



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

September / October 2015

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

I hope you all had a great summer! Now, with Labor Day, our vacation time is over; yet our journey in Faith has never and will never abandon us. As September unravels, we need to be joyously awaiting the coming of the Holy Father to Washington, Philadelphia and New York. He shall directly be focusing on "family". He will not only stress the joy of family living – like mom, dad and children; much of his presence will be directed at pointing out how we need to accept and acknowledge that Jesus is the real element of unity for all families.

Then in deep significance as the Holy Father journeys back to Rome, we, God's people, continue our journey in faith as October unfolds. The month of October stresses the theme of the "Right to Life" Month. Much can be written about October's focus. Simply put, not just that month, but at all times, we need to stress Respect for Life.

As the months of September and October unravel, let's keep our focus on *Respecting all Families* at all times!

In His peace,

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer. The Fourth Degree starts off the year with a busy agenda for September, October and November. The PFN dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13th, from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We will have a 4 course dinner consisting of salad, pasta, roasted chicken with potato and vegetable, coffee/tea and dessert. There will be an open bar and DJ. The price will be \$40 pp, \$75.00 per couple. Please come to honor all the past Faithful Navigators of the Assembly.

The Installation of Officers will be held on 9/22, at 8PM, at LaNeve's in Haledon.

The Assembly's Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19th, 7:30 PM at Holy Trinity Church, Hackensack.

This year the Military Ball and the Fall Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be combined and be held at the Fiesta, in Wood Ridge. The date is 11/22, starting at 1:00 PM. More details will follow.

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This will be an important Election year for the Catholic Church which is being attacked in the United States and Abroad. Our values on marriage, abortion, end of life and health care are being challenged at home. In the Middle East thousands of Christians are being persecuted and killed for their Faith. We will have to take a stand on behalf of our beliefs.

Vivat Jesus,

SK James A. Meng, Faithful Navigator

From your Assembly Commander

Since our last report in September 2014, we have had three calls and mustered twenty-one men. Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work.

Future Calls:

9/13/2015 - PFN Dinner Dance at St. John's Council, Bergenfield. Muster: is 2:30PM, Dinner Starts at 3PM

9/22/2015 - Installation of all 2nd Battalion Officers (includes Bishop O'Connor Assembly) at LaNeve's. Muster is 7:30PM. Start time is 8PM.

10/4/2015 - Installation of Pastor, Rev. Ireneusz Pierzchala at Sacred Heart Church, Rochelle Ave. in Rochelle Park. Muster is 11:30AM. Mass starts at 12PM.

11/12/2015 - Confirmation Mass at St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 7PM. Mass starts at 7:30PM.

11/19-2015 - Memorial Mass for deceased members at Holy Trinity Chapel. Muster is 7PM. Mass starts at 7:30PM.

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 Corp sman. 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 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

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Family Breakfast:	<i>Open</i>	
Meetings Social:	Richard Brown	201-294-6334
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Memorial Mass:	<i>Open</i>	
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
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NJ Vets Home:	<i>Open</i>	
PFN Dinner:	George DiCostanzo PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
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 (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

Rev. Cassian Miles

Francis Miele, brother of SK Tony Miele

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] is hosting a family picnic & clambake on Sunday Sept. 20th from 2-6PM. Fresh clams on the half-shell, clams oreganato, BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sides including French fries and corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, dessert and beverages. There will be DJ music and games for the kids - all for only \$30 per person. Reservations required. Contact Ken at 516-220-9333.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament on Saturday Sept. 26th at 6PM. Details can be found at www.kofc1345.org.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – Italian Night on Saturday Oct. 10th from 7-11PM. Enjoy a wonderful evening with music by Panorama that includes antipasto, lasagna, meatballs, sausages, pollo robusto, salad, dessert, cordials, and beverages - all for only \$40 per person. Reservations required. Contact 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

September 2015

10	Officer's Meeting. – 8PM
11	Bergen Federation golf outing
13	PFN Dinner – 2:30PM at St. Johns Council #1345, Dumont
14	Master's Meeting – 8:00 PM at St. Jude's Blirstown
22	Installation of Officers at LaNeve's - 8PM
24	General Meeting – 8:00 PM

October 2015

8	Officer's Meeting. – 8PM
22	General Meeting – 8:00 PM

November 2015

12	Officer's Meeting. – 8PM
19	Memorial Mass for Deceased Members – 7:30PM General Meeting follows at approximately 8:30PM
22	Military Ball & Fall Exemplification at the Fiesta

20 Week Club

The winners drawn on August 20th are: Felix Sergio, St. Michael's Council (Lodi) and St. Anthony's Council in Woodridge. Final winners will be drawn at the PFN dinner on Sept. 13th.