

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



October-November, 2012

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

I was pondering about what would be a most sincere, thanksgiving, and realistic topic to center this month's article upon.

Directly put – the major thrust of October is "Respect Life". On Sunday, Oct 7, we celebrate "Respect Life Sunday". Much will be written, but will be shared from various church pulpits that weekend about the Dignity of Life and Respect for all Life.

Anything that may be written is best summarized with the following intercession: "we pray for all life from the moment to conception to natural death! At times many people get confused, panic-stricken, shocked or ignorant toward stem cell research! "Concern for Human Life".

As sincere Roman Catholics we must be alert to all jargon and not get confused with many terms or phrases. Being very direct and specific – as members of the Roman Catholic Church we **oppose** only one form of stem cell research – ie: Embryonic Stem Cell Research. The Roman Catholic Church sustains no moral problem with umbilical cord stem cells, adult stem cells or embryonic germ cell research. I have written those few words to clarify the Church position on all life – summed up directly in our understanding of stem cell research.

Brothers, let us always be alert to the joy of the above mentioned intercessions – "we pray for all life from the moment of conception to natural death".

Life is special plus beautiful; let's never overlook that! His Peace,
Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

By now you should have received your September Patriot Messenger. Somehow it took 17 days to be delivered to your homes. We are looking into speeding up the process.

On September 15th we held our PFN Dinner for John McGilchrist at St. John's Council. The evening was a success and even with a low turnout the evening was highlighted by a fine meal, short speeches and good music, dancing and a congenial group of Sir Knights and their Ladies. Our Color Corps did an outstanding presentation and our flag ceremony with patriotic music was enjoyed by all in attendance. The "Sir Knight of the Year" is **Vince Montagna, PFN**, and our "Corpsman of the Year" is **Joe Nuccitelli, PFN**. Congratulations to two fine Sir Knights.

We have a full agenda for October and November, starting with the Exemplification of the 4th Degree on October 21 at La Neve's, Haledon. (See article in newsletter). October 25 is our General Meeting and our Ladies are invited and refreshments will be served. On Sunday November 4 our Memorial Mass will be held at the 11:00am mass at Holy Trinity Church, Hackensack. Our General meeting is November 15, again our Ladies are invited and refreshments will be served.

The Military Ball is scheduled on November 18th at 3:00 PM at La Neve's in Haledon. There is a lot on our schedule for the next two months but the only way you can enjoy these activities is to get active in our Assembly, attend our meeting and functions and get to enjoy the fellowship of your brother Sir Knights and their Ladies. I hope to see you soon. God Bless You All, and a happy Thanksgiving to all.

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.

Since our last Report, we had (10) calls and mustered (62) men. Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work. Future Calls:

10/20/12: Walk for Sanctity of Life, St Philip the Apostle Church, Saddle Brook. Muster is 10:30am, start time is 11:00am.

10/30/12: Mass Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Cathedral Basilica Sacred Heart, Newark. Muster 2:30 pm, Mass 3:00pm (Tuesday).

11/4/12: Memorial Mass, Trinity Church, Hackensack. Muster 10:30am, Mass 11 am (Sunday).

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

Captain's Report

Hello all Sir Knights and Lovely Lady's. As the year is starting to move so is our monthly theme delights at our General Meeting which this time around we are gonna get a little scary with some earie delights and maybe a little sporty. Sso come on down for some delights (ha ha haa) on Thurs, Oct 25.

SK Sal Donatacci, PGK, Captain

4th Degree Exemplification

Will be held on October 21, 2012, at La Neve's Restaurant, Haledon at 2:00PM. The cost for candidates is \$70.00 and the cost for dinner guests is \$50.00. Candidate's checks should be made out to: Peter Bartkowiak, Master.

Dinner guest's checks should be made out to "Bishop O'Connor Assembly" The deadline for dinner guests is October 8. For more information please contact: John McGilchrist, Faithful Admiral, 201-833-2031.

SK John McGilchrist, Faithful Admiral

20-Week Club Update – Final Report

The complete list of winners:

\$50 each weekly winners:

1-Frank Morrone	11-Dr. Geoff Sadock
2-Trinity Council #747	12-Ann Panfile
3-St. Michaels #2861	13-Frank J. Morrone
4-Steve Martino	14-Desmond Nannetti
5-Trinity Council #747	15-Fr. Gustavo, SMA
6-Vince Montagna	16-John McGill
7-Dante Gennarelli	17-Matt Hayes, PFN
8-Joe Costa	18-Andy Santulli
9-Tony Allegretta	19-Tom Trank
10-Camille Copa	20-Rich Cosgrove

Grand Prize winners \$250 each:

-Sean Sullivan, John DuVernay & Andy Santulli

Congratulations to all and thanks for your support.

SK Russ Petrocelli, DD, PGK, PFN, Chairman

HELP WANTED

Our current controller is moving and we have an opening for a Faithful Controller. Must be computer savvy, good with numbers, able to attend two meetings a month and have the dedication to control the funds of your Assembly.

No salary, but the rewards will be the grateful thanks of all your fellow Sir Knights in our Assembly. If interested, please contact Faithful Navigator Bill Bochicchio, at 201-741-8612.

Commentary

Our search is ended. SK Brian O'Dowd of St. John's Council 1345 will assume the duties of editor with the December issue.

Again, it's been my pleasure to be of service to you. God bless you and God bless America. Happy Thanksgiving.

SK George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN

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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
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Relatives & Friends

Father, Mother, Sister & Aunt of SK Robert Sarao;
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Robert Segda, father-in-law of SK Tom Schmidt;
Vincenza Giunta, mother-in-law of SK B. Bochicchio, PGK;

Wakes

From the News Desk

Breaking News... I am happy to announce that I have been succeeded by our new Master Peter Batkowiak effective immediately....from former Master Joseph Olivo.

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating a birthday in October or a special occasion. Happy birthday to Angela Bochicchio, Nina DiCostanzo, Brian & Dolores O'Dowd, celebrating in October.

Congratulations to PGK Tom & Joan Trank...happy to announce their daughter *Mary Theresa* was awarded in August a Doctorate in Ministry from Drew University. Mary, a teacher of Religion at the Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, was a graduate of Holy Cross College and has a Masters in Divinity from Yale University.

CatholicVote.org announces that they are *enthusiastically* endorsing Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan in the 2012 presidential race! This is a crisis moment for Catholics and our Faith, and Catholic Vote.org and the USCCB are doing all they can to protect us. At risk: religious freedom, traditional marriage, and pro-life.

Dates to Remember

Thurs, Oct. 11	Officer mtg 8pm.
Sun, Oct. 13	Bergen Federation Golf Outing
Sun, Oct. 23	Exemplification of 4 th Degree, Haledon.
Thurs, Oct. 25	General mtg 8pm. – refreshments served.
Thurs, Nov. 1	All Saints Day – holyday of obligation.
Sun, Nov. 4	Memorial Mass for Deceased Members, Holy Trinity Church, 11:00am mass.
Thurs, Nov. 8	Officer mtg 8pm
Thurs, Nov. 15	General mtg 8pm – refreshments served.
Tues, Nov. 20	Military Ball – LaNeve's in Haledon
Thurs, Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day.

Affiliate Council Reports

St. Michaels Council #2861 (Lodi): will be running a benefit pasta dinner on Fri Oct. 19th from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The dinner is to help the family of a deceased Knight who died suddenly. Cost is \$10.00 and includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, desert, soda coffee and tea. Cash bar will be open. Call Bob Sarao for tickets 201 303-0091.

St. John's Council #1345 (Dumont) is hosting its annual Italian Festival dinner dance on Sat, Oct. 13 from 7-11pm. This year's theme "Dinner at Mama's House" will take a nostalgic trip back to the 50" era. Cost is \$30.00pp. Call SK G. DiCostanzo for reservations 201-338-2617.

Prayer Walk for Life

The "Prayerful Walk for Life 3" is scheduled for Sat, Oct 20, 2012 at 9:30am at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Saddle Brook with hymns, invocation, opening ceremony by Bishop O'Connor Color Corps (9:00am muster) and speakers.

Following the program at St. Philip, at 10:30am the "Walk" shall continue to Sacred Heart Church, Rochelle Park for mass and refreshments in the lower hall.

This year the plan is for the speakers to address the "Sanctity of Life" as it focuses on religious freedom, natural law and the joy of motherhood. Vivat Jesus,

Dr. Richard E. Onorevole, PFN, PGK

Photo Gallery – from PFN Dinner



From left: SK's, their Lady's and friends of St. John's Council at the PFN Diner.



Left: SK Joe Nuccitelli, PFN receiving Corpsman of the Year award, from SK V. Montagna, Center: SK Montagna receiving SK of the Year award from PFN J. McGilchrist. Right: PFN John McGilchrist receiving PFN award from SK B. Bochicchio, FN.