-3629

The monthly general meeting of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly is held at 8PM on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July & August) at Trinity Council #747 – 43 Maple Avenue in Hackensack. 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. *If you're late, behind the railing, on the left side of the gymnasium is a button located under the lintel at the corner of the window. Reach over the railing and press the button. Go back to the door and await the guard to escort you to the chamber.*

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### Sick & Wake Report

Please contact Silvio Sartori at 201-906-3629 to add someone to this list.

*Italics* indicates new names or a change.

#### Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN	SK William Horn
SK Tim Burke	SK Tom Trank, PGK
SK Marion Golding	SK Dick Dorozynski
SK Bob Dondero, FDD	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK Tony Zally, PSD	SK John McGilchrist
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK John Tronolone
SK James "Jim" McEntee	SK Thomas Ciotti, PGK
SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	SK Lauro Rivera, PGK
SK William "Bill" Connington	<i>SK Matthew Connell</i>
SK David Torebka, FDD	SK Brendan Thornton
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	

*Fr. Ray Filipski, Faithful Friar*

#### Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao  
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski  
Nunzia, cousin of PGK George DiCostanzo  
Mazie Shuler, wife of SK Joseph Shuler  
Marie Petrocelli, mother of Master Russ Petrocelli  
William Sartori, Father of Silvio Sartori, PFN  
The wife of SK John McGilchrist  
Peter Dondero, son of SK Bob Dondero, FDD  
Adisson Rose, granddaughter of SK Barry Bernard FDD, PFN

#### Wakes

Gloria Horn, wife of SK William Horn

Please keep those listed here and all of our brother Knights and their families in your daily prayers.

## Dates to Remember

### March

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Assembly Meeting – 8PM

### April

April 2 - Masters Meeting

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Exemplification of 4th Degree & Military Ball

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Meeting

### May

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Master's Meeting

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting

May 18/19<sup>th</sup> – KofC Convention in Wildwood

May 24 – Assembly Meeting

*Note: Fliers for Assembly events as well as the current and past issues of the Patriot Messenger can be found at [www.trilogy.net](http://www.trilogy.net). Just click on the flag.*

### Affiliate Council Events

April 14<sup>th</sup> – St. John's Council, Dumont - Please join us for a very special Dinner Dance and Show to benefit Special Needs Agencies with the live vocals and many faces of *The R & B Show*. Their music includes favorites of Motown right up to the hits of today. The sit-down family dinner will include assorted appetizers, tossed green salad, turkey and gravy with stuffing, Virginia ham, sweet potatoes, coffee, tea, and dessert. Tap Beer, wine, and soda are included - all for just \$40 per person. 7PM - 11PM - Reservations Required. Call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

April 28<sup>th</sup> – St. John's Council, Dumont - Wine, Spirits and Craft Beer Tasting on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 7-10 PM in Szelest Hall at St. Mary's Church in Dumont. There will be numerous vendors presenting their products, including New Jersey distilleries and breweries, which can then be ordered. Our Council Scholarship Fund will benefit by receiving 10 percent of the price of all ordered items. The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to relatives of council members for use at Catholic High Schools or for any college. Admission is \$25, which includes a light buffet. Reservations are required. Call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Grand Knights of our Affiliated Councils are invited to send us information on their Council events for inclusion in the *Patriot Messenger*.

### Photo Gallery



*On Dec. 15th 2017, officers of the Assembly brought Christmas gifts to the Paramus Veterans Home. Shown from left to right are Faithful Navigator Frank Gallacher, Sue from the Veterans Home, our Comptroller Vince Montagna and Silvio Sartori, PFN.*