



# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

January / February 2016

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## Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

It's easy to speak about love, but it's hard to live it! These two months, January and February, focus intently on love and life. In January, we wholeheartedly march for life in Washington DC, for life – not abortion. And in February, we openly center on Valentine's Day.

I could write a lot concerning these two months. Yet love needs understanding, it needs to be lived, and we learn more about love every day of the year. The letters of John speak beautifully to us for our daily living; John writes “*Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth*”.

Let's not put all of our stress on marches and cards, rather – let's realize as Christ has told us: Love is never ending! Love all life!

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that the hectic pace of the Season did not get you down. The weather, at least, was not a problem.

We enter the second half of the fraternal year. The calendar will be listed separately in this issue of the Patriot. I am happy to announce that we had eight candidates for the Exemplification in November. Congratulations to the new Sir Knights: SK John Racanelli, Council 1345; SK Kenneth Armellino, Council 1345; SK Robert B. Truppe, Council 1345; SK Frank W. Polise, Council 1345; SK Ramon Franciledo, Council 1345; SK Michael Chenu, Council 2863; SK Phillip Romero, Council 11585 and SK Anthony J. Rivera, Council 12413. I also would like to thank all the sponsors for bringing in our new Sir Knights.

Our Spring Exemplification will be held on April 17, 2016 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, Parsipanny, NJ, in honor of our State Deputy Bruce DeMolli. I hope we can equal the fall total of candidates in the spring.

At our Christmas party we collected sweats and socks for the Paramus Veterans' Home. They were delivered on Friday, December 18, by Assembly Commander, SK Vince Montagna, Admiral, Joseph Nuccitelli, Sentinel, John Tronolone and myself. See the photo on the other side of this page.

Please help us continue our good works by coming to our general meetings which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK James A. Meng, Faithful Navigator*

## From your Assembly Commander

Thank you all very much for you service. Keep up the good work. Thanks to all who attended calls last year. We must keep in mind that we are a Pro Life Organization first and foremost. I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. I wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Future Calls:*

1/16/2016 - 125th Anniversary Mid-year Mass @ St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 5PM, Mass starts at 5:30

7/23/2016 - 125th Anniversary Closing Mass @ St. Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 5PM, Mass starts at 5:30

***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 of four (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 not 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  
vincentmontagna@aol.com*

## A note for Members attending Meetings

Our regular meetings begin at 8PM and Officer's meetings begin at 7:30PM.

The school doors are no longer left open due to security concerns. Should you arrive late, please note the following:

Behind the railing, on the left side of the gymnasium is a bell button, located under the window lintel at the corner of the window. Reach over the railing and under the lintel and press the button. Go to the door and await the guard to escort you to the chamber. To avoid this process, please arrive on time.

*SK Thomas Hyer*

## Membership Email Addresses

We are collecting the email addresses of the membership for fast communication when there is a special event, wake call, etc. This may also be used in the future for more timely distribution of the *Patriot Messenger*. Simply send an email to [vincentmontagna@aol.com](mailto:vincentmontagna@aol.com) and include your full name in the content of the message.

*SK Brian O'Dowd, editor*

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### Faithful Officers & Trustees 2015-2016

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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.

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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
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#### Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao  
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski  
Diane Olivo, daughter of PGK George DiCostanzo.  
Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of PGK G. DiCostanzo.  
Nunzia, cousin of PGK George DiCostanzo  
Mazie Shuler, wife of SK Joseph Shuler

#### Wakes

SK Tim Toine

#### From Your Comptroller

Thank you for putting your trust in me to serve as your Comptroller. It has been quite a learning experience for me. Thank you George Di Costanzo for all your help in getting me started doing this confusing job. I mailed all the 2016 bills out on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. The sooner you send in your dues, the sooner I will be able to mail

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your 2016 membership card.

Thank you. I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. I wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

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### Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – **Super Bowl Party** – Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> – 5-11PM. \$25 per person includes food, beverages, coffee and dessert. Come on down and watch the game on a large screen or in the bar area. Call Steve Martin at 201-262-2764 for reservations.

**Your event could be listed here!** 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 by phone at 201-385-2859.

### Bergen Federation Communion Breakfast

The 8th Annual Federation Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016. It will begin with 9:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 143 First Street, Wood-Ridge, followed by a Communion Breakfast at The Fiesta at 11AM. The cost will be \$20 per person. Once again, thank you to Russ Petrocelli, FDD, Master for chairing this event. Reservations and money due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Russ by email at Rdpetro@aol.com

### Dates to Remember

#### January, 2016

- 14 - Officer's Mtg. – 8:00 PM
- 16 - Callout St. Francis Ridgefield Park
- 28 - General Meeting – 8:00 PM - 8:30PM
- 29 - Bergen Federation meeting in Rochelle Park
- 31 - Assembly Fraternal Survey Due

#### February, 2016

- 1 - Master's Mtg - Mary Immaculate Council - 8PM
- 7- Bergen Federation Communion Breakfast Fiesta
- 10 - Ash Wednesday
- 11 - Officer's Mtg. – 8:00 PM
- 25 General Meeting – 8:00 PM (\*FN appoints the Nominating Committee)

#### March, 2016

- 7 - Master's Mtg. – Star of the Sea Bayonne
- 10 - Officer's Mtg. – 8:00 PM
- 17 - General Meeting – 8:00 PM (\*1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Nominations)

### Photo Gallery



The Assembly was well represented at the fall Exemplification. Front row: PFN's George DiCostanzo & Joe Nuccitelli, FN Jim Meng. Second row - SK Ramon Franciledo, PFN Vince Montagna and SK Bob Truppe. Back row - SK Philip Romero, SK Michael Chenu, SK Ken Armellino, SK Anthony Rivera, SK John Racanelli, SK Frank Polise and PFN Tom Hyer.



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