



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

March / April 2017

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

It seems that Christmas and New Years have just occurred. Now, Lent and Easter are upon us. We practice numerous Lenten elements – the Stations of the Cross, more daily mass attendance, giving things up as a Lenten sacrifice or “doing” things to help our faith develop more deeply. And once Lent and Easter pass, are we just part-time Easter people?

As I mentioned when starting, Christmas & New Years and now Lent and Easter rapidly occur. The Liturgical seasons pass quickly. Hopefully, we are conscious – life changes daily – it never ends; let's keep increasing, not just ceremoniously celebrating our Season.

He came, He saw and He conquered all evil. Let us grow through Him, with Him and in Him!

His peace always!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

It has been, a very busy four months both for the Assembly and for me personally. In terms of the Assembly, we had the 4th Degree Exemplification and Military Ball on November 20th where we welcomed six new Sir Knights to our ranks, held our annual Memorial Mass on December 1st, held our annual Christmas Party and collection of Sweats for Vets on December 15th and delivered the clothing donations to the Veterans home in Paramus. The Color Corp attended several wake services and attended several events throughout the Assembly's affiliated Councils. I want to thank all of those who came out for these events and all those who have either planned or run the events over the last few months. As for myself, I have been dealing with an elderly Father who was hospitalized for an extended period and who has needed my help to get him back on his feet.

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I hope that everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas Season and let me be the last one to wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We are planning several events going forward into the close of this Columbian year, a review and updating of the Assembly's By-Laws, creating a new slate of Officers for next Columbian year, searching for new Sir Knights to join the 4th Degree and planning the next 20 Week Club fundraiser and Past Faithful Navigators dinner in the Fall. Please try to recruit new Sir Knights from your Council and support the growth of our Order. Please follow up on your payment of Dues to the Assembly, second notices will be going out soon and if you are having any issue, we want to hear from you.

In closing, please be mindful that the season of Lent is upon us in a very short period of time. Use this time to reflect on your personal, family and religious life. Take the extra mile to show how Christ is working in your life to make it a better world for all of God's people.

Vivat Jesus,

Silvio Sartori FDD, PGK, Faithful Navigator

Assembly Commander Message

Report for November, December, 2016 and January, February, 2017

Brother Knights,

We had ten Call Outs which included a Prayerful Walk, two wakes, one funeral Mass, two practices, the Fall Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, two Installation Masses—one for a Pastor and one for the Archbishop and one Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe . Seven members of the Color Corps participated and they put in seventy two man hours. Sadly, one of the wakes was for Matt Hayes who was one of our longtime dedicated Corpsman and a Past Faithful Navigator. He will be sadly missed by the Assembly and Color Corps.

If any Fourth Degree member would like to join the Color Corps please contact me at 973-246-7137 or pepsijimcarol@verizon.net.

Vivat Jesus!

James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator

Past Issues of the Patriot Messenger

Brothers,

Past issues of the *Patriot Messenger* are available online at www.trilogy.net. Just click on the flag.

SK Brian O'Dowd, Editor

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Trustee 3 yr.	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576

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
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Meetings Social:	Richard Brown	201-294-6334
Membership:	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Memorial Mass:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-6809
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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 our FN 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 Peter Gallo
SK Tim Burke	SK Ed Sullivan
SK Marion Golding	SK Dick Dorozynski
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SK Tony Zally, PSD	SK Tom Trank, PGK
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SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	SK Severino "Jun" Adel
SK William "Bill" Connington	SK James Meng, PGK PFN
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	

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
Gloria Horn, wife of SK William Horn
Marie Petrocelli, mother of Master Russ Petrocelli
William Sartori, Father of Silvio Sartori, FN

Wakes

SK Rev Guy McPartland
SK Joseph A Matarazzo, PGK
SK Matthew Hayes, PGK, PFN

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

From Your Comptroller

The First and Second dues notices have been mailed and still many members have not sent their dues in. The Final Notice 2017 dues bills will be sent out on March 31st. Please do not wait to be sent a Suspended Notice. We are not looking to suspend anyone so the sooner you send in your dues the sooner I will mail your 2017 membership card to you. Remember every additional mailing it 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.

Thank you, God Bless!

SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329
vincentmontagna@aol.com

Christmas Party & Collection of Sweats for Vets

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Dec. 15th on a very cold and icy night. However, 40 hearty souls braved the weather and attended the party. We also collected approximately \$750.00 in clothing donations that were delivered to the NJ Veterans Home in Paramus just prior to Christmas. Thank you to all for your donations of items and/or monies used to purchase the clothing. We can all be proud to know that we continue to remember those who have served our Country by defending our Liberty and Freedom without question. Keep up the good work and look for an announcement of a new initiative to help fund the replacement of more of the TV stands at the Veterans Home in the next few weeks.

The Spring Exemplification will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany, NJ. Ask a friend to join the Patriotic Degree!

Fall Exemplification 2016

At the fall Exemplification, we welcomed six new Sir Knights to the Assembly. We cordially invite these new Sir Knights to attend one of our next few meetings to be welcomed and to receive their certificate of Knighthood into the 4th Degree. Please extend a warm welcome when you meet them!

From Council #1345

Reverend SK Stephen Carey, the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Dumont, SK Innocent Amaefule and SK Francis Seremba.

From Council #11585

SK Joseph Mastbeth and SK Anthony J Jensen.

