

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



April 2013

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

I know that this article should focus on the months of April and May. Yet a far greater stress is really on the past month of March.

First of all, a belated and awaited message of Happy Easter! The obvious great thrust of the day being the Risen Lord! (Of course, at times, many focus on the jelly beans and Easter bunny – ha ha).

Also, the past month of March did involve the sincere and prayerful retirement of Pope Benedict, and the election of his successor, Pope Francis. The new Holy Father stresses the needs of everyone on spiritual daily living, with a direct focus on the needy, and the needs of all – rich and poor alike. A small point (in a trivia sense) the new Holy Father no longer wears the red shoes.

Enough said about the previous month. Now just a few words on April and May; once again, emphasize our sincere devotion to family – that being Mother's Day – and our acknowledgement of priestly ordinations; both days emphasizing joyously seeing God in celebration. As mentioned earlier by Pope Francis, we need to energize not just a few days, but all days in active acknowledgement of Jesus. His peace always . . .

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

Well if you can believe it spring has arrived. Certainly not the traditional warm weather we are used to, but that shouldn't be far away. On behalf of my wife Angie and me along with all the Assembly officers, I hope you had a happy and blessed Easter. April brings the start of the election process for Assembly officers, I would like to thank our nominating committee, chaired by Vince Montagna, PFN, with Tom Hyer, DD, PFN and Bill Connington, PFN, and their recommendations appear in a separate article in the newsletter. You will notice a few vacancies, please feel free to contact Vince at 201-843-5329 if you are interested in any of the open spots, our election takes place at the May meeting.

On March 10, 2013 we had our annual Communion Breakfast at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ridgefield Park, followed by a terrific breakfast hosted by E. G. Albuquerque Sr. Council. Fr. Larry said a few words of blessing, followed by Russ Petrocelli, DD, PFN who gave an inspirational talk. It was a great event and many thanks to GK. Jim Meng and his kitchen crew. This event was chaired by Tom Hyer who planned, followed up and handled the reservations, and all the details and as usual did an excellent job in coordinating this event.

On April 21, 2013 we have the Exemplification of the Fourth degree and as of this date we have 6 new members. I hope and pray these new men will help to build the future of our slowly aging Assembly. Please celebrate and keep in your prayers our new Pontiff, Pope Francis I, he has started out in a very positive way, and his God like humility is inspirational.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bill Bochicchio, Faithful Navigator

Assembly Commander Report

Attention Corpsmen

Every two years when a new Master is voted in, each Assembly is required to have a Color Corps Drill and Inspection of all Regalia

Bishop O'Connor Assembly will hold its Drill April 11, 2013 at our Officers meeting in Hackensack at 8pm, light refreshments will be served. Upon Satisfactorily completing the drill and inspection you will be issued a current two year certification card so you can participate in upcoming callouts.

This Drill should take approximately one half hour. All Corpsmen should attend in Tuxedos and full Regalia.

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

Captain's Report

Hello to all my Brother Knights and their Lady Knights, Well spring has sprung and the general meetings are winding down as we are in the last few months of the Columbian year. If you haven't made a general meeting, please try to attend. If you need a ride please contact me and arrangements can be made. At the last general meeting, we enjoyed sitting around the table eating pizza, laughing and enjoying each other's company.

Hopefully we will see you at the next meeting.

SK Sal Donatucci, PGK, Captain

Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues: As we approach April, we still have 45 members who have not paid their dues yet. That's 18% of our total membership, quite a large number. On April 1st, the 3rd and final notice will be mailed. Unfortunately, if these members are still unpaid by end of April, the next step is suspension.

Second & Third billing notices add additional costs to the Assembly in the form of envelopes, stationary, and postage. Your prompt response to this final notice will keep you a "member in good standing" with the 4th Degree.

If you wish to continue your membership, mail in your dues quickly. If you wish to discontinue your membership, mail in your dues notice with a note stating – "I wish to resign my membership".

Have a joyous Easter season.

SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

A Note from the Editor

There is a new email address for sending information to the editor: patriot@trilogy.net. If you need to send something via snail mail, please contact me for an address.

SK Brian O'Dowd, Editor

Candidates for 2013-2014 Columbian year

The nominations committee has assembled a roster of candidates for office in the next Columbian year:

Faithful Friar	S.K. Fr. Raymond R. Filipiski
Faithful Navigator	S.K. Salvatore Donatucci, PGK
Faithful Captain	OPEN
Faithful Admiral	S.K. William P. Bochicchio, FDD, PGK
Faithful Pilot	OPEN
Faithful Comptroller	S.K. George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN *
Faithful Purser	S.K. Severino Adel
Faithful Scribe	OPEN
Faithful Inner Sentinel	S.K. Anthony Bernice, FDD, PGK
Trustee (1 year)	S.K. Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN
Trustee (2 year)	S.K. William Connington, PGK, PFN
Trustee (3 year)	S.K. John E. Mc Gilchrist, PGK

* Temporary appointment

If you are interested in running for any of the unfilled seats, please contact a Nominating Committee member as soon as possible. The committee members are Bill Connington (201- 385 9697), Joe Nuccitelli (201-805-4576) and Vince Montagna (201-843-5329).

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Faithful Officers & Trustees 2012-2013

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
Captain:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Admiral:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Pilot:	Brian Coyle, PGK	201-488-1917
Comptroller:	George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
Purser:	Severino Adel	201-385-8529
Scribe:	Robert J. Sarao, PGK	201-303-0091
Sentinel I:	Anthony LaFranca, DD, PGK	973-476-9130
Sentinel II:	(OPEN)	
Trustee 1 yr.	Tom J. Hyer, DD, PGK, PFN	201-797-5316
Trustee 2 yr.	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Trustee 3 yr.	Bill Connington, PGK, PFN	201-385-9697

Committee Chairmen

Assembly Comm:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
20-Week Raffle:	Russ Petrocelli, DD, PGK, PFN	201-873-5879
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	Robert Sarao, PGK	201-303-0091
Meetings Social:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Membership:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Memorial Mass:	Anthony LaFranca, DD, PGK	973-476-9130
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Newsletter Editor:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
NJ Vets Home:	John McGill, GK, PFN	201-384-7511
PFN Dinner:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Sick & Wake:	Brian Coyle, PGK	201-488-1917

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Sick & Wake Report

Sir Knights, contact the editor SK Brian O'Dowd to add someone to this list. *Italic* indicates new names or a change.

Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN	SK Frank Dinneen
SK Nicholas Slade;	SK Marion Golding
SK Dick Dorozynski	SK Tony Miele, PFN
SK John Dillon, PGK	SK Bob Dondero, FDD
SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen	SK Tony Zally, PSD
SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN	SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD
SK John McGill, GK, PFN	

Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao;
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo;
Helen Wojick, cousin of SK Dick Dorozynski;
Nancy Osborne, sister of PFN John McGill, GK.
Vincenza Giunta, mother-in-law of SK B. Bochicchio, FN, FDD, PGK
Catherine Onorevole, wife of SK Richard Onorevole;
Nina DiCostanzo, wife of SK George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN

Wakes & Passings

SK Kenneth Rekuc

Willard Hollis, father of SK Charles 'Chuck' Hollis

Dates to Remember

Mon. 1st	Master's meeting 8PM at Queen of Peace, N. Arlington 194 River Road
Thur. 11th	Officers meeting 8:00PM- Color Corps Drill & Inspection (Mailing of 20 Week Club tickets)
Sun. 21 st .	Exemplification of the 4 th Degree - 12PM - Parsippany Hilton
Thur. 25	General Meeting 8PM (2 nd reading of Nominations)

Affiliate Council Reports

Trinity Council # 747 (Hackensack) is having a Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday April 19th at 7PM. Tickets are \$15 for eat-in and \$10 for take-out meals. It will be held in the Holy Trinity Church Community Room located at 43 Maple Ave in Hackensack. Call 201-657-1073 for tickets and additional information.

St. John's Council #1345 (Dumont) 40th Anniversary of the Special Children's dinner dance and show on Saturday April 27th at 7PM. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Proceeds go to charities related to those with disabilities. Contact SK G. DiCostanzo for reservations 201-338-2617.

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.

Photo Gallery



Captain Sal Donatacci presents a check to Bishop Flesey at the recent Bishop's Night.

A Call to Involvement

My Brother Knights,

As Catholic men we all joined the Knights of Columbus to be better Catholics and above all to do charity work for others. We were given the opportunity at our first degree to not join, and having decided to join we volunteered for this journey and committed ourselves to good works. As volunteers we accepted a responsibility and having accepted that responsibility are required to fulfill the obligation.

You have a responsibility and obligation to do good works. Participating in and at your Assembly may just provide the idea or incentive to get others moving toward more works of charity. If your Assembly isn't doing enough, it may be lacking your participation. Your ideas may be the start of planning and greater good for your fellow members and people in need. Charity is a responsibility to all and an obligation to every member of the Knights of Columbus. Get involved with your Assembly, get involved with your Church.

Tom Hyer, PFN

Did you know . . .

. . . Barry's not only does tuxedos, they also have suits. So if you are in need of a suit, check with them first.

Sal Donatacci, Captain

20 Week Club

Each year, Bishop O'Connor Assembly contributes to various worthy charities. During the past Columbian Year, the focus of our charity has been on military families and the residents of the Paramus Veteran's Home. Charity is one of the pillars of our Order and Patriotism is the principle of the 4th Degree.

Our only fund raiser is our "20 Week Club". The format is simple; for a \$20 ticket, your name is placed in weekly drawings for 20 weeks. Weekly, a ticket is drawn but is always returned so that it is possible for that ticket to be a winner more than once. The weekly prize is \$50.00. On the twentieth week, three (3) special \$250.00 prizes will be drawn. The total amount paid out in prizes is \$1,750.00

The first drawing will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at our monthly Assembly meeting, and you need not be present to win. The final drawing will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Past Faithful Navigators/Color Corps. Dinner. Every member has received two tickets and a reply envelope. Please fill out each ticket and return the "Assembly Copy" with your check payable to **Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647**. Tickets are \$20 each. If you should require additional tickets, please feel free to call me at 201-873-5879. Remember, you do not have to be a Knight to purchase a ticket - sell to your family and friends.

Russell D. Petrocelli, DD - 20 Week Club Chairman