



October / November 2014

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### **Faithful Friar Message**

Sir Knights,

The unfolding months of October and November call us to focus on life and thanksgiving for it. Most of October centers on "Respect Life". Often during this time, our thoughts are projected on May – when we celebrate our Mom's giving us life, and to Mary's *yes* for the Messiah's life. However, not just October, but all the time – we need to place much of our alertness to the deep and pure "Sanctity of Life". Put directly, Life: YES – Abortion: NO! Many people wait until the January march to talk about the joy of life. Our Savior's life, which we hopefully learn from, helps us be alert for the joys and realities of daily life.

Also, as the month of October leads to November, we always open two excellent points to be celebrated once again, Life – and the joy of Thanksgiving for it. Brothers, as from any scripture I'd like to share with you, two thoughts to enhance our thanksgiving for all life and its gifts . . .

*We make a living by what we get, but we  
make a life by what we give.*

*Life is fragile, handle with prayer.*

Enjoy these months in growth and gratitude.

His Peace to all,

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

### **Faithful Navigator Message**

Brother Knights,

I would like to begin my message with congratulations to Russell Petrocelli, a member of Bishop O'Connor Assembly 647, as being named Master of the First New Jersey District, Fourth Degree.

Fall is a very busy time for the Fourth Degree. Coming up we have the Fourth Degree Exemplification on October 19 at La Neve's Restaurant 276 Belmont Ave. Haledon, NJ. The cost will be \$50.00 for anyone wishing to go to the dinner. Checks should be made payable to Russell Petrocelli, Master and sent to 210 Jay Street Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. All checks must be in by the Master's meeting, Oct. 6, 2014. Cocktails and buffet will start at 4:30 PM. The Degree starts at 2:30 PM. We also are looking for Boosters, \$5.00, Patrons, \$10.00 and Benefactors, \$25.00 for the Journal. Contact the Faithful Navigator, Jim Meng at 973-246-7137.

This November we have important elections. On November 4 everyone should vote and look for the candidates who will stand up for the principles of our Order: the important issues of Abortion, Assisted Suicides and Traditional Marriage.

The Military Ball will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 PM at the Fiesta Rt. 17 South, Wood-Ridge, NJ. Details will follow.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK James Meng, Faithful Navigator*

### **From your Assembly Commander**

Since our last report, we had five calls and mustered twenty-eight men. Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work.

### **Future Calls:**

10/5/14 - Unborn Child Monument Dedication at St. Joseph Parish, Lodi. Muster is 11:30AM, Mass Starts at 12 noon.

10/18/14 - The Rich Onorevole Memorial Walk for Life from St. Philips to Sacred Heart Church in Rochelle Park. Muster is at 9:30AM; start time is 10AM. Event runs until 12 noon.

11/23/14 - Christ the King, Holy Trinity RC Church in Hackensack. Muster is at 12 noon, Mass starts at 12:30PM.

12/13/14 - 100th Anniversary of St. Francis Desales Church in Lodi. Muster is at 8:30AM; start time is 9AM.

***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*

### **Twenty Week Club**

Thank you for your support of the 20 Week Club, the only fundraiser of the Assembly.

*\$50 Weekly Winners:*

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - M. Messina           | 11- Mike Roller        |
| 2 - Bob Young            | 12- Joseph Gentile     |
| 3 - Trinity Council #747 | 13- Mrs. Camille Coppa |
| 4 - John Scalice         | 14- Patrick McHale     |
| 5 - Frank Gallacher      | 15- Joseph Gentile     |
| 6 - Dante Generelli      | 16- William Osborne    |
| 7 - J. McEntee           | 17- Nina DiCostanzo    |
| 8 - Patrick McHale       | 18- Fr. Moran          |
| 9 - Joseph L. Coppa      | 19- John Scalice       |
| 10- Joseph Osborne       | 20- David Kuhles       |

*\$250 prize winners selected at the PFN dinner:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prize - F. Tabano  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Prize - Joe Polesovsky  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prize - William Osborne

*SK Tom Hyer, FDD, PGK, PFN*

**Faithful Officers & Trustees 2013-2014**

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
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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>	
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Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
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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
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**Relatives & Friends**

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

**From the Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner**



In the photo on the left, SK Vincent Montagna receives the Color Corpsman of the year recognition from Faithful Navigator James Meng. In the center photo, now PFN Sal Donatacci (on the left) is recognized for his year as the Faithful Navigator; and to the right is SK Russ Petrocelli, now the Master of the First NJ District, who was also recognized during the evening. In the photo on the right, SK John McGill, PFN receives the Sir Knight of the year award. Photos courtesy of SK Joe Shuler.

*Mazie Shuler, wife of SK Joseph Shuler*

**Affiliate Council Reports**

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – Is hosting their Annual Italian Night. Plan for a wonderful evening of dinner & dancing, with entertainment by Panorama Music on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-11 PM. Antipasto, salad, baked lasagna, meatballs, sausage, braciola, dessert, Limoncello and beverages – all for only \$35 per person. Payment is required in advance to assure your reservation. Call Larry at 201-315-0456 for your reservation.

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.*

**Dates to Remember**

**October, 2014**

- 6 Master's Mtg @ 8PM-Council #2483 Hackettstown
- 9 Officer's Mtg. @ 8PM
- 12 Columbus Day
- 10 Bergen Federation Golf Outing
- 19 Exemplification of the 4th Degree – 2PM, La Neve's, Haledon
- 23 General Meeting – 8PM

**November, 2014**

- 1 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 3 Master's Mtg. – 8:00 PM, Bloomfield
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Memorial Mass for Deceased members – 7:00 PM Officer's Mtg.- 8:00 PM
- 16 Military Ball 3:00 PM Fiesta Wood-Ridge
- 20 General Mtg. – 8:00 PM
- 20 Bergen Federation Meeting 8PM - #1345 Berg/Dumont

**December, 2014**

- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day Of Obligation)
- 11 General Mtg. – 8PM (Christmas Party) Collection of gifts for veterans

**Upcoming Events**

There are two important events for the Assembly coming up. The first is the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Assembly. This year, it will take place at 7PM on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> in the chapel at Holy Trinity in Hackensack. We encourage all members to join us for this solemn occasion where we remember those who have gone to their eternal reward.

Coming up in December is the Assembly Christmas Party. Traditionally we have collected "sweats" for the vets at the Paramus Veteran's Home and this year we will continue the tradition. Please join us for the general meeting on Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> and support the veterans who have sacrificed so much.

*SK James Meng, Faithful Navigator*