

The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647



October / November 2013

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

As the months of November and December quickly approach and rapidly pass us by, we must stress ourselves. Not just with attention to Thanksgiving and Christmas, though they truly are joyous and fantastically family focused. Still we must be alert that these two events specifically, help us to realize that the Lord Jesus is not restricted to merely two joyous celebrations.

These two months inform us of numerous unfolding and current events. As our year developed, we became really conscious of the stock market, currency, various immigration elements and the many personal problems we may face. It sure would be easy to close our eyes and say "troubles be gone". But we really are aware of reality. No problem evaporates. Our Lord, ever alert to our needs, never abandons us. That's hard to accept, but yes He is with us daily. At mass each day, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. The Lord doesn't just stay in church after mass, He's close to us on Thanksgiving and Christmas! Our problems, whatever they be, never evaporate, and neither does Christ. He's always helps us individually, but do we use Him, or are we His friend daily?

Conscious of the never-ending presence and assistance of Jesus, have a great and faith-full Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights,

As the summer fades away, the days grow shorter and the nights longer; the leaves are starting to change colors as the fall sets in with the memories of a happy summer. We are also reminded of tragedy - 9/11, a day that will never be forgotten; Sandy washing away our shores where we all have many happy memories, and now the Seaside boardwalk fire.

In all of these, our country, our state, and we - have come together and shown RESILIENCE - the ability to bounce back and move forward. For as hard as it is to do in these cases, we have to rebuild and try to recover from the adversity we meet. So too, as our Assembly is faced with tough times and difficulties - we have to be RESILIENT. We need to rebuild and move our Assembly forward, so other candidates who take their 4th Degree will enjoy our Assembly in the same way that we did following our initiation into the 4th Degree. So, I am asking you - our membership - to come forward and help rebuild our Assembly; to be a part of something important.

May God bless all of the families who have suffered tragedy, may He bless all of you and your families, and of course - God Bless America.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Salvatore A. Donatacci, Faithful Navigator

Protecting the Sanctity of Life

The *Prayerful Walk for Life* is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013. The program, embracing the sanctity of life, shall begin at 10 AM at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 488 Saddle River Rd, Saddle Brook. The Walk shall commence following the program to Sacred Heart Church, Rochelle Park for a concluding mass. Rev. Bob Wolfee and fellow priests shall celebrate mass. Refreshments will be served in the lower hall after mass.

The Bishop O'Connor Color Corps will walk with the priests following the banner on the 1.2 mile walk, accompanied by police security. A motorcade will follow the walkers for those unable to walk. Shuttle service will be available to the parking lot at St. Philip the Apostle. I shall appreciate your attendance.

SK Richard E. Onorevole, PGK, PFN

Faithful Comptroller Message

Dues: dues bills for the 2014 calendar year will be mailed at the end of December. I continue in the position of Comptroller as we are still in the hunt for a replacement.

State of the Assembly: Sir Knights, the life blood of any organization is its membership and those that choose to be active in it. Our Assembly is facing serious challenges with the lack of participation from members. Our general meetings are very sparsely attended. Many officer positions remain unfilled this year. Both issues contribute to a diminishing Assembly, one that has a rich history of Patriotism and Charity. Those of us that are active and present are getting too old to continue. Sir Knights, we need new faces. To start with, all we need is your participation - of one hour a month to attend our general meeting. Your wife/friend is invited too.

SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

20 Week Club

The following is a list of the winners from this year's 20 Week Club raffle. I congratulate all of the winners and thank everyone who participated in this endeavor. This is the only fund raiser conducted by the Assembly and your participation is greatly appreciated.

Week 1 - Maureen Segda
Week 2 - Ed Garrett
Week 3 - Mary A. Bochicchio
Week 4 - Larry Rivera
Week 5 - Sal Donatacci
Week 6 - Richard Dorozynski
Week 7 - J.F. McEntee
Week 8 - Michael Paladino
Week 9 - S. Vince Montagna
Week 10 - Tom Trank
Week 11 - Joseph Steiner
Week 12 - Joseph Gentile
Week 13 - John Dillion
Week 14 - St. Michael Council
Week 15 - Mitchell Herman
Week 16 - V. Costa
Week 17 - Warren Kaine
Week 18 - St. John's Council #1345
Week 19 - Tam McBride
Week 20 - Richard Dorozynski
Grand Prize #1 - Larry Rivera
Grand Prize #2 - John McGill
Grand Prize #3 - S. Vince Montagna

This will be my final year as Chairman and I wish my successor all the best in carrying on this fund raising event for the Assembly.

VIVAT JESUS!

Russell D. Petrocelli, DD - 20 Week Club Chairman

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Faithful Officers & Trustees 2013-2014

Friar:	Fr. Raymond Filipski	201-384-0101
Navigator:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
Captain:	<i>Open</i>	
Admiral:	Bill Bochicchio, FDD, PFN,	201-384-9015
Pilot:	John McGill, PGK, PFN	
Comptroller:	George DiCostanzo, PGK, PFN	201-338-2617
Purser:	Severino Adel	201-385-8529
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Sentinel II:	<i>Open</i>	
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Trustee 2 yr.	Bill Connington, PGK, PFN	201-385-9697
Trustee 3 yr.	John E McGilchrist PGK, PFN	201-833-2031

Committee Chairmen

Assembly Comm:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
20-Week Raffle:	<i>Open</i>	
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Family Breakfast:	Robert Sarao, PGK	201-303-0091
Meetings Social:	<i>Open</i>	
Membership:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
Memorial Mass:	<i>Open</i>	
Military Ball:	Vincent Montagna, PGK, PFN	201-843-5329
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NJ Vets Home:	John McGill, GK, PFN	201-384-7511
PFN Dinner:	Sal Donatacci, PGK	201-488-9081
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 at the home of Trinity Council #747. 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 Newsletter

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Sick & Wake Report

Please contact SK Bill Connington, PGK, PFN 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
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SK Dick Dorozynski	SK Tony Miele, PFN
SK Brian Coyle	SK Bob Dondero, FDD
SK Ferdinand (Fred) Jacobsen	SK Tony Zally, PSD
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SK Dave Benson, PGK	SK Bill Bochicchio PFN
SK Tom Ciotti, PGK	SK Brian O'Dowd

SK John Wolfe, Jr.

Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao
Francine Corbo, wife of SK George Corbo
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski
Jill Ciotti, wife of SK Tom Ciotti, PGK.
Josephine DiCostanzo, niece of SK G. DiCostanzo, FS, PGK, PFN
Nunzia, cousin of SK George DiCostanzo, FC, PGK, PFN

Wakes & Passings

Christopher, brother of 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

Affiliate Council Reports

St. John's Council #1345 will hold their annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner/Dance on Saturday Nov. 2nd. This year, they honor their immediate Past Grand Knight - SK John McGill. The cost for the evening is \$30 per person. Contact SK Lauro Rivera at 201-315-0456 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

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.

Dates to Remember

October

Thursday - 10/10 - officers meeting
Sunday - 10/13 - Exemplification at 1PM - La Nieves
Saturday - 10/19 - A Prayerful Walk for Life at 10AM
Thursday - 10/24 - General Meeting 8PM

November

Thursday - 11/14 - officers meeting
Sunday - 11/17 - Military Ball at 2PM
Thursday - 11/21 - Memorial Mass for deceased members at 8PM
Thursday - 11/28 - Thanksgiving Day

Help Wanted!

The Bishop O'Connor Assembly is looking for several Sir Knights to fill the following open positions:

Captain - assists the Faithful Navigator in running the Assembly and sets up refreshments for after the meeting. The Captain will receive assistance in planning and setting up the refreshments.

Scribe - records the substance of each general meeting, assembles minutes of the meeting, and reads the minutes of the previous meeting at the monthly general meeting.

Sentinel 1 & 2 - guards the chamber door and checks membership credentials for late arrivals.

Comptroller - works alongside the Purser, and is responsible for the financial affairs of the assembly. Duties include sending out annual dues bills and handling the collection of funds for the Assembly.

If you are interested in any of these positions or want to know more about what is required, please contact our Faithful Navigator SK Sal Donatacci 201-488-9081 or 201-238-0459 or by email at s035d@aol.com

Installation of Officers

On Saturday September 28th, the officers of Bishop O'Connor Assembly were installed in a mass and ceremony held at Holy Trinity Church. The installation was a joint event with the Pope John XXIII and Msgr Charles G. McCorristin Assemblies participating. A reception followed, hosted by the Bishop O'Connor Assembly and our Faithful Navigator SK Sal Donatacci. A great time was had by all.



Shown above are our officers, Sir Knights: Severino Adel, George DiCostanzo, John McGilchrist, Sal Donatacci, John McGill, William "Bill" Connington, and Joseph Nuccitelli.

Welcome to our New Members!

Bishop O'Connor Assembly welcomes three new members by way of the October exemplification. They are: SK John Tronolone, Reverend Richard Mucowski, and Reverend Arcadio Munoz.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

The annual Memorial Mass will be held in place of our regular November meeting on November 21st at 8PM. All members are invited to attend with their spouses. We especially invite family members of our Sir Knights who have passed to attend. Refreshments will be served after the mass concludes.