



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

October / November 2017

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

Where has the summer gone? All vacations and the full relaxation seem to have flown by. Now it's back to our casual daily routines with numerous and important days past and unfolding.

Through September, we were alert to our Labor Day acknowledgements. We celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th. The daughter of Saints Joachim and Ann, the mother of Jesus should never be ignored. Let's follow her sincere example of saying "yes" to having Christ in our lives.

Our partaking of faith develops as the month of October, the "Right to Life" month progresses. Also, as the month of October leads to November, we always open two excellent points to be celebrated once again, Life – and the joy of Thanksgiving for it. Brothers, as from any scripture I'd like to share with you, two thoughts to enhance our thanksgiving for all life and its gifts . . . *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give; Life is fragile, handle with prayer.*

All days of any month quickly pass. Let's never get