



# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

March / April 2016

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

## **Faithful Friar Message**

Sir Knights,

In the next few months, a true variety of faith-filled celebrations occur. I'd like to share a few of these special acknowledgements with you.

Of course, we are all aware of the Feast Day of St. Patrick on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter on March 27<sup>th</sup>, and a day that not many are alert to – the Feast of St. George on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In Ireland, St. Patrick was at times noted as the one who drove the snakes from the city. Well, Ireland has no snakes. That title was quietly addressed to all non-believers – who were seen as wiped out by St. Patrick and sincere Christians!

When acknowledging Easter, it was often seen as "party time". Yet, as Roman Catholics, it is best known as Resurrection Sunday". Sure, the title of "Easter" is fine, yet it is more than a title day. Finally, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. George. He shared his faith, and was put to death for it! It is often written that he slew dragons. It actually meant that he dragged unbelievers from ignorance, to belief in Jesus.

Also, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the pastoral feast of His Holiness, Pope Francis. Fittingly, please include the Holy Father in your prayers.

Finally, all of these dates should strengthen our faith – let it grow!

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## **Faithful Navigator Message**

Brother Knights,

As we start the Lenten season, I think back to when I was young and it was about sacrificing what you enjoyed such as candy, cake, smoking, etc. In the last few years the focus has been on doing things to help other people or doing things that you usually do not do such as daily Mass or saying the Rosary every day. Whichever you do, sacrificing things you like or sacrificing your time, be sure you do something to ready your mind and spirit for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Right after Easter we will be having our Spring Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, Sunday, April 17. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Fourth Degree and wishing information please give them my phone number (973) 246-7137 or my email address [pepsijimcarol@verizon.net](mailto:pepsijimcarol@verizon.net). I will gladly give them all the information they need and get them the form 400 to sign them up.

There will be a change in the general meeting date for March. It will be held on March 31 because the fourth Thursday in March is Holy Thursday. The April meeting will be April 21, the fourth Thursday.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK James A. Meng, Faithful Navigator*

## **From your Assembly Commander**

Brother Knights,

Thank you all very much for your service. We had two calls and mustered eight men as of February 17<sup>th</sup>. Keep up the good work. We must keep in mind that we are a Pro Life Organization first and foremost.

*Future Calls:*

3/24/2016 - Holy Thursday Mass at St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 7PM, Mass starts at 7:30PM.

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

10/2/2016 - St. Joseph Church 100th Anniversary Closing Mass, 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 Corp sman. 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 not 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  
vincentmontagna@aol.com*

## **Nominating Committee**

Worthy Sir Knights,

The time has come to select a new slate of officers for the upcoming Columbian Year. As you read this message, the Nominating Committee will have started the process of reviewing potential candidates. Please note we are still in need of Sir Knights to participate. If you are ready to increase your participation and guide the future of the Assembly, please contact me directly.

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

## **Membership Email Addresses**

We are collecting the email addresses of the membership for fast communication when there is a special event, wake call, etc. This may also be used in the future for more timely distribution of the Patriot Messenger. Simply send an email to [vincentmontagna@aol.com](mailto:vincentmontagna@aol.com) and include your full name in the content of the message.

*SK Brian O'Dowd, editor*

## The Patriot Messenger

March / April 2016

### 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:	<i>Open</i>	
Trustee 1 yr.	John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Trustee 2 yr.	<i>Open</i>	
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:	<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:	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 (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.

### 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 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 John Dillon, PGK
SK James "Jim" McEntee	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	SK Peter Gallo
SK George DiCostanzo, PFN, PGK	
SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	

#### 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

#### Wakes

*None.*

### From Your Comptroller

I mailed all the Second Notice 2016 dues bills out on February 5th 2016. The sooner you send in your dues, the sooner I will mail your 2016 membership card to you. Remember that every additional mailing that I do costs the Assembly additional money. Please help by paying your dues on the First Notice in the future. If you are having tough times please contact any Officer or come to a meeting to discuss your situation. Thank you and God Bless

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

### Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – St. Patrick's Dinner Dance - "Irish Night" - It's never too late to celebrate the luck o' the Irish! This year Irish Night will be held on April 2, 2016 from 7PM – 11PM. As always, we will be having corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, scones and beverages. Come down and enjoy the live music of *Frankie Curran and the Evergreens*. Thanks as always for your support. Reservations required! Call Ken at 516-220-9333 or email your reservation information to kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

**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.

### Newsletter News

In order to have timely delivery of the *Patriot Messenger*, reports and news releases need to be sent to the editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Issues are published for January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December.

If you know of any member who should be on the sick & wake list, please contact SK William Connington by phone or email patriot@trilogy.net with the information. And finally, affiliate Councils are invited to submit events for listing in the *Patriot Messenger* if they are open to outside attendance. Send your press releases to patriot@trilogy.net for inclusion, as space permits.

SK Brian O'Dowd, editor

### Dates to Remember

#### March, 2016

- 7 - Master's Mtg. – Star of the Sea Bayonne
- 10 - Officer's Mtg. – 8PM
- 19 - Biennial Convention of the 1st District at The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave. Woodland Park
- 21-27 - Holy Week
- 31 - General Mtg – 8PM (\*1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Nominations)

#### April, 2016

- 4 - Master's Meeting at Bishop O'Connor #647, Hackensack 8PM
- 14 - Officer's Mtg. – 7:30PM (\*Mailing of 20 Week Club Tickets)
- 17 - 4th Degree Exemp. at Sheraton Tara - Parsippany
- 28 - General Meeting – 8PM (\*\*2nd Reading of Nominations)

#### May, 2016

- 2 - Master's Mtg. – St. Matthew's Ridgefield
- 5 - Officer's Mtg. – 8PM
- 13/14 - State Convention, Wildwood, NJ
- 19 - Pride in the Priests Dinner at The Terrace in Paramus, NJ
- 26 - General Meeting – 8PM (\*\*Election of Officers)

### Photo Gallery



The combined Color Corps of the Bishop O'Connor and Pope John XXIII East Assemblies represented the Knights of Columbus well at the recent installation of Father Steven Carey at St. Mary's Church in Dumont. Fr. Carey, himself a Knight, transferred from Madonna parish in Fort Lee to St. Mary's.