

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



August / September 2014

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

The great days of hazy hot and humid weather are upon us. Aside from the weather, I hope your faith isn't *melting*. The 4th of July, a sincere national holiday, was once again joyous with fireworks and parades.

As August develops, we arrive at August 15th, Mary's Assumption into heaven. We should never ignore or overlook these two special days. The celebration of these days should not merely last a "day". The point of these days shouldn't be put on the back burner until next year. Patriotism and our acknowledgement of Mary's Assumption should deeply encourage us to grow with both civil joy and faith. With awareness of these two major feasts, enjoy the summer and relax in faith.

His Peace to all,

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I would like to introduce myself to the members of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647. I have been a member of E. G. Alberque, Sr. Council #2229 for 52 years. I have been a Grand Knight four times. I have been an Officer of the Bergen Federation; I am the immediate Past President. I recently joined the Fourth Degree, taking the Degree in March of this year. I joined the Color Corps in April, and I am honored that the nominating committee of the Assembly asked me to be Faithful Navigator and was elected by the membership at the election meeting. I would like to see as many members as possible coming to the meetings to support the Assembly in its works.

Enjoy the summer and mark your calendars for the first meeting of the new Columbian year as September 25, 2014.

Vivat Jesus,

SK James Meng, Faithful Navigator

Past Faithful Navigator Dinner Dance

The Assembly will host its annual Past Faithful Navigator Dinner Dance on Saturday Sept 13th from 7PM to 11PM. We will honor our Immediate PFN Sal Donatacci, and recognize all of our past FN's, plus announce the Color Corpsman and Sir Knight of the Year. We will also pull the final drawings of our 20 week raffle.

The cost is \$35 per person for a hot buffet, plus beverage, coffee, and dessert. Music will be provided by DJ Rich and will feature a salute to all of our military forces.

For reservations, see the enclosed flyer, or call me directly at 201-338-2617.

SK George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN/Chairman

From your Assembly Commander

Since our last report in September, we had seventeen calls and mustered seventy-nine men. Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work.

Future Calls:

9/6/14 - Archbishop Hebda Celebrating Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Rochelle Park. Muster is 4:30, start time is 5PM

10/18/14 - Richard Onorevole Memorial Walk for Life at St. Philip's to Sacred Heart Church in Rochelle Park. Muster is at 9:30AM, start time is 10AM and it ends at 12 noon.

11/23/14 - Christ the King, Holy Trinity RC Church in Hackensack

Note to 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.

We are in need of Active Corpsmen

If any Sir Knight is interested joining the Color Corps, please contact me or any other Corpsman. We always need men who want to participate and Bishop O'Connor will furnish the Regalia that you will need on a loan basis.

Corpsmen, if you are not meeting your required minimum (4) calls per Fraternal year or are not interested in staying in the Color Corps at this time, Please turn in your Regalia ASAP, it does no good hanging in your closet not being used.

If you have reasons why you are not participating please call us and let's discuss your situation. You can call me or Squad Leader Tom Hyer at 201-797-5316.

Our Motto is *Nulli Secundus*, second to none. If you have any questions or if there is anything I can help you with, please call me.

SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329

A note from the Editor

Dues notices have been mailed out. We ask that you return your dues check as soon as possible to save us the expense of having to re-mail notices. Checks should be sent to the address provided.

SK Brian O'Dowd

Our newest Sir Knights



Then Faithful Navigator Sal Donatacci, at right, congratulates the newest members of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly at a recent meeting. From left, SK Frank Gallacher, SK Jim Meng, our new Faithful Navigator, and SK Ken Carlson. *Photo by Joe Shuler.*

The next Exemplification will be on Sunday October 19th.

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Faithful Officers & Trustees 2013-2014

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	James Meng, PGK	973-246-7137
Captain:	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Admiral:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Pilot:	Kenneth Carlson, PGK	201-314-8705
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Trustee 1 yr.	Bill Connington, PGK, PFN	201-385-9697
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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:	<i>Open</i>	
Meetings Social:	<i>Open</i>	
Membership:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Memorial Mass:	<i>Open</i>	
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
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PFN Dinner:	George DiCostanzo PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
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. 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 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 Marion Golding	SK Dick Dorozynski
SK Bob Dondero, FDD	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen	SK Tony Zally, PSD
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK John Wolfe, Jr.
SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD	
SK Tom Hyer, FDD, PGK, PFN	
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	

Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski
Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of SK G. DiCostanzo
Nunzia, cousin of SK George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN

Wakes & Passings

SK Anthony Masut SK Ernie Keahey
Philip Haubert, brother-in-law of SK Chuck Hollis PGK

When there is a wake-call for a fellow 4th Degree Brother, you don't have to be a corpsman to attend. All brothers are called to pay their respects to our Sir Knights. Families are especially appreciative of our presence.

Twenty Week Club

The last drawing will be held on the evening of the Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner on September 13th. We encourage all members to participate in this fundraising endeavor simply because it supports the good works of the Assembly. All drawn tickets are thrown back in the pot, so you have multiple chances to win.

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] - In cooperation with Giants of Generosity, St. John's Council will be co-hosting a fundraiser for a brain cancer patient who needs continuing treatment. Come out on *Saturday August 23rd* from 7-11PM and enjoy dinner and dancing to live music from a variety of performers. The cost is \$40 per person before August 13th, and \$45 per person afterwards. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Contact Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456 to purchase tickets.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – Annual Clam Bake & Family Picnic on Sunday Sept. 27th from 2-6PM. On the menu that day we have clams on the half shell, baked clams oreganato, barbeque chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, onion rings, french fries, salad, water melon, cake and coffee, all for \$25.00 per person. Reservations and payment in advance required. Call Larry at 201-315-0456 to make reservations.

St. Michael's Council #2861 [Lodi] offers breakfast every second Sunday of the month.

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.

Affiliate Councils:

0747 - Trinity	2861 – St. Michael's (Lodi)
1345 - St. John's	2863 – Garfield
2229 - EG Alberque	3426 – Our Lady of Peace
11585 – St. Anthony's	2586 – Chief Justice White
2842 – Sacred Heart	7041 – Msgr. Fitzpatrick
12413 – Our Lady of Mt. Virgin	

Dates to Remember

August

No events scheduled

September

- 1 – Labor Day – Fly the flag
- 13 – PFN Dinner – See page 1 for details
- 18 - Officer's Meeting at 8 PM
- 25 – General meeting at 8PM

From the Faithful Admiral

Greetings brothers,

I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Faithful Navigator this past year. It was a very interesting year to say the least.

I am proud to report that the Bishop O'Connor Assembly was recognized with the second highest increase in membership for this past Columbian year. As we move forward, I hope that this momentum will continue. I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

SK Sal Donatacci, Faithful Admiral

Photo Gallery



Color Corps members of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly answered a recent call-out for the officer installation of St. John's Council #1345 at St. Mary's in Dumont. It was a great showing for the Assembly, especially since NJ State Treasurer Bob Hatler was in attendance.