

# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



August / September 2013

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## Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

As I'm writing this, the summer season has officially started, and I'd like to start these words with a reality joke: "Vacation is a brief period of recreation, preceded by a period of anticipation, and followed by a period of recuperation". Brief happy words, but reality.

OK, frivolity over; daily reality continues . . . During the summer months, you need to continue practicing and living your faith. During the summer months, many people put "religion" on vacation. While I'm relaxing in faith, I see many shore churches packed with practicing Catholics, fulfilling their Sunday obligation.

Aside from our Sunday celebration of the Lord's Supper, there are a few days we need to be aware of. During July, we hear the story of Martha and Mary – both are alert to Jesus. Martha focuses on her housework; Mary on the Lord's sharing. Both elements are needed. Are we like Martha, aware of Jesus yet working, or are we like Mary – listening to Jesus speak and putting his sharing into action? Both are elements we need in our lives.

During August, we hopefully get around not to just summer sun. We hear a lot about Saint Max Kolbe, the Saint of Auschwitz. We are not, thank God, in any war camps, yet as we observe summertime relaxing, hopefully we are keeping many realities in focus. Sincerely praying for the termination of abortion, and ending immigration ignorance.

Finally, as August unfolds, and Mary's Assumption is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup>, let's not concentrate on her ascending to her Son, away from us; rather her motherly care always for us – never abandoning us. Stay laughing, relaxing and be faith alert, and enjoy your summertime.

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## Faithful Navigator Message

Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to express my thanks for being elected as the New Faithful Navigator. I would also like to thank all of the Lady Knights for helping me in my position as Captain, for bringing all the tasty goodies to the General Meetings. The Captain's program would not have been a success without your help.

Now, for a few things about me . . . I have served as Grand Knight for three consecutive years in the Chief Justice White Council #2586 serving Teaneck/Bogota. Membership and teamwork were the main focus during my years, and I was very fortunate to have officers supporting the same goals.

I served as Bogota Band Parent President for several of years, which was very enjoyable. Our main focus was fundraising for the band and organizing their year-end competition trip. I am proud to say that my years there were also successful. I am currently a member of the Recreation Committee working on the town Festival, among other things. As a parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Bogota, I am a Eucharistic Minister, a lector, and an usher at the noon Mass.

To sum up my experiences - it wasn't all peaches and cream, but as a team, we managed to surge on and be successful. As I prepare to take the post as Faithful Navigator, I realize that in any leadership position, rocks get thrown in bad times, and smiles and handshakes go around in good times. I pledge, that as the newly elected Faithful

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Navigator of YOUR Bishop O' Connor Assembly, I will be here through the thick and thin, and all I ask of you is - will you be here with me?

God Bless all of you and your families, and God Bless America.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK Salvatore A. Donatucci, Faithful Navigator*

## Assembly Commander Report

Since our last Report, we had (4) calls and mustered (13) men. GOOD JOB! Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work.

If any Sir Knight is interested joining the Color Corps, please contact me or any other corpsman. We always need men and Bishop O'Connor will furnish the regalia that you will need on a loan basis. **Corpsmen, if you are not meeting your required four calls per fraternal year or are not interested in staying in the Color Corps at this time, please turn in your regalia ASAP, so we can use it for active corpsmen.** Our Motto is *Nulli Secundus*, second to none.

Grand Knights - please follow the proper procedure as outlined by the Master when submitting a request for a Color Corps call out. If this is not done you may not get your request approved on time.

If you have any questions or if there is anything I can help you with please call me.

*SK Vince Montagna, A/C, 201-843-5329*

## Past Captain's Report

My sincere thanks to everyone involved for their help during this past Columbian year. The Captain's Program was a success, and I believe everyone appreciated the food and snacks that were provided after the general meetings. An extra special thank you to all of the Ladies who helped!

