

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



May / June 2013

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

As I was preparing this article, focusing on May and June, a truly interesting point really thrust into my thoughts. During the next two months, we celebrate many festive days - Ascension Thursday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day & Father's Day. Surely, each day has a joyous highlight, yet each day stresses in its own way the fact that we are family!

Specifically, all of the celebrations center around Ascension Thursday - the day of glory stressing the rising of Jesus Christ to Our Father. As members of His family, aware of the many special days, let us constantly be alert to His call of "Follow Me". May and June are months that properly stress that element. Those two months toss at us one unifying point we are always called to realize - we are part of His Family each day, month and year. As family, let us move closer to Our Father each day. As summer rapidly approaches, many activities and restful vacations are upon us; being members of His Family, let us not overlook Him.

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

On April 21 we had the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree, and our Assembly has seven new members. The new Sir Knights are: Steven J. Cusmano, Timothy J. McHale, Patrick H. McHale, Randy R. Dunkin, John A. Hernandez, George C. Semler and Nicholas Vozzella. These new Sir Knights enjoyed an excellent Exemplification as well as a great dinner and dancing. Another highlight of the day was the choosing of the "Sir Knight of the Year". Our own Assembly Commander Vincent Montagna, FDD, PFN was this year's proud recipient. This was a well-deserved honor and it was a wonderful event for those who attended.

Our slate of officers for the Columbian year 2013-2014, is in need of a Captain, Pilot, Comptroller and a Sentinel. So if anyone is interested in getting information on any of these positions, please contact our nominating chairman Vince Montagna at 201-843-5329.

On May 17th and 18th our annual Knights of Columbus State Convention will take place in Wildwood. It's a great time to join your fellow Knights, their wives and families in a beautiful shore setting. The Convention takes place at the Wildwood Convention Center on Friday May 17th and Saturday May 18th. It should prove to be interesting as a new slate of officers will be presented and voted upon. Even if you just make a day trip of it a good time is usually enjoyed by all who attend.

PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE YOUR 20 WEEK CLUB TICKETS; THIS IS OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR. For additional tickets, contact DD, PFN Russ Petrocelli at 201-873-5879.

At our May 23rd Meeting we will be inviting our new Sir Knights and their wives to join us, so they can be presented with their 4th Degree certificates and we can enjoy a snack and beverage together after the meeting. That night is also our election of officers for the Columbian Year 2013-2014, please plan on attending so we can all congratulate our new officers; and wish them a great year in office.

On June 27th we will enjoy our last meeting of the Columbian year, looking forward to July & August so we can all enjoy summer with our families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the great honor you bestowed on me as your Faithful Navigator, I have enjoyed this time and look forward to serving the Assembly next year as the Faithful Admiral.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bill Bochicchio, Faithful Navigator

Assembly Commander Report

Since our last Report, we had (8) calls and mustered (49) men. GOOD JOB! Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work.

If any Sir Knight is interested joining the Color Corps, please contact me or any other corpsman. We always need men and Bishop O'Connor will furnish the regalia that you will need on a loan basis. Corpsmen, if you are not meeting your required four calls per fraternal year or are not interested in staying in the Color Corps at this time, please turn in your regalia ASAP, so we can use it for active corpsmen. 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, A/C, 201-843-5329

Captain's Report

As we wind down this Columbian year, please come down to our next general meeting for something tasty to eat and good some laughs. If you need a ride, please contact me and arrangements can be made. I hope to see you there!

Hopefully we will see you at the next meeting.

SK Sal Donatacci, PGK, Captain

Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues: At this late date, we still have 17 members who have not yet paid their dues. That's sad because so many attempts have been made to contact these members, and yet, we have no response at all. Our Captain and Trustees will make one final attempt by telephone. If these members are still unpaid in June, they will be suspended.

Email List: The survey information you sent in with your dues is being updated to the file system. We have an 'email notification list'; and if you have email, your name is being added to this list. From time to time, you will receive emails from me on Catholic issues, sick and wake notices, and other information of note.

