

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



April / May 2014

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

The upcoming months of April and May are abounding in stupendous celebrations. April sees Lent passing and Easter Sunday joyously occurring. Also in April, we have the elevation of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II to sainthood. After our inspiring April, the month of May rapidly develops as we joyously, faithfully and sincerely acknowledge the Mother of God with a May Crowning. Also, as May unfurls, we partake in the *Pride in Priests* dinner, the priestly ordinations and respectful and joyous acknowledgement of all moms on Mother's Day.

I could spend much time writing about each of the above events; however I will now delve into another significant element in our lives. A new survey finds that 84% of Americans support significant abortion restrictions. A Knights of Columbus/Marist poll also found that almost three quarters (74%) favor a ban on abortions after 20 weeks, except to save the life of a mother. The majority of Americans (53%) believe that life begins at the moment of conception and more than 62% of Americans think abortion is morally wrong. All of these great percentages show that the movement *for* life is rapidly progressing through our prayers and efforts such as the March for Life in Washington DC. Our goal of eliminating abortion is not ended, but is definitely advancing.

His Peace to all,

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message



Bishop John Joseph O'Connor, DD
June 11, 1855 - May 20, 1927

Born in Newark, NJ to Irish immigrants Thomas and Catherine O'Connor, John Joseph attended St. James Parochial School in Newark, and at the age of 18, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1873 from Seton Hall University. Bishop Winand Wigger, the presiding bishop of the Diocese, persuaded John Joseph to study at the Pontifical North American College in

Rome and at the American College of Louvain, located in Belgium. After five years of studying in Europe, he would return home to Newark, where he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, and went on to become a professor at Seton Hall University.

John Joseph was appointed a bishop on May 20th, 1901, and in July, he was installed as the fourth Bishop of Newark. He was made Assistant at the Pontifical Throne by Pope Pius X, on June 3rd, 1910.

Bishop John Joseph O'Connor served the Diocese of Newark for 25 years until his death on May 20th 1927. In October of that year, the Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647 was chartered. The Assembly, currently in its 87th year, welcomed 15 new members at the March 30th Exemplification and added them to the current roster of 240 members.

We welcome our new members, and invite them to participate in the Assembly's many activities.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Salvatore A. Donatucci, Faithful Navigator

Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues notices have been mailed out. We ask that you return your dues check as soon as possible to save us the expense of having to re-mail notices. Checks should be sent to the address provided.

SK Brian Coyle

From your Assembly Commander

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

Future Calls:

4/17/14 - Holy Thursday Mass at St. Francis Church, 114 Mt. Vernon Street in Ridgefield Park - Muster is 7PM, Mass starts at 7:30 PM.

5/26/14 - Memorial Day Parade, in Rochelle Park. Assemble at 365 West Passaic Street. Muster at 11AM, start time is approximately 11:30.

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

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Committee Chairmen

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* Temporary fill-in for this position.

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, PGK, PFN 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
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 Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN
 Nunzia, cousin of SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

Wakes & Passings

Antonia M. Adel, mother of SK Severino (Jun) Adel
 Anthony Montagna, brother of SK Vince Montagna

When there is a wake-call for a fellow 4th Degree Brother, you don't have to be a corpsman to attend. All brothers are called to pay their respects to our Sir Knights. Families are especially appreciative of our presence.

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] - The SPECIAL CHILDREN'S Charity Dinner Dance & Show is Sat, April 26. Cost is \$30/pp. Please make an effort to attend and support this very special event to help very special young people. Contact Larry Rivera at 201-315-0456 for reservations.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] - will be holding a **Pancake Breakfast** for the support of their scholarship program on Sunday April 27th. Breakfast will be served from 8:30AM to 1:15PM serving pancakes & sausages, juice, and coffee or tea. Cost is \$10 per person, \$25 max per family of five and children under 5 eat for free. All are welcome, and no reservations are required!

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.

Memorial Mass

The Bishop O'Connor Assembly will be holding a Memorial Mass in honor of Bishop John Joseph O'Connor on Thursday May 22nd, in the chapel at Holy Trinity Church in Hackensack. There will be refreshments served afterwards. Fourth Degree members should muster at 6PM, the Mass will begin at 6:30. All members of the Assembly are invited, and are welcome to bring their families.

SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator

Dates to Remember

April

- There is no Master's meeting this month
- 10 - Officer's Meeting at 8PM
- 17 - Holy Thursday
- 20 - Easter Sunday
- 24 - General Meeting at 8PM

May

- 5 - Master's Meeting - Ridgfield Park
- 7 - Pride in Priest Dinner at the Fiesta
- 8 - Officer's Meeting at 8 PM
- 22 - Memorial Mass for Bishop O' Connor in the Chapel of Holy Trinity Church at 6PM

Twenty Week Club

Information about the twenty-week club is included with the distribution of this edition of the Patriot Messenger. The first drawing will be held after the memorial Mass on May 22nd, and the last drawing will be held on the evening of the Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner on September 13th. We encourage all members to participate in this fundraising endeavor that supports the Assembly. All drawn tickets are thrown back in the pot, so you have multiple chances to win.

Assembly leads Knights of Columbus



Members of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly color corps lead the Knights of St. John's Council #1345, marching in the Bergenfield St. Patrick's Day parade on March 16th.

Save the Date - Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner

The PFN dinner has been scheduled for Saturday September 13th at St. John's Council in Dumont. All members of the Assembly, and all of our Past Faithful Navigators are invited to attend. Further details will be in a future edition of the Patriot Messenger.

4th Degree Exemplification - March 30, 2014



At the Spring Exemplification, we welcomed the following new Sir Knights to the Bishop O'Connor Assembly: Kenneth Florio, Dave Gallagher, Frank Polise, Frank Gallagher, Keith G. Hilcken, Rev. Jonathan Perez, Kenneth L. Carlson, Leonard Nicolosi, Nicholas A. Barese, August D. Aversa, Jeff Spendley, Matthew H. Lantz, Anthony Lupica, Anthony P. Klymenko and James Meng. FN Sal Donatacci is the fifth person from the left.