



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

May / June 2016

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

Our year is rapidly unfolding, but our acknowledgement and involvement in every day of every month should never evaporate quickly. Not just in May and June should we acknowledge Mary for her aid and to honor her Son.

The month of May is often called "Mary's Month". That title draws on the attention to the "crowning" of Mary, the mother of God. May includes Mother's Day (Mary is mother to us all), and Memorial Day weekend. It's not just our national celebration, but also faith and joy of this day.

With all of the sincere acknowledgements of Mary, do not overlook the priestly ordinations this month. Currently, vocations to the priestly ministry are decreasing, and once again – as in all areas of life, prayer is needed.

Surely, much could be shared about June, whether it be Father's Day (God is the Father of us all) or any day. Still, as monthly acknowledgement passes by, all faith should never evaporate. Summer is almost upon us. Christmas is past and so is Easter. Hopefully, our awareness of honoring Mary and Jesus never falters. Summer is coming with its relaxation, fun and barbecues. Enjoy the time, and enjoy Him. Have a great summer!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

On Sunday April 17th, the spring Exemplification of the 4th Degree was held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany. The Bishop O'Connor Assembly grew with five new Sir Knights taking the Degree. Frank Fondano, Louis Labetti, and Raymond Merkovsky from St. John's #1345, Frank Lepre from St. Anthony's #11585 and Jeff Wenckus from E. G. Albuquerque, Sr., #2229 all became Sir Knights. In all, the Assembly was represented by eighteen Sir Knights and their guests at the banquet.

In May, we will have the Election of Officers for the fraternal year 2016-2017. All members are encouraged to attend the May 26th meeting at 8PM in the Assembly meeting room, located in the basement of the Trinity School (see the other side for directions).

The New Jersey State KofC Convention will be held on May 13-14th in Wildwood. I hope to see many of you there and if you are a member of the Color Corps, please bring your regalia for the opening and closing Masses.

Vivat Jesus,

SK James A. Meng, Faithful Navigator

From your Assembly Commander

Brother Knights,

Thank you all very much for your 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:

5/1/2016 - May Crowning Mass @ St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 11AM, Mass starts at 11:30.

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 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 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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Nominating Committee

Worthy Sir Knights,

The Nominating Committee is still working on the slate of officers for the upcoming Columbian Year. Please note we are still in need of Sir Knights to participate as two key positions are still open. 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
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20 Week Club News

The 20 Week Club is about to begin. Tickets are in the mail to all members. The ticket price remains the same at \$20 each. The first drawing is scheduled for May 21st. The Grand Prize drawing will be held at the PFN Dinner on October 15th. 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

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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
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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. *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 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	<i>SK Matt Connell</i>
SK James "Jim" McEntee	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	SK Peter Gallo
SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	<i>SK Severino "Jun" Adel</i>
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 John T. Dillon, PGK

From Your Comptroller

I mailed all the Final Notice 2016 dues bills out on March 11th 2016. We have 17 members who still have not paid their dues. These 17 members are in a retention status. Please do not wait to be suspended. The sooner
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that you send in your dues, the sooner I will mail your 2016 membership card to you. Remember every additional mailing costs the Assembly. 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

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Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – Fr. John F. Murray Scholarship Dance is being held on Sunday May 22nd from 2-6PM. This dance helps to fund the Fr. Murray and our council scholarships. This special event begins with a Memorial Mass celebrating the first year anniversary of Fr. Murray's passing. Dinner includes Bar-B-Que fare, with dancing for your enjoyment, coffee, tea, and dessert. The cost is \$30 per person, reservations required. Call or text Ken at 516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com

St. Michaels Council #2861 [Lodi] is having an indoor flea market and garage sale on Sunday June 5th running from 9AM to 4PM. Admission is free and it is \$25 a table to sell anything. Refreshments will be available. Anyone interested please call Bob Sarao 201-303-0091. New vendors are welcome. Call Mike at (201) 257 2397 for information.

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

April, 2016

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 Priests Dinner at *The Terrace* in Paramus, NJ

26 - General Meeting – 8PM (**Election of Officers)

June, 2016

6 - Master's Mtg. – Somerville

10 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM

24 – General Meeting – 8PM

The Good of the Order

Congratulations to Barbara and PFN Bill Connington on the birth of their 9th grandchild, Cheyenne Marie, born on April 6th.

Memorial Day is on May 30th. If your local Council is marching in a Memorial Day parade, why not fulfill your patriotic duty as a member of the 4th Degree and join them!

Photo Gallery



At the Spring Exemplification, we welcomed five new Sir Knights. From left to right - PFN Sal Donatacci, PFN Joseph Nuccitelli, New SK Frank Lepre, New SK Jeff Wenckus, SK James Meng FN, New SK Louis Labetti, New SK Frank Fondano, PFN George DiCostanzo, and New SK Raymond Merkovsky.