*SK Sal Donatucci, PGK, Past Captain*

## Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues: At this late date, we still have 17 members who have not yet paid their dues. That's sad because so many attempts have been made to contact these members, and yet, we have no response at all. Our Captain and Trustee's will make one final attempt by telephone. If these members are still unpaid in June, they will be suspended.

Email List: The survey information you sent in with your dues is being updated to the file system. We have an 'email notification list'; and if you have email, your name is being added to this list. From time to time, you will receive emails from me on Catholic issues, sick and wake notices, and other information of note.

Finally, I am stepping down as Controller as soon as a replacement comes forward. If you are interested, contact SK Sal Donatucci at 201-238-0459. Candidates must be computer literate and clerically organized.

*SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN*

## 20 Week Club

We have some \$50 winners to announce from recent drawings: Maureen Segda, Ed Garrett, Mary (Angie) Bochicchio, Larry Rivera, Sal Donatucci, Richard Dorozynski, J.F. McEntee, Michael Paladino, S. Vince Montagna, Tom Trank, Joseph Steiner, Joseph Gentile, John Dillion, St. Michael's Council and Mitchell Herman. Watch this spot for additional winners because one of them just might be you! The final drawing for the three \$250 grand prizes will be held at the PFN Dinner in September.

*Russell D. Petrocelli, DD - 20 Week Club Chairman*

## 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*

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## Faithful Officers & Trustees 2012-2013

|               |                             |              |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Friar:        | Fr. Raymond Filipski        | 201-384-0101 |
| Navigator:    | Sal Donatacci, PGK          | 201-488-9081 |
| Captain:      | <i>Open</i>                 |              |
| Admiral:      | Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN,  | 201-384-9015 |
| Pilot:        | <i>Open</i>                 |              |
| Comptrolle*r: | George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN | 201-338-2617 |
| Purser:       | Severino Adel               | 201-385-8529 |
| Scribe:       | <i>Open</i>                 |              |
| Sentinel I:   | <i>Open</i>                 |              |
| Sentinel II:  | <i>Open</i>                 |              |
| Trustee 1 yr. | Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN      | 201-805-4576 |
| Trustee 2 yr. | Bill Connington, PGK, PFN   | 201-385-9697 |
| Trustee 3 yr. | John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN | 201-833-2031 |

## Committee Chairmen

|                    |                               |              |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Assembly Comm:     | Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN    | 201-843-5329 |
| 20-Week Raffle:    | Russ Petrocelli, DD, PGK, PFN | 201-873-5879 |
| 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:     | Anthony LaFranca, DD, PGK     | 973-476-9130 |
| 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 |

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. The Council chambers are on the lower level of the school building. The entrance is opposite the front of Trinity Church on Maple Avenue.

## The Patriot Messenger Newsletter

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Editor: SK Brian O'Dowd - Email: patriot@trilogy.net. The preferred method of contact is email, however you can also call 201-385-2859 to contact the editor. View our newsletter on the web at www.trilogy.net - click on the flag.

## 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              |
| <i>SK John McGilchrist, PFN</i> | SK Marion Golding             |
| SK Dick Dorozynski              | SK Tony Miele, PFN            |
| SK John Dillon, PGK             | SK Bob Dondero, FDD           |
| SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen    | SK Tony Zally, PSD            |
| SK John McGill, PGK, PFN        | SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD         |
| <i>SK Dave Benson, PGK</i>      | <i>SK Bill Bochicchio PFN</i> |
| <i>SK Brian Coyle</i>           | <i>SK Brian O'Dowd</i>        |

## 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.*  
*Christopher DiCostanzo, brother of SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PFN, PGK*  
*Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN*

## Wakes & Passings

*SK Nicholas Slade*  
*SK Donald E. Ryan, PSD*  
*Letty Materia, mother of SK Deacon Frank Materia*

## Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 will hold their annual Family Picnic and Clambake on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>. The menu includes clams on the half-shell, clams casino, hamburgers, hot dogs, salad and dessert. Cost is only \$20 per person for adults and \$10 for children. Contact Lauro Rivera at 201-315-0456 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

