



# The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

November / December 2015

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

## **Faithful Friar Message**

Sir Knights,

Time flies with both Thanksgiving and Christmas rapidly approaching. These two days are often joyously celebrated, yet quickly forgotten. They unravel with parades, decorations and gifts; yet at times – giving thanks for Christ in Christmas is quickly overlooked.

With all of the fanfare of these days, we should realize that they are interestingly related - we give thanks for Christmas! Yet we need to be sincerely alert that our Savior is not confined to mere holidays only. He is always with us; are we alert to Him daily?

I could write much more about each day, yet I'd like to conclude with a quote from a saint – "Always be aware of the crèche, not the crush".

In His peace - daily, not seasonally!

*Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar*

## **Faithful Navigator Message**

Brother Knights,

We are coming to two of our busiest months, November and December.

November we have our Memorial Mass on November 19th at 7:30PM in the Chapel behind the main church at Holy Trinity in Hackensack, followed by our regular meeting in the Assembly meeting room. On November 22nd the Fall Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Military Ball will be held at the Fiesta, Route 17 South, in Wood Ridge, NJ. The day will start with the candidates check in at 12 noon, the Degree starting at 1:00PM, cocktail hour at 3:00PM. The Military Ball and Exemplification dinner will start at 4:00PM. Any questions, call Jim Meng at (973) 246-7137.

Thursday, November 26th is Thanksgiving Day. I hope everyone can gather with family for a celebration of the past year.

December will bring the anticipation of the Birth of Christ and the start of a new year. The Assembly's Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 10th at the Assembly meeting hall at 8:00PM.

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As usual, please bring a gift for the Veterans' home in Paramus such as sweats, warm socks, etc. (large sizes). These will be delivered and distributed to our Veterans who live at the home. I wish to extend my wish that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed and Merry Christmas as we look forward to the excitement of a New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

*SK James A. Meng, Faithful Navigator*

## **From your Assembly Commander**

Thank you all very much for your service. Keep up the good work. Thanks to all who attended the Walk for Life on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We must keep in mind that we are a Pro Life Organization first and foremost.

### *Future Calls:*

11/12/2015 - Confirmation Mass at St Francis Church, Ridgefield Park. Muster is 7PM. Mass starts at 7:30PM.

11/19-2015 - Memorial Mass for deceased members at Holy Trinity Chapel. Muster is 7PM. Mass starts at 7:30PM.

**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 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  
vincentmontagna@aol.com*



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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.

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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.

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### Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao  
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski  
Diane Olivo, daughter of PGK George DiCostanzo.  
Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of PGK G. DiCostanzo.  
Nunzia, cousin of PGK George DiCostanzo  
Mazie Shuler, wife of SK Joseph Shuler

### Wakes

*Janet Jacobsen, wife of SK Ferdinand Jacobsen, PGK (deceased)*

### Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 [Dumont] – Annual Christmas celebration including a visit from everyone's favorite jolly guy. Saturday December 12 from 7-11PM. Details will be on the Council website at www.kofc1345.org. Reservations required. Contact Ken at 516-220-9333.

**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

#### November 2015

- 12 Officer's Meeting. – 8PM
- 19 Memorial Mass for Deceased Members – 7:30PM  
General Meeting follows at approximately 8:30PM
- 22 Military Ball & Fall Exemplification at the Fiesta

#### December 2015

- 10 Christmas party & meeting at 8PM

### A note to Members

Our regular meetings begin at 8PM and Officer's meetings begin at 7:30PM.

The school doors are no longer left open due to security concerns. Should you arrive late, please note the following:

Behind the railing, on the left side of the gymnasium is a bell button, located under the window lintel at the corner of the window. Reach over the railing and under the lintel and press the button. Go to the door and await the guard to escort you to the chamber. To avoid this process, please arrive on time.

*SK Thomas Hyer*

### Assembly Trivia

Bishop John Joseph O'Connor served as Bishop of Newark (diocese) from 1901 until his death on May 20th 1927. On October 8th 1927, the Bishop O'Connor General Assembly was constituted and authorized to function under the seal of the Supreme Council. This portrait of Bishop O'Connor is from an anniversary journal.