From Council #2842

SK Anthony A Borsella

Past Faithful Navigators Dinner

The dinner was held on Sunday October 30th at the EG Alberque Council #2229 to honor SK and PFN James Meng and all of the other PFN's of our Assembly. There was also the presentation of Color Corpsman of the Year and Sir Knight of the Year to SK Thomas J Hyer and SK S Vincent Montagna respectfully. Congratulations on a job well done!

A special thank you goes to our master of ceremonies SK William Bochicchio PFN, to Father Ray Filipski and to all who attended and made this dinner a great success.

20 Week Club results

Once again, our 20 Week Club fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to SK John Tronolone for chairing this event and for all of his hard work. Congratulations to all of the winners and please support this fundraiser again in the summer/fall of 2017. Here are the remaining winners drawn as well as the final prize winners drawn at the PFN dinner:

15. St. Michael Council
16. Deacon Vincent DeFedele
17. Maria Messina
18. Doris Lipane
19. Harold Elbrecht
20. Immaculate Conception Church
- Final KofC Council #2842
- Final Edward Pfeifer
- Final Bob Wizeman 20

By-Laws Update

I have appointed a committee to review and update the Assembly's By-Laws. The last time this was done was in 2008. The committee consists of SK Joe Nuccitelli, SK Jim Meng & SK Vincent Montagna. They will present me with their recommendations and we will then request approval from Supreme and have a vote by the Assembly members prior to the end of this Columbian year.

Silvio Sartori FDD, PGK, Faithful Navigator

Admiral's Message

The Spring Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on Sunday, April 23rd at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany, NJ. Any Third Degree member who would like to join the Fourth Degree needs to fill out a Form 4. Send the Form 4 to James A. Meng, 2 Marble Ct. #5, Clifton, NJ 07013 by Wednesday, March 29th. Contact me at (973) 246-7137 or email me at pepsijimcarol@verizon.net if there are any questions. The cost for the candidate is \$70 for the Exemplification and banquet. We have a tux package at Barry's Formal Wear, Passaic, NJ.

Friends and family are welcome to join you that day. The Assembly has a hospitality room for their use while the Degree is going on. Following the Degree, the candidates will join them there until the Banquet starts. The cost for guests is \$60.00 per person. All checks for candidates and guests should be made payable to Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647 and sent to James Meng by March 29th.

James Meng PFN, Admiral

Memorial Mass Report

The Annual Memorial Mass was held at Holy Trinity Church on December 1, 2016 to honor our fallen Sir Knights. Their names have been engraved on the new Chalice which will be given to a newly ordained Priest. Thank you to Father Ray for saying the mass and for his homily. Please remember our brothers in your prayers: SK Frank J Caravello, SK John T Dillion, JR, SK Frank Dinneen, SK Timothy T Toine, JR and SK Francis J Dwyer. May they rest in peace in Gods loving arms.

*As a patriotic member of the Fourth Degree,
Remember to fly the flag!*

Affiliate Council Reports

Friday Night Lenten Dinners - Council #1345 in Dumont - As we begin the season, there will be two Lenten dinners beginning at 5PM, with food service starting at 6PM. On March 3rd & March 10th, we will offer fish dinners for \$15 per person with reduced prices for children. The flier with all of the details is available on the Council website at kofc1345.org. Advance reservations are a must!

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance - Council #1345 in Dumont - Join us for one of our most popular events with an authentic Irish menu including Soda Bread, bangers & mash, corned beef & cabbage, potatoes and homemade scones. Warm & cool beverages are included, along with live entertainment by Frankie Curran and the Evergreens. It's just \$35 per person and an RSVP is required - call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 or email us at kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

2nd Sunday Morning Breakfast - Council #2861 in Lodi Every second Sunday of the month from 8:30-11:30. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, coffee & tea – all you can eat for just \$6 per person. At the Council home – 39 Washington Street in Lodi. Contact SK Joe Nuccitelli for more information at 201-805-4576.

Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament - Council #1345 in Dumont – It will be held on Saturday, March 11th, with registration beginning at 6PM and the game starting at 7PM. There is a \$100.00 buy in, with a hot buffet and beverages included. The flier with all of the details is available on the Council website at kofc1345.org. For reservations call or text Ken at 516-220-9333.

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.

Dates to Remember

March 2017

- 1 - Ash Wednesday**
- 6 - Masters Meeting**
- 9 - Officers Meeting**
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day**
- 23 - General Meeting (1st reading of Nominations)**

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April 2017

- 3 - Masters Meeting (at Bishop O'Connor)**
- 9 - Palm Sunday**
- 14 - Good Friday**
- 16 - Easter Sunday**
- 20 - Officers Meeting**
- 23 - Exemplification 4th Degree**
- 27 - General Meeting (2nd reading of Nominations)**

May 2017

- 1 - Masters Meeting**
- 2 - Pride in Priest's Dinner**
- 11 - Officers Meeting**
- 14 - Mother's Day**
- 19 & 20 - NJ State Convention**
- 25 - General Meeting (Election of Officers)**

June 2017

- 5 - Masters Meeting**
- 8 - Officers Meeting**
- 14 - Flag Day**
- 18 - Father's Day**
- 22 - General Meeting**

Photo Gallery



The Bishop O'Connor Assembly delivered an abundance of gifts to the Paramus Veterans Home on Dec. 21st. Shown from left to right are SK Vince Montagna, SK Silvio Sartori FN, SK Joe Nuccitelli, a representative of the Vets home, SK Thomas Hyer and SK James Meng.