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

Thurs. 9/12 - Officers meeting  
Fri. 9/20 - Bergen Federation Kick off Dinner in Ridgefield Park  
Sat. 9/21 - Past Faithful Navigator Dinner at St. Johns Council  
Thurs. 9/26 - Assembly General Meeting - 8PM  
Sat. 9/28 - Installation of Officers at Holy Trinity Church - 7PM  
Sun. 10/13 - Exemplification at 1PM - La Nieves

## PFN & Color Corpsmen Dinner Dance

This year, the Bishop O'Connor Assembly will hold its Past Faithful Navigator and Color Corps Dinner Dance at St. John's Council #1345 in Dumont on September 21, 2013.

Our honoree for the evening will be SK William Bohicchio, PFN. We will also be honoring all of our Past Faithful Navigators that evening.

The event will start at 7PM and consist of hot buffet and include beer, wine, soda and dessert, with DJ music from 7-11PM. Our special guest speaker will be a navy corpsman, Petty Officer James Cava, Retired. The cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. Contact Sal Donatacci 201-488-9081 or Vince Montagna at 201-843-5329. A flier for this event is included with this newsletter. The deadline for reservations is September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## A Message from the Faithful Admiral

I hope you are all starting to enjoy the summer. It's a time of relaxation and outdoor activity as well as a time for family activities. Please keep the assembly in mind and our goal to increase membership. As Admiral this year, it is my job to help grow our numbers as well as try to get more involvement of our Sir Knights in our assembly's activities. So try and recruit a friend, neighbor, or relative who is a third degree member and bring them aboard our assembly. Keep a form 4 in your car and remember to ask and maybe you'll be surprised with a positive reply about becoming a Sir Knight. The fall Exemplification will be held at La Nieves in Haledon on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact SK John McGilchrist for more information. Vivat Jesus,

*Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN Faithful Admiral*

## Attention Corpsmen

There is a call for Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> for the PFN & Color Corpsman Dinner Dance. Muster is at 6:30PM; the event begins at 7PM.

## Congratulations!

To SK Bill Connington on the birth of his new grandson Liam Michael Connington; and to SK Geoffrey Sadock on the birth of his first granddaughter Stella.

## Protecting the Sanctity of Life

A "Prayerful Walk for Life 4" will be held on Saturday, October 19th bringing together supporters embracing the sanctity of life and displaying publicly the need to protect infants and keep them safe in the sanctuary of their mothers womb until birth.

The opening ceremony and program begins at 10AM at St. Philip the Apostle church in Saddle Brook. The "Walk" shall commence at 11AM to Sacred Heart Church in Rochelle Park and ends with a Mass. Refreshments shall be served following Mass. Plan to attend the 1.2 mile "Walk" on your own two feet or join the motorcade to show your support for the dignity of human life. Shuttle service shall be available to the parking lot at St. Philip the Apostle.

*SK Richard E. Onorevole, PGK, PFN*

**Past Faithful Navigators**

- Thomas A. Prime 1928-1929
- John Vetter 1930-1931
- Sylvester A. Burke 1932-1933
- Matthew A. Foley 1933-1935
- Martin Merrit 1935-1936
- Thomas W. McGinnis 1936-1938
- Charles B.K. Moore 1939-1942
- Michael Walsh 1942-1944
- Hugh O'Shaugnessy 1945-1946
- Joseph E. Goss 1946-1947
- Charles Goebel 1947-1948
- Patrick Doherty 1948-1949
- Roger Sullivan 1949-1950
- Martin F. Pomeroy 1950-1951
- Joseph E. Kraus 1951-1952
- Leonard Henkel, Sr. 1952-1953
- Frank A. Costello 1953-1954
- Walter F. Martin 1954-1955
- Joseph V. McGraw 1955-1956
- Francis J. Keeney 1956-1957
- William Wurster 1957-1958
- James A. Mion 1958-1959
- William Haren 1959-1960
- Joseph K. Witkowski 1960-1961
- Harold Sunden 1961-1962
- Herbert Proctor 1962-1963
- Arthur McParlin 1963-1964
- Frank J. Weibel 1964-1965
- Edward A. Bigelow 1965-1966
- Richard C. Kelly 1966-1967
- John Kerr 1967-1968
- Lawrence A. Dolan 1968-1969
- Ralph O. Funicelli 1969-1970
- Ramond Gatjost 1970-1971
- Anthony Natelli 1971-1972
- Gerard B. Ford 1972-1973
- Rudy Grainer 1973-1974
- James F. Gorman 1974-1975
- Arcangelo A. Costa 1975-1976
- Roland Huebner 1976-1977
- Phillip Ziemak 1977-1978
- Alfred T. Marks 1978-1979
- Francis A. DeLorenzo 1979-1980
- John J. Schoenfelder 1980-1981
- Anthony N. Ferrara 1981-1982
- Raymond E. Schafer 1982-1983
- Vincent R. Fiore 1983-1984
- Joseph T. DiLorenzo 1985-1986
- Benjamin Williams 1986-1987
- Charles Berhain 1987-1988
- John Carroll 1987-1988
- Charles Eninger 1988
- Charles H. Cordero 1988-1989
- Joseph C. Stanzione 1989-1990
- Richard Skubus 1990-1991
- Paul Lespino 1991-1992
- Francis G. Miele 1992-1993
- William Connington 1993-1994
- David J. Kuhles 1994-1995
- S. Vincent Montagna 1995-1996
- John C. Dondero 1997-1998
- Edward J. Sullivan 1998-1999
- Dr. Richard E. Onorevole 1999-2000
- Anthony Miele 2000-2001
- Thomas R. Kietur 2001-2002
- Charles A. Alberts 2002-2003
- Peter J. Gallo, Jr. 2003-2004
- Matthew J. Hayes 2004-2005
- George DiCostanzo 2005-2006
- Russell D. Petrocelli 2006-2007
- Barry Bernard 2007-2008
- Thomas J. Hyer 2008-2009
- Joseph Nuccitelli 2009-2010
- John E. McGill 2010-2011
- John McGilchrist 2011-2012
- William Bochicchio 2012-2013

# Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Bishop O'Connor Assembly



*Past Faithful Navigators & Color Corps. Dinner  
Honoring Past Faithful Navigator  
William Bochicchio  
Saturday, September 21, 2013  
St. John's Council #1345  
61 Armour Place  
Dumont, NJ  
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM*

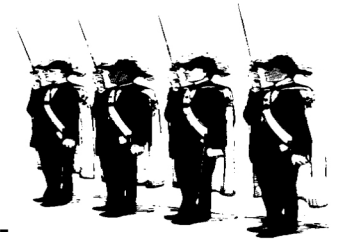
The Knights of Columbus – Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647, will honor our  
**Immediate Past Faithful Navigator – William Bochicchio**  
and our Past Faithful Navigators and Color Corps.  
at a Dinner/Dance on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM at  
St. John's Council #1345, 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ.

**In addition to our Past Faithful Navigator, William Bochicchio, we will also honor the Color Corpsman of the Year, the Sir Knight of the Year, and draw the three \$250.00 Grand Prize winners in our 20 Week Club.**

The evening will feature a Hot Buffet, Beverages, Coffee, and Dessert. For tickets, please fill out the form and return it to the address below. For further information, please contact **Sal Donatacci at 201-488-9081.**

Please return the tear-off below, with your check made payable to **Bishop O'Connor Assembly**, by Friday, September 13, 2013, to the address below:

**Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647  
Att: PFN Dinner Dance  
P.O. Box 211  
Dumont, NJ 07628**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35. = \_\_\_\_\_. [ ] check enclosed.