

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

December 2012- January 2013

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

When the child Jesus was born, He looked openly and lovingly upon Mary and Joseph. Shortly after, he was visited and seen by angels, shepherds and three wise men. Are you really alert to our Savior – bring him a gift – yourself?

Hopefully, we are not just an Advent people. Let's not just focus on His birth time, and always be conscious – babies have made a difference in our lives; most especially, the child born years ago.

Now, from the joy of the babe of Bethlehem, be alert to January and our conviction logically of the sincere importance of the DC Right to Life march, focusing on life from conception to natural death.

Let's aim to change many dull and oblivious minds to reality!! Once again, focus on and enjoy our Savior's birth – keep growing in faith. His Peace!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope and pray everyone is ok and their lives are getting back in order after the devastation left in the path of Hurricane Sandy. So many lives were touched, so much property was damaged and such a vast interruption took place in our lives. I would have never thought in this day and age it would be possible for such a long loss of power to our homes and to business. But as always God persevered and helped us once again through those hard and difficult times.

At this time I would like to thank SK David Kuhles, PGK, PFN for all his years of service as our controller, officer and member of our fine assembly. He and his wife Marilyn will be moving out of the area, but not out of our hearts and minds. Dave has been a wonderful asset to our Assembly and personally a great help to a new officer and Navigator, may God Bless them and their family in their new home. Former Controller SK George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN has agreed to fill in as controller until a new one is found and appointed. We wish them all well.

Our assembly again is going to have another busy time starting with our Christmas party and general meeting on December 13th at 8PM. As usual our wives are invited and if anyone would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert to the event it would be appreciated. Christmas is coming shorty and it is also a great family time of joy and gift giving. Jesus's birthday is a time we should also remember those less fortunate than us and donate to food banks, help in soup kitchens or give a gift at church to the recipients of the "Giving Tree".

January brings the start of another year with our assembly meeting on January 24th at 8PM and again we would like to invite our wives to join us for refreshments after the meeting. Our Military Ball will be held on January 27th (See separate article)

On October 21, 2012 at the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree DD, PGK Anthony B. Bernice became a Sir Knight and has joined our Assembly. On behalf of the officers and men of Bishop O'Connor Assembly, I would like to welcome Tony and his wife Dorothy, and look forward to their participation in our assembly's activities.

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Faithful Navigator's Message, continued . . .

On behalf of the officers of Bishop O'Connor Assembly I would like to extend to you and your families a blessed and happy Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year.

SK Bill Bochicchio, Faithful Navigator

Assembly Commander Report

We need good Catholic Men for our Color Corps who can march in Parades and serve at churches for events.

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

Captain's Report

Hello to all my brother Knights and their Lady Knights hope all is well with everyone and I hope all is OK after the storms we've been through.

On December 13, 2012 we will have our annual General Meeting with some tasty delights. I plan on bringing a ham with some vegetables. If anyone would like to bring something, please feel free. I will have invitations in the mail. ALL our Sr. Knights and their Ladies are invited. Please come on down and join us.

On January 24th The Assembly will be holding a Memorial mass with coffee and cake afterwards. Please join us. We hope to see you at these upcoming events God Bless.

You can contact me via email at s035d@aol.com or give me a call at 201-238-0459

SK Sal Donatucci, PGK, Captain

Military Ball

The Military Ball, which was scheduled to be held on November 18, 2012, has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2013 from 3 PM to 7 PM at LaNeve's. Dinner Reservations and ads for the Ad Journal will be accepted at the Master's Meeting on January 7, 2013 which will be held at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Council #3644 in Wallington.

You can now follow the 1st NJ District on Facebook at - 1st NJ District - Fourth Degree - Knights of Columbus.

Russell D. Petrocelli, DD
Secretary to the Master - 1st NJ District

Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues: dues bills for the 2013 year will be in the mail at the end of December. The amount remains at \$20.00 per member. In addition, there will be a line item for a voluntary donation to our Chalice Fund of \$5.00 per member.

Survey Form: Enclosed in the dues mailing will be a survey form to get personal information from each member in order to update your 4th degree record at Supreme. For example: your wife's name, or next of kin, and other data. Return the form to: 4th Degree Records, P. O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628. Thanks for your cooperation.

SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

A Note from the New Editor

I would like to offer a special thank you to the previous editor of the *Patriot Messenger* – George DiCostanzo, who has worked hard to make this newsletter one of the best. I hope to continue his fine tradition of keeping our Sir Knights informed.

As we move forward, editions of the *Patriot Messenger* will also be available online at: www.trilogy.net – click on the flag to see available issues.

There is also 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

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Faithful Officer's & Trustee's 2012-2013

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Sick & Wake Report

Sir Knights, call Chairman SK Brian Coyle, PGK to add someone to the list. *Italic* indicates new names or change.

Members

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| 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 Joe Matarazzo, FDD | SK John McKay |
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Relatives & Friends

Father, Mother and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao;
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo;
Helen Wojick, cousin of SK Dick Dorozynski;
Joan Sullivan, wife of SK Ed Sullivan, PGK, PFN;
Nancy Osborne, sister of PFN John McGill, GK.
Robert Segda, father-in-law of SK Tom Schmidt;
Vincenza Giunta, mother-in-law of SK B. Bochicchio, PGK;

Wakes

Susan Sarao, sister of SK Bob Sarao

Dates to Remember

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| Sat. Dec. 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception |
| Thur. Dec. 13 | Gen Mtg 8PM (Christmas Party) All members and their wives invited |
| Tues. Dec. 25 | Christmas– Mass @ Vet's at 10AM |
| Mon. Jan. 7 | Master's Mtg 8PM @ Council #4644 in Wallington |
| Thur. Jan. 10 | Officer's Meeting 8PM |

Thur. Jan 24

Assembly Meeting 8PM Memorial
Mass after meeting -wives invited,
Refreshments served after Mass.
Military Ball 3:00-7:00 PM at La
Neve's Restaurant, Haledon

Sun. Jan. 27

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 (Dumont) is hosting its annual Christmas Party on Sat, Dec. 15th from 7-11PM. Roast turkey dinner with all the fixins. Cost is \$30.00pp. Call SK G. DiCostanzo for reservations 201-338-2617.

Photo Gallery



Bill Bochicchio congratulates FC Dave Kuhles as his tenure as our faithful comptroller ends. Thanks for your service, Dave. We will miss you. (Photo courtesy of SK Joseph Shuler)

The Sword as a Symbol

The Sword is the symbol of God's powerful Word. St. Paul is symbolized as holding a sword in his hand because of the power that came from him as he brought the word of God to the Gentiles.

In the Book of Revelation, it is written, "In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force". (1, 16)

To raise the Sword at the Eucharist is therefore a Profession of Faith that the Word of God is powerful and cuts through us to the heart.

To raise the Sword in honour of people who walk under it is like an anointing, professing our belief that every person is a unique Word of God. This is a solemn declaration of the sacredness of human life.

To raise the Sword in the Fourth Degree is always a symbol of the power of the Word of God.

- Raise your Swords in worship!
- Raise your Swords in honour of the Lord God who spoke to us!
- Raise your Swords from the hospitality of your hearts as living witnesses to the Power the Word of God has in your own life!
- Raise your Swords with dignity!
- Raise your Swords in Unison!
- Raise your Swords with discipline and vigor!
- Raise your Swords in honour of the Lord God

Provided by Trustee SK Tom Hyer

Military Ball

This year's Military Ball has been rescheduled to Sunday **January 27, 2013** at the La Neve's Restaurant 276 Belmont Ave., Haledon, NJ 07508-from 3-7PM. Dinner reservations are \$45 per person and have to be mailed to our Faithfull Controller George DiCostanzo C/O Bishop O'Connor Assembly # 647 P.O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628 by **January 2, 2013**. Please make your checks payable to **Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647**. Dress is formal and all are invited to attend this annual event. For additional information please contact our Company Commander Vince Montagna at 201-843-5329.

SK Bill Bochicchio, Faithfull Navigator

Memorial Mass

On January 27th after our regular meeting at 8:30PM, we will be celebrating our annual Memorial Mass at Trinity Council. Our Faithfull Friar Fr. Ray will be celebrating this Mass for all our deceased members and refreshments will be served after Mass. All are invited to this special service.

SK Bill Bochicchio, Faithfull Navigator