

# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



February / March 2014

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## Faithful Friar Message

*Fr. Ray is on vacation. Here are some of his thoughts from last year, at this time.*

Sir Knights,  
... to participate in the *DC March for Life*.

February is upon us with Valentine's Day, and March appears with our great and fitting acknowledgement of St. Patrick. ... With all of these "days", we find one consistent point – Love & Life!

As we celebrate the major upcoming feasts, we must be alert to the fact that each month in some way focuses on "Life". Is your life special and unique each day of the year? Or, are you a seasonal person? Let's always be alert to Him, His message, and our faith. Our Lord's love and caring for us isn't at all seasonal – it's eternal. Aware of that, let's sincerely, and daily acknowledge Him.

His Peace to all,

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## Faithful Navigator Message

Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights,  
At a *Knights of Columbus National Council* meeting in 1899, it was decided that an additional ceremonial degree was needed to represent Patriotism for our country, our community, our church and the Knights of Columbus. And on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1900 - gathered as one - 1,100 third Degree Knights assembled to make the first 4th Degree. Originally scheduled to take place at the Astor Hotel, the venue was changed to the Lenox Lyceum due to the extraordinary number of Knights that would be taking this degree. The following May in Boston, another 700+ Knights made their 4th Degree. And in 1910, a restructuring of the order was done which created the local assembly system. Today, there are over 300,000 Sir Knights and over 3,000 assemblies.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the tradition continues with the next Exemplification of the 4th Degree at the Parsippany Hilton. If you are sponsoring a brother Knight for the upcoming exemplification, please make sure they have their completed paperwork sent to the Assembly as soon as possible.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, 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*

## Spring 4th Degree Exemplification

The Exemplification is scheduled for Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are sponsoring a member, please get their paperwork in to the assembly as soon as possible. Applications must be completely filled out, include the membership number and be signed by the Financial Secretary of the participating Council before submittal.

*SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator*

## Photo Gallery



*This group shot is from the first 4<sup>th</sup> Degree held in New York in 1900.*



*Members of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly presented the colors at the Father Murray Scholarship Dinner at St. John's Council #1345 in January.*

## March Master's Meeting

The Bishop O'Connor Assembly will host the Master's Meeting on March 3rd at 8PM. Brothers, please come out to this Master's Meeting and represent your Assembly with pride. At the January meeting in Wallington, the Master announced that he will not seek another term. Therefore, there will be an election at the upcoming Biennial Convention.

*SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator*

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## Faithful Officers & Trustees 2013-2014

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipksi	201-384-0101
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## Committee Chairmen

Assembly Comm:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
20-Week Raffle:	Open	
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	Robert Sarao, PGK	201-303-0091
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PFN Dinner:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Sick & Wake:	Bill Connington, PGK, PFN	201-385-9697

\* 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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SK Brian Coyle	SK Bob Dondero, FDD
SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen	SK Tony Zally, PSD
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SK Dave Benson, PGK	SK Bill Bochicchio PFN
SK Tom Ciotti, PGK	SK John Wolfe, Jr.

## Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao  
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo  
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski  
Jill Ciotti, wife of SK Tom Ciotti, PGK.  
Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN  
Nunzia, cousin of SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

## Wakes & Passings

*Elizabeth Haubert, mother-in-law of SK Charles Hollis*

## A Note from the Faithful Navigator

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.

*SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator*

## Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] Sadie Hawkins/Valentine's Day Dance - Saturday February 15th, 2014 7-11PM. Sadie Hawkins Day is typically recognized as February 29. It rolls around once every four years (but can be celebrated annually). And the import of this unofficial holiday is that on Sadie Hawkins Day it's considered acceptable for a woman to propose to a man (or at least ask him to the dance). It's February, it's cold - come join us at the Council for a fun filled evening of dinner, dancing & companionship all rolled into one. The cost is \$30.00 per person and includes beverages. Contact Tim Hickey at 201-417-7776 for reservations.

*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.*

## Dates to Remember

### February

3 - Master's Meeting - Bayonne - Star of the Sea Council  
13 - Officer's Meeting - 8PM  
27 - General Meeting - 8PM

### March

3 - Master's Meeting - Hackensack - BOA hosts  
5 - Ash Wednesday  
13 - Officer's Meeting - 8PM  
22 - Biennial Convention - LaNeve's, Haledon (corrected)  
27 - General Meeting - 8PM  
30 - 4th Degree Exemplification - Parsippany, NJ

## Help Wanted!

The Bishop O'Connor Assembly is looking for several Sir Knights to fill the open positions of Captain, Pilot and Sentinel. Thanks to Sir Knights John McGill and Bill Connington for filling in as Captain and Pilot until we have permanently filled these positions.

If you are interested in any of these positions or want to know more about what is required, please contact our Faithful Navigator SK Sal Donatacci 201-488-9081 or 201-238-0459 or by email at s035d@aol.com

*SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator*

## Sweats for Vets



*Back row from left to right: John McGilchrist, Vince Montagna, Bill Connington, Joe Nuccitelli, Sal Donatacci (Faithful Navigator) and Bill Bochicchio. Front: Giulia Kirsch (Supervisor of Recreation) and Adrienne Whatley (Receptionist).*

On January 15th, members of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly delivered sweats to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus. "Sweats for Vets" has been a longstanding program of the Assembly, and supplies replacement cold weather clothes for our cherished Veterans during the winter months. We hope that you can make a donation for this worthy cause during the Christmas Season this year.

*SK William Bochicchio, FDD, PFN*