



# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

July / August 2017

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

## *Faithful Friar Message*

Sir Knights,

The months of July and August are at times really tough to focus on! Yet summer is firmly here. Let's all happily get set for barbecues, vacation trips, shore visits and still never (no matter what month) forgetting church.

We are away at times from our 9-5 jobs, thank heaven. Still, with summer upon us, let's not forget "home help", "kid monitoring" and at times "couch potato-ing".

Finally, as we relax with our "face time", we should not ever (as mentioned above) never, ever when on vacation, remove God from our lives. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are never on vacation; their vacation is joyfully attending to us. Now, without God on the "back burner", let's relax.

His peace always!

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## *Faithful Navigator Message*

Brother Knights,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Faithful Navigator. I am confident that we will continue to grow our numbers and pursue our mission to promote Patriotism guided by our Catholic values.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our immediate Past Faithful Navigator Silvio Sartori. Congratulations Silvio! I look forward to another great year for our Assembly.

I wish you and your families a glorious summer.

Vivat Jesus,

*Frank Gallacher, PGK, Faithful Navigator*

## *From Your Comptroller*

I hope everyone had a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The **Final Dues Notices** were mailed out on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Sad to say I still have fourteen members who have not paid their dues.** The Bishop O'Connor Assembly has the lowest dues than most of the Assemblies in our District.

Please do not wait to be sent a Suspended Notice. We do not want to suspend anyone, so the sooner you send in your dues the sooner I will mail your 2017 membership card to you. Remember every additional mailing adds costs the Assembly. Please help by paying your dues on the First Notice in the future. If you are on tough times please contact me or any Officer or come to a meeting to discuss your situation.

**The Officers of the Assembly have decided that any member who is delinquent in his dues for (2) years will be suspended. Please check your Final Notices and see if this applies to you. I will not send any more until December, which will be for 2018 dues.**

Thank you, God Bless!

*SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329  
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## *Past Faithful Navigator Message*

Worthy Sir Knights,

It has been an honor and a humbling experience serving as Faithful Navigator of Bishop O'Connor Assembly this past Columbian year 2016/17. I wish our new Faithful Navigator Frank Gallacher good luck and all of my support for the upcoming Columbian year. Frank, please don't hesitate to consult with me or the other Officers of the Assembly when you need help or guidance, we have your back!

I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to all of the Officers who have served with me this past year; thank you for your confidence in me and for all of your help along the way. Although we didn't accomplish all that I had originally planned for the year, I look back and remember the successful 20 Week Club raffle, the Past Faithful Navigator Dinner, the Color Corp call outs we participated in, the Memorial Mass, the Christmas Party and going to the Veterans Home with the donations of clothing and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications where we welcomed 10 new Sir Knights to our Assembly.

Have a safe and restful summer and please join us in September at our first meeting of the new Columbian year.

Vivat Jesus!

*Silvio Sartori FDD & PFN*

## *Dates to Remember*

*July 27<sup>th</sup> - Officers Meeting*

*August 17<sup>th</sup> - Officers Meeting*

*August 26<sup>th</sup> - Installation of 2nd Battalion Assembly Officers at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Park Ridge.*

*September 7<sup>th</sup> - Officers Meeting*

*September 11<sup>th</sup> - Masters Meeting at La Neve's Restaurant, 246 Belmont Avenue in Haledon*

*September 28<sup>th</sup> - Bergen Federation & Chapter Kick-Off Dinner at St. John's Council #1345 in Dumont.*

*September 28<sup>th</sup> - Assembly meeting at 8PM*

*October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Masters Meeting at St. Joseph Council #3814, 199 River Road in New Milford*

*November 5<sup>th</sup> - PFN Dinner at St. John's Council #1345 in Dumont.*

*November 6<sup>th</sup> - Masters Meeting at Rahway Council #1146, 80 Inman Ave. in Rahway*

*November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day observed and the actual holiday - Fly the Flag!*

*November 19<sup>th</sup> - Exemplification of 4th Degree and Military Ball at La Neve's Restaurant, 246 Belmont Ave in Haledon*

## *Past Issues of the Patriot Messenger*

Brothers,

Past issues of the *Patriot Messenger* are available online at [www.trilogy.net](http://www.trilogy.net). Just click on the flag.

*SK Brian O'Dowd, Editor*

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### Faithful Officers & Trustees 2016-2017

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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.*

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### Sick & Wake Report

Please contact our FN Silvio Sartori at 201-906-3629 to add someone to this list.

*Italics* indicates new names or a change.

#### Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN	SK William Horn
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SK David Torebka, FDD	
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#### Relatives & Friends

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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  
Marie Petrocelli, mother of Master Russ Petrocelli  
William Sartori, Father of Silvio Sartori, FN  
The wife of SK John McGilchrist  
Peter Dondero, son of SK Bob Dondero, FDD  
Adisson Rose, granddaughter of SK Barry Bernard FDD, PFN

#### Wakes

None . . .

Please keep those listed here and all of our brother Knights and their families in your daily prayers.

### Assembly Commander Message

I am happy to report that three of our four new Sir Knights who took their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in April have joined the Color Corps: Francisco Rodriguez, John McHugh and William Flores. George Gagnon has shown interest and may join in the future.

We were involved in 11 Call Outs in May and June: 6 for our Assembly and 5 Regimental. The Regimental Call Outs were for the Pride in the Priests Dinner and 4 involved the State Convention. The Assembly Call Outs were: Confirmation at Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park, a May Crowning at St. Francis, Ridgefield Park, Blue Mass at Assumption Church, Wood Ridge, a Veteran's Mass at Corpus Christie, Hasbrouck Heights, the 90 Anniversary of Assumption Church, Wood Ridge and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park.

We have 6 Call Outs upcoming: 7/15 Installation of State Officers and District Deputies at the Cathedral in Newark, 7/22 Installation of St. John's Council #1345 at St. Mary's Church, Dumont and Dinner at St. John's Council, 8/26 Installation of Assembly Officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Park Ridge, 9/9 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, Corpus Christie, Hasbrouck Heights, 10/15 First Annual 1<sup>st</sup> NJ District Communion Breakfast, St. Leo's Church, Elmwood Park and 11/19 Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Military Ball at LaNeve's, Haledon.

As always, anyone interested in becoming a Corpsman will be outfitted with a full set of regalia, at no cost other than a \$75.00 refundable deposit upon the return of equipment. The larger the pool of Corpsmen will make the less work for everyone.

Vivat Jesus!

*James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator*

### Photo Gallery



*At the 100th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church in Rochelle Park. Pictured are SK Silvio Sartori PFN, SK Edward Sullivan PFN, Bishop John Flessey, SK Francisco Rodriguez, SK Innocent Amaefule and SK William Flores.*



*New Fourth Degree Members - At our regular meeting on June 22nd, we gave the new members from April's Fourth Degree their certificates from the Exemplification. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Pictured here, left to right, are Faithful Navigator, Silvio Sartori, new Sir Knights, William Flores, George Gagnon, John McHugh, Francisco Rodriguez and incoming Faithful Navigator, Frank Gallagher, PGK.*