



# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

July / August 2015

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## Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

Aside from the great summer months and our joyous 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, have a really relaxing vacation; I know that I will.

Now, there is one major religious debate that we must not overlook. The feat of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup>. That feast, occurring on a Saturday this year, is not a holy day of obligation in the United States. But don't forget the holy mother, and your Sunday obligations.

In His peace this summer,

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

PS . . . I'll be writing to you again soon. The fall is just around the corner.

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## Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I was honored to be nominated from the floor and elected to a second term as Faithful Navigator. At the same time, I am disappointed that we get so few members at our meetings. We have 220 plus members and we cannot get 10 percent to a meeting.

There is only one meeting a month and none in July and August. To keep our Assembly healthy we do need more participation.

We are going to be offering business card size advertisements in the Patriot. It's ideal for businesses, your Councils' house rentals, catering, etc. Get in touch with Brian O'Dowd at 201-385-2859. Pricing will be announced in the next issue.

The Color Corps is in need of more members. This will not cost you any money. The cape, chapeau, sword and scabbard, service baldric for sword and carrying case are provided by the Assembly. What it will take is some of your time. You are not asked to make every call to be an active member. You have to make only 4 calls a year.

Everyone, have a happy and safe summer and please think about becoming a more active member in the Assembly by attending some meetings and/or joining the Color Corps.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK James A. Meng, Faithful Navigator*

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## Assembly Trivia

On July 25th 1901, the *Right Reverend John J. O'Connor*, pastor of St. Joseph's in Newark, was consecrated as the fourth Bishop of Newark. He served until his death on May 20th 1927. On October 8<sup>th</sup> 1927, the *Bishop O'Connor General Assembly* was chartered.

## From your Assembly Commander

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

### Future Calls:

7/18/2015 - Installation of St. John's Council 1345 Officers, @ St. John's Council Bergenfield. Muster at 2:30PM; Start Time is 3:00PM

7/25/2015 - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass @ St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster at 5PM; mass starts at 5:30PM

9/13/2015 - PFN Dinner Dance @ St. John's Council, Bergenfield. Muster at 2PM; dinner starts at 2:30PM

11/12/2015 - Confirmation Mass @ St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster at 7:00PM; 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 Corpman. 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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### Affiliate Councils

Grand Knights of our affiliate councils are invited to send announcements of their upcoming open events, sick and wake notifications, and anything else they would like to share with the Assembly.

- 0747 - Trinity
- 1345 - St. John's
- 2229 - EG Alberque
- 2586 - Chief Justice White
- 2842 - Sacred Heart
- 2861 - St. Michael's Council #2861
- 2863 - Garfield
- 3426 - Our Lady of Peace
- 7041 - Msgr. Fitzpatrick
- 11585 - St. Anthony's
- 12413 - Our Lady of Mt. Virgin

Notifications can be emailed to the editor at: patriot@trilogy.net or you can call 201-385-2859.

*SK Brian O'Dowd, Editor*

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### Faithful Officers & Trustees 2015-2016

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	James A. Meng, PGK	973-246-7137
Captain:	Richard Brown	201-294-6334
Admiral:	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Pilot:	Kenneth Carlson, PGK	201-314-8705
Comptroller:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Purser:	Tom J. Hyer, FDD, PGK, PFN	201-797-5316
Scribe:	Frank Gallacher	201-384-3402
Sentinel I:	John Tronolone	201-906-6809
Sentinel II:	Open	
Trustee 1 yr.	John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Trustee 2 yr.	Open	
Trustee 3 yr.	Salvatore Donatacci, PFN	201-238-0459

### Committee Chairmen

Assembly Cmdr:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
20-Week Raffle:	John Tronolone	201-906 6809
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	Open	
Meetings Social:	Richard Brown	201-294-6334
Membership:	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Memorial Mass:	Open	
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Newsletter Editor:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
NJ Vets Home:	Open	
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 at the home of 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.

### The Patriot Messenger

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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
SK Marion Golding	SK Dick Dorozynski
SK Bob Dondero, FDD	SK John Scalice
SK Tony Zally, PSD	<i>SK John LaRaia</i>
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK John Wolfe, Jr.
SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD	SK Peter Gallo
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<i>SK Dave Benson, PGK</i>	<i>SK John Dillon, PGK</i>
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	
John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	

#### 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

#### Wake

Rev. John F. Murray, Pastor Emeritus at St. John's Council

### Affiliate Council Reports

E. G. Alberque, Sr. Council #2229 [Ridgefield Park] will be running a Corn Roast picnic on Saturday August 29th at Veterans' Park in Ridgefield Park from 12Noon to 6PM. The cost is \$20 for adults and free for children ages 16 and under. There will be a live band and a great assortment of food including sausage & peppers, roasted chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, clams on the half shell, corn, watermelon, draft beer and soda.

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St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM to 1:30PM. Details can be found at www.kofc1345.org.

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] is hosting a family picnic and clambake on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-11PM. Details available at www.kofc1345.org.

*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

The installation of newly elected officers has not yet been scheduled by the Battalion Commander. Notification will be sent by email.

### July 2015

- 18 Callout Council #1345 Officers Installation Mass at St John's Church in Bergenfield 2:30PM
- 25 Call out St. Francis in Ridgefield Park 125th Anniversary Mass

### August 2015

- 20 Officers meeting
- TBA Installation of Assembly Officers to be announced

### 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
- 24 General Meeting – 8:00 PM

The Fall Exemplification & Military Ball is scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fiesta. Details will follow in the next issue.

### Purser's Report

#### Columbian Year 2014 to 2015

The following financial disclosure is provided in order to keep our membership informed regarding the financial condition of the Assembly.

<i>Income</i>	
Dues	3,615
Chalice Fund	1,660
Exemplification Fund	69
20 Week Club	5,640
<u>All other income</u>	<u>5,244</u>
Total Income	\$16,228
<i>Expenses:</i>	
General Expense	9,108
<u>Donations &amp; Awards</u>	<u>4,075</u>
Total Expenses	\$13,183

**SK Tom Hyer, Purser**

### Call to Service from the Supreme Council

The World Meeting of Families (September 22-25, 2015) and Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia (September 26-27, 2015) is expected to attract more than a million people to the City of Brotherly Love. Archbishop Chaput and the Philadelphia archdiocese need volunteers to welcome and assist the many visitors during the scheduled events.

As a Knight, in a spirit of service, please consider volunteering during the course of the six days of activities. Opportunities are available for a variety of tasks and events; multilingual volunteers are requested in particular to assist with translation.

Details of these and all World Meeting of Families events - as well as volunteer registration - are on the WMF website [www.worldmeeting2015.org]

### Mail Us

The Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647  
C/O Holy Trinity Church  
34 Maple Avenue  
Hackensack, NJ 07601



**Bishop O'Connor Assembly #647  
Past Faithful Navigators & Color Corps  
Dinner**

*Sunday, September 13, 2015*

*at*

*St. John's Council #1345*

*61 Armour Place*

*Dumont, NJ,*

*2:30pm to 6:30pm*

***This Dance is open to all K of C members & friends, not just 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members***

The Knights of Columbus – Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647, will host its annual Past Navigators Dinner Dance on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015. The dance will be held at Council #1345 in Dumont, starting at 2:30pm

The program will include the following:

- Honor all of our Past Faithful Navigators
- Honor all of our Color Corpsmen
- Honor the Sir Knight of the Year
- Honor the Color Corpsman of the Year
- Select the final 3 Grand Prize awards of the 20-week raffle
- A guest speaker from our Military, either current or retired
- A souvenir long-stem rose for each of our Ladies
- A flag for everyone to display in our Salute to the Military parade

The evening will feature a Hot Dinner, Beverages, Coffee, and Dessert. Cost is \$40.00 per person; \$75.00 per couple. Music entertainment by DJ Rich. For tickets, please fill out the form at bottom and return it to the address below. For further information, please contact **SK George DiCostanzo, PFN at 201-338-2617.**

***Reservations deadline is Sunday, Sept.5, 2015. Call me first, then mail your payment and form.***

**Mail to: PFN Dinner Dance  
70 Dulles Drive  
Dumont, NJ 07628**

**Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 per couple = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] check enclosed. Made payable to Bishop O'Connor Assembly.