



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

May / June 2017

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

Very Special Days are Coming!!

May 7th – 4th Sunday of Easter – Vocation Sunday
May 14th – Mother's Day – Recalling the past & present
May 25th – Ascension – The Son goes to the Father
June 18th – Father's Day – Recalling the past & present
June 23rd – Pentecost Sunday – The Spirit of God in Us
June 28th – Priest Day

All of these dates acknowledge major feasts. Some days, like Father's and Mother's Days are never forgotten. Let's not overlook the ongoing of God each day. The Father, Son and Spirit acknowledge us specifically. Let's set our hearts on not ignoring them at all!

His peace always!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyous Easter.

In the months of May and June, we celebrate several holidays of the family and patriotic themes. Mother's Day on Sunday May 14th and Father's Day on Sunday June 18th, to honor those who raised us and guided us through life. We recognize those who have sacrificed their life for our Country on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. Finally, we celebrate our flag with Flag Day on June 14th and the end of the school year.

In regard to the Patriotic holidays, please consider marching in a local Parade on Memorial Day with your Brother Sir Knights, flying our Flag on Flag Day or attending the Veterans Mass on the 2nd or 4th Saturday at the NJ Vets home in Paramus. Go back to your Council and discuss making a Council or individual donation to one of the following causes that support our Veterans . . .

Emmaus for Veterans, a non-profit group that collects funds for homeless Veterans to offer them job training and a place to live. You can go to their web site and read all about them at WWW.Emmausforvets.org. The Assembly has made a donation to this group, please consider a donation to support our Veterans.

The other way to support our Vets is to send a donation to the Rochelle Park American Legion Post #170, they have already built approximately 50 new TV stands for the Veterans at the NJ Veterans Home in Paramus. Through the efforts of the Legion, the Carpenters Union and some brother Knights, they raised \$5,000.00 last year and were able to build and deliver the TV stand to the Home last year. The goal is to build and deliver 50 more this year and they are looking for donations.

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Please contact the Legion's Post Commander Bob Salvini at 201 270-8711 or email him for more info: bobsalvini@att.net

I also want to congratulate our 4 new Sir Knights who attended the Exemplification of the 4th Degree on April 23rd. SK George Gagnon, SK Francisco Rodriquez, SK John Mc Hugh & SK William Flores. Welcome to the Assembly and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and involved with our Assembly.

In closing, please support our next 20 Week Club raffle that will go out in the mail in the next few weeks, come to vote for the new Officer's for the next Columbian year on Thursday May 25th and keep our sick and departed Brothers in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus,

Silvio Sartori FDD, PGK, Faithful Navigator

Election 2017-2018

For the 2017-2018 Columbian Year, we present the following slate of officers.

Friar	Father Raymond Filipski
Navigator	SK Frank Gallagher
Captain	SK John Tronolone
Admiral	SK James Meng PGK, PFN
Pilot	SK Samuel Iskander FDD, PGK
Comptroller	SK S. Vincent Monagna FDD, PGK, PFN
Purser	SK Edward Sullivan PFN
Scribe	SK Robert Sarao PGK
Sentinel 1	SK Francisco Rodriquez
Sentinel 2	OPEN
Trustee 1 yr	SK John McGilchrist PGK, PFN
Trustee 2 yr	SK Sal Donatacci PGK, PFN
Trustee 3 yr	SK Joseph Nuticelli PFN

The election will be held at our regular monthly meeting on May 25th. If you have an interest in being an officer of the Assembly, please feel free to contact the Faithful Navigator or any current officer.

From Your Comptroller

I hope everyone had a Happy and Holy Easter.

The **Final Dues Notices** have been mailed and out on March 31st. Sad to say I still have twenty three members who have not paid their dues. Bishop O'Connor's is lower than most of the Assemblies in our District. 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 adds costs to the Assembly. Please help by paying your dues on the First Notice in the future. If you are experiencing 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
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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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Faithful Officers & Trustees 2016-2017

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-3629
Captain:	John Tronolone	201-906-6809
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Pilot:	Kenneth Carlson, PGK	201-314-8705
Comptroller:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Purser:	Tom J. Hyer, FDD, PGK, PFN	201-797-5316
Scribe:	Frank Gallacher	201-384-3402
Sentinel:	<i>Open</i>	
Trustee 1 yr.	John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Trustee 2 yr.	Salvatore Donatacci, PFN	201-238-0459
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
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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
SK Bob Dondero, FDD	SK William Horn
SK Tony Zally, PSD	SK Tom Trank, PGK
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK Matt Connell
SK James "Jim" McEntee	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	SK Severino "Jun" Adel
SK William "Bill" Connington	SK James Meng, PGK PFN
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	
<i>SK David Torebka, FDD</i>	<i>SK John McGilchrist</i>
<i>SK Brendan Thornton</i>	

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
The wife of SK John McGilchrist
Peter Dondero, son of SK Bob Dondero, FDD

Wakes

None . . .

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

Assembly Commander Message

The Color Corp in the months of March and April had six Call-Outs, three of them were Regimental and three for the Assembly:

March 4th - The Catholic Men's Conference at Seton Hall, attended by 4 Corpsmen

March 12th, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bergenfield, attended by 4 Corpsman

March 29th, Bergen Federation "Bishop's Night" in Oakland, attended by 2 Corpsmen

April 14th, Holy Thursday Mass and Procession, St. Francis Church Ridgefield Park, attended by 5 Corpsmen

April 23rd, St. Joseph's Church Lodi, 100th Anniversary Mass, officiated by Archbishop Cardinal Tobin, attended by 5 Corpsman (2 from our Assembly and 3 from the Lamb Assembly)

April 23rd, the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, attended by 3 Corpsmen

As of April 24th, we have four upcoming Call-Outs scheduled:

May 2nd - The Pride in the Priests Dinner at the Terrace in Paramus

May 2nd - Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church Rochelle Park

May 7th - May Crowning Mass at St. Francis Ridgefield Park

June 25th - 100th Anniversary Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Rochelle Park

We have one new member of the Color Corps, Innocent Amaefule, from St. John's Council, Dumont/Bergenfield. We also have four new Sir Knights from the April 23rd Exemplification who have shown an interest in joining the Color Corp.

I would also invite any Sir Knight to join the Color Corp. For information, please call me at (973) 246-7137 or email me at pepsijimcarol@verizon.net.

Vivat Jesus!

James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator

Photo Gallery



From the Spring Exemplification

*Front Row Left to Right
New SK Francisco Rodriguez, New SK William Flores,
New SK George Gagnon, SK S. Vincent Montagna, PFN,
SK Joseph Nuticelli, PFN, SK George DiCostanza, PFN.*

*Back Row Left to Right
SK Frank Gallagher, SK Silvio Sartori FN, SK James Meng PFN and
New SK John McHugh.*

*At the Exemplification but missing from the photo were
SK Sam Iskander and SK Edward Sullivan, PFN.*