Finally, I am stepping down as Controller effective June 30th. We are still looking for a replacement. If interested, please contact SK Sal Donatacci at 201-238-0459. Candidates must be computer literate and clerically organized.

SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

A Note from the Editor

There is a new email address for sending information to the editor: patriot@trilogy.net. If you need to send something via snail mail, please contact me for an address.

SK Brian O'Dowd, Editor

20 Week Club

Tickets for this year's 20 Week Club raffle have been mailed and returns are coming in quickly. If you need additional tickets, please contact Chairman Russell Petrocelli at RDPetro@aol.com and he will get them to you. This is the only fund raiser that the Assembly asks you to support, so please ask your family and friends to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$20.00 each and you are entered in 20 weekly drawings for \$50 and 3 Grand Prize drawings of \$250. Thank you for your support.

Russell D. Petrocelli, DD - 20 Week Club Chairman

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Faithful Officers & Trustees 2012-2013

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PGK	201-385-9015
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20-Week Raffle:	Russ Petrocelli, DD, PGK, PFN	201-873-5879
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	Robert Sarao, PGK	201-303-0091
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Sick & Wake Report

Sir Knights, contact the editor SK Brian O'Dowd to add someone to this list. *Italic* indicates new names or a change.

Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN	SK Frank Dinneen
SK Nicholas Slade;	SK Marion Golding
SK Dick Dorozynski	SK Tony Miele, PFN
SK John Dillon, PGK	SK Bob Dondero, FDD
SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen	SK Tony Zally, PSD
SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN	SK Joe Matarazzo, FDD
SK John McGill, GK, PFN	

Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao;
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo;
Helen Wojick, cousin of SK Dick Dorozynski;
Nancy Osborne, sister of PFN John McGill, GK.
Catherine Onorevole, wife of SK Richard Onorevole;
Nina DiCostanzo, wife of SK George DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN

Wakes & Passings

SK Kenneth ReKuc
Willard Hollis, father of SK Charles 'Chuck' Hollis
Vincenza Giunta, mother-in-law of SK B. Bochicchio, FN, FDD, PGK
Amy Rivera, sister of SK Larry Rivera

Dates to Remember

This month's important dates to remember can be found in the Faithful Navigator's message on the other side of this newsletter.

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 (Dumont) Beef & Brew Dinner-Dance
Saturday, June 1st - Our annual 'casual' end of the Columbian Year party. This year we will have live entertainment provided by *In-Harmony* a 50-60's band. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Call George D at 201-338-2617 for your 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.

Photo Gallery



SK Vince Montagna, recognized as Sir Knight Of the Year at the spring Exemplification.



At the spring Exemplification, (L to R) are Patrick H. McHale, Timothy J. McHale, Stephen I. Cusmano, Navigator Bill Bochicchio, George c. Semler, Randy R. Dunkin and John A. Hernandez. Not shown is Nicholas Vozzella - all the newest members of Bishop O'Connor Assembly.

PFN & Corpsmen Dinner dance

This year Bishop O'Connor Assembly will hold its Past Faithful Navigator and Color Corps Dinner Dance at St. John's Council in Dumont on September 21, 2013.

We will be honoring all Past Faithful Navigators. Our Honoree for the evening will be SK William Bohicchio, PFN.

The event will start at 7PM and consist of hot buffet and include beer, wine, soda and Dessert, with music by SK John Wolfe from 7-11PM. Our special guest speaker will be a navy corpsman, Petty Officer James Cava, Retired.

The cost of the dinner is \$35.00, Please contact Sal Donatacci 201-488-9081 or Vince Montagna at 201-843-5329

From your Assembly Commander

Future Call - 6/2/13 - Feast of Corpus Christi Mass at Holy Trinity Church - 34 Maple Avenue, in Hackensack. Muster is at noon and Mass starts at 12:30PM.

Note for 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 properly, you may not get your request approved in time.

SK Vince Montagna, A/C, 201-843-5329