

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



February / March 2013

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

The months are rapidly unfolding. As I am writing this article, a number of brother Knights and people of other organizations and backgrounds are getting ready to participate in the *DC March for Life*. A helpful sentence is the following: "We brake for animals, we save the seals, we preserve the whales, but we kill the children." A great statement!

February is upon us with Valentine's Day, and March appears with our great and fitting acknowledgement of St. Patrick. And this year, March ends with our Easter celebration. With all of these "days", we find one consistent point – Love & Life!

As we celebrate the major upcoming feasts, we must be alert to the fact that each month in some way focuses on "Life". Is your life special and unique each day of the year? Or, are you a seasonal person? Let's always be alert to Him, His message, and our faith. Our Lord's love and caring for us isn't at all seasonal – it's eternal. Aware of that, let's sincerely, and daily acknowledge Him.

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

Winter has set in and the days and nights are getting colder by the day. We are all looking forward to spring and all the great weather changes it brings. I sent a letter to all the Grand Knights of the Assembly, inviting them to appoint one Sir Knight from their council to represent them at meetings. My hope is that this individual will see what is going on at the Assembly meetings and report back to their respective councils of our activities. This will also allow them to let us know what is going on at their councils so members from other councils might participate in their activities.

February brings an early Lent this year with Ash Wednesday on February 13th. Lent is a great opportunity for us to grow in faith and give up something or do something special during the Season, or to make a "sacrifice" that is different than our everyday activities. Let this Lenten Season bring you and your families closer to God in a special way, through prayer and something special you choose to do this Lent for Him.

March is a busy month with our activities especially Our Annual Communion Breakfast on March 10th at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ridgefield Park at the 9:30AM Mass, followed by a full breakfast with a speaker at E.G.Alberque, Sr. Council # 2229, Ridgefield Park. (Please see separate article for details.)

Please make our Assembly meetings and join in our activities so that you can better enjoy the fact that you joined one of the greatest Fourth Degree Assemblies in the state.

May God's blessings be enjoyed by you, and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bill Bochicchio, Faithful Navigator

Assembly Commander Report

We need good Catholic Men for our Color Corps who can march in Parades and serve at churches for events.

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

Captain's Report

Hello to all my brother Knights and their Lady Knights. Time is going fast! I would like to thank all the Ladies for their generous donations and help at the General Meeting. There have been a lot of tasty goodies. If you have not had a chance to attend, we've had sausage an peppers, ziti , a Ham, home made cheese cakes, cookies and much more

I hope you will be able to attend some of our upcoming General Meetings. February 28th is our next General Meeting. In view of Valentines Day, I was thinking of spaghetti and meatballs (got the idea from Lady and the Tramp). For March, I was thinking of corned beef and cabbage or a roast beef with potatoes. Please let me know what you think. You can contact me via email at s035d@aol.com or give me a call at 201-238-0459.

Hopefully we will see you at the next meeting.

SK Sal Donatacci, PGK, Captain

Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues: By now you have all received your dues bill. Please try to pay it before the end of February. Sending out late notices is an extra added postage expense we would like to avoid.

Survey Form: When you do mail your dues, remember to return the pink survey form to update your record profile.

Thank you, have a great February and March.

SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

A Note from the New 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

Nominating Committee 2013-2014 Columbian year

At this time I would like to appoint the following Sir Knights to serve on this year's nominating committee: Chairman Vince Montagna, PFN, FDD, Assembly Commander, Tom Hyer, PFN, DD and Bill Connington, PFN, PGK as members. They will meet when available and at the March Assembly meeting they will do the first reading of their committee recommendations, at the April meeting we will have the 2nd reading and at the May meeting our election of officers. Anyone interested in becoming an Assembly Officer please contact one of these Sir Knights.

Bill Bochicchio, Faithful Navigator

New Chalice On Display



At the Memorial Mass on January 24th, the new memorialized Chalice was shown to the assembly of Sir Knights. It was used for the first time by Fr. Ray as he celebrated the Memorial Mass. The chalice will be available for a priest in need. Recently, PFN John McGill arranged for the transfer of last year's Memorial Chalice to Bishop Anthony Borwah of the Diocese of Gbanga in Liberia.

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Faithful Officer's & Trustee's 2012-2013

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipksi	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Captain:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Admiral:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Pilot:	Brian Coyle, PGK	201-488-1917
Comptroller:	George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
Purser:	Severino Adel	201-385-8529
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Sentinel I:	Anthony LaFranca, DD, PGK	973-476-9130
Sentinel II:	(open)	
Trustee 1 yr.	Tom J. Hyer, DD, PGK, PFN	201-797-5316
Trustee 2 yr.	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Trustee 3 yr.	Bill Connington, PGK, PFN	201-385-9697

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:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
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
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Sick & Wake:	Brian Coyle, PGK	201-488-1917

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Sick & Wake Report

Sir Knights, call Chairman SK Brian Coyle, PGK to add someone to the list. *Italic* indicates new names or change.

Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN;	SK Frank Dinneen
SK Nicholas Slade;	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 G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN	SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD

Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao;
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo;
Helen Wojick, cousin of SK Dick Dorozynski;
Nancy Osborne, sister of PFN John McGill, GK.
Vincenza Giunta, mother-in-law of SK B. Bochicchio, FN, FDD, PGK
Catherine Onorevole, wife of SK Richard Onorevole;
Nina DiCostanzo, wife of SK George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN

Wakes

SK John McKay
SK Walter Kapusta, PGK
Joan Sullivan, wife of SK Ed Sullivan, PGK, PFN
Geraldine G. Sarao, mother of SK Robert Sarao
Robert Segda, father-in-law of SK Tom Schmidt

Dates to Remember

Mon. Feb. 4	Master's meeting 8PM at Bloomfield Council #1178 191 State St., Bloomfield Host Assembly 0649 St. Isaac Jogues
Thur. Feb. 7	Officers meeting 8PM

Wed. Feb. 13
Thur. Feb. 14
Thur. Feb 28

Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day
General meeting 8PM

Mon. Mar. 4

Master's meeting 8PM at Trinity Church, Hackensack (church basement) - Host Assembly #647 (O'Connor)

Thur. Mar.14
Thur. Mar.28

Officers meeting 8:00PM
General meeting 8:00PM (1st Read of Nominations)
Good Friday
Easter
Master's Meeting 8PM at Queen of Peace (North Arlington)

Fri. Mar. 29
Sun. Mar. 31
Mon April 1

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 (Dumont) is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 23rd from 7-11PM. The cost is \$30.00pp. Call SK G. DiCostanzo for reservations 201-338-2617.

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.

Photo Gallery



Our Assembly Color Corps accompanied the State Deputy and other dignitaries to the dais, as well as presented the colors at the Father Murray Scholarship Dance on January 26th at St. John's Council #1345 in Dumont.

Missing 4th Degree Case

SK Bill Connington has misplaced his Color Corps box. His name is on the box. If located, please contact him at 201-385-9697.

Assembly Annual Communion Breakfast

Sunday March 10, 2013 at St. Francis of Assisi, 114 Mount Vernon St., Ridgfield Park, at 9:30 Mass will be our Annual Communion Breakfast. After Mass we will go to the E.G. Alberque, Sr. Council #2229, 106 Bergen Ave. (around the block) for breakfast. Our buffet menu will consist of Juice, Coffee, Tea, Eggs, Pancakes, with Bacon and Sausage. The cost is \$10.00 per adult and children under 10 are \$5.00 each. Please make every effort to attend this important church activity for our Assembly.

Please make reservations with Jim Meng, GK 973-246-7137

4th Degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification will be held on Sunday April 21st at 12 noon. For more information please contact: John McGilchrist, Faithful Admiral, 201-833-2031.