



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

July / August 2016

*"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"
Be a Proud Catholic American citizen.*

Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

The summer is here; July and August are really upon us. Our waiting for full relaxation is over. But wait – hope we will never (even in summertime) put our Lord on the “back burner”.

We never, in all of scripture, hear of Jesus taking a vacation from his ministry of our salvation. We, His people, should never relax away from Him. Hopefully, we don't just give Jesus mere lip service now and then.

I could write more, and we could read more – instead – let's be really alert and enjoy our summer with the Lord, not without Him.

A summer loving brother . . .

His peace always!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

It is an honor and a privilege to have been elected to serve as Faithful Navigator of Bishop O'Connor Assembly # 647 for the new Columbian year. I also want to thank Past Faithful Navigator James Meng for his leadership these past two years. Jim, please also thank Lady Carol for graciously allowing you to serve and promote our Order.

I look forward to working with you and all of the new and past Officers to continue our mission of promoting Patriotism through the Fourth Degree.

May you all have a restful, safe and blessed summer.

Vivat Jesus,

Silvio Sartori FDD, PGK Faithful Navigator

Past Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

It has been my honor and pleasure to have been the Faithful Navigator of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647 for the past two years. I thank all of my officers for their help and cooperation.

I would like to introduce our next Faithful Navigator, Silvio Sartori. He is a former District Deputy of District 11, Past Grand Knight of Msgr. Robert G. Fitzpatrick Council #7041 of Hasbrouck Heights and Past President of the Bergen Federation. I hope all of you will support him as you have supported me.

With the summer coming I would like to remind you to try to bring in new members because the fall Exemplification is right around the corner. It will be held on November 20th at the Fiesta in Wood Ridge and we will be incorporating it with the

(continued)

Military Ball again this year.

Please hold the date, October 15th, for the Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner. All information will be in the September Patriot.

Have a good summer.

Vivat Jesus!

James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator

From your Outgoing Assembly Commander

Brother Knights,

Thank you all very much for you service. Since the last report, we had seven calls and mustered thirty nine men. Keep up the good work. We must keep in mind that we are a Pro Life Organization first and foremost.

Future Calls:

7/3/2016 - First Mass at home parish @ St. Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 11AM, Mass starts at 11:30

7/16/2016 - Installation of Officers Mass and Dinner for Council #1345 @ St. Mary's Church, Dumont. Muster is 2:30PM, Mass is at 3PM. Dinner to follow at the Council.

7/23/2016 - 125th Anniversary Closing Mass at St. Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 5PM, Mass starts at 5:30.

8/23/2016 - Installation of Assembly Officers of the 2nd Battalion, at St. Ann's Council #2853, 16-16 Maple Ave. Fair Lawn. Muster is 7:30PM, Start is 8PM.

10/2/2016 - St. Joseph Church 100th Anniversary Closing Mass at St. Joseph Church, Bogota. Muster 9:30AM. Mass starts at 10AM.

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 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 Jim Meng 973-246-7137 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.

Many thanks to all of my brother Sir Knights for putting your faith in me and allowing me to lead a fine group of men over the past 20 years as your Assembly Commander. It was truly an honor and a pleasure for me.

I pass the reins over to a dedicated Sir Knight, James A. Meng. Please give him your support. Jim did a very good job for two years as our Faithful Navigator and I am sure that he will do the same as our Assembly Commander. Good luck Jim.

*SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329
vincentmontagna@aol.com*

The Patriot Messenger

July / August 2016

Faithful Officers & Trustees 2016-2017

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-3629
Captain:	John Tronolone	201-906-6809
Admiral:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
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>Open</i>	
Trustee 1 yr.	John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Trustee 2 yr.	Salvatore Donatacci, PFN	201-238-0459
Trustee 3 yr.	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576

Committee Chairmen

Assembly Cmdr:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
20-Week Raffle:	John Tronolone	201-906-6809
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	<i>Open</i>	
Meetings Social:	Richard Brown	201-294-6334
Membership:	Joseph Nuccitelli, PFN	201-805-4576
Memorial Mass:	<i>Open</i>	
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
Newsletter Editor:	Brian O'Dowd	201-385-2859
NJ Vets Home:	<i>Open</i>	
PFN Dinner:	George DiCostanzo PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
Sick & Wake:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-3629

The monthly general meeting of the Bishop O'Connor Assembly is held at 8PM on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July & August) at 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. *If you're late, behind the railing, on the left side of the gymnasium is a button, located under the lintel at the corner of the window. Reach over the railing and press the button. Go back to the door and await the guard to escort you to the chamber.*

The Patriot Messenger

Published regularly by the Bishop O'Connor Assembly #0647
Editor: SK Brian O'Dowd - Email: patriot@trilogy.net. The preferred method of contact is by email, however you can also call 201-385-2859 to contact the editor. View our newsletter on the web at www.trilogy.net – click on the flag.

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 William Horn
SK Tony Zally, PSD	SK Tom Trank, PGK
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK Matt Connell
SK James "Jim" McEntee	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	SK Peter Gallo
SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	SK Severino "Jun" Adel
SK Brian O'Dowd	
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	

Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski
Nunzia, cousin of PGK George DiCostanzo
Mazie Shuler, wife of SK Joseph Shuler
Gloria Horn, wife of SK William Horn
Donna Hayes, wife of PFN Matt Hayes

Wakes

SK Dominick Leon

From Your Comptroller

I mailed all the Final Notice 2016 dues bills out on March 11th 2016. We have 9 members who still have not paid their dues. These 9 members are in a retention status. Please do not wait to be suspended.

(continued)

The sooner you send in your dues, the sooner I will mail your 2016 membership card to you. Remember that every additional mailing costs the Assembly. Please help by paying your dues on the First Notice in the future. If you are on tough times please contact any Officer or come to a meeting to discuss your situation.

Thank you, God Bless and Happy 4th of July!

SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329
vincentmontagna@aol.com

Affiliate Council Reports

Your event could be listed here! 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

July, 2016

7 – Audit/Officer's Meeting 8PM

August, 2016

18 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM

23 – Assembly Installation – Fair Lawn

September, 2016

8 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM

9 – Master's Meeting

22 – General Meeting – 8PM

October, 2016

3 – Master's Meeting

13 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM

15 – PFN Dinner – Ridgefield Park

27 – General Meeting – 8PM

November, 2016

7 – Master's Meeting

10 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM

20 – Fall Exemplification at *The Fiesta*

December, 2016

1 – Memorial Mass followed by General Meeting

20 Week Club News

Drawings for the 20 Week Club have begun. Tickets were mailed to all members along with a reminder letter for those who haven't responded. The ticket price remains the same at \$20 each. The Grand Prize drawing will be held at the PFN Dinner on October 15th. There's still time to participate! Please make your returns as quickly as possible. If you would like more tickets please give me a call @ 201-906-6809 or email johngodslove1@verizon.net.

SK John A. Tronolone

The Good of the Order

Congratulations to SK Anthony LaFranca who was ordained as a Permanent Deacon by Archbishop Myers. He is assigned to St. Joseph's in Lodi.

Nominating Committee

Worthy Sir Knights,

The Assembly Officers for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year have been elected as shown in the column to the left. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to find a Sir Knight to fill the role of Inner Sentinel. If you are ready and able to serve and guide the future of the Assembly, please contact me directly.

SK Frank Gallacher, Nominating Committee Chairman
fgallacher4@aol.com - 201-957-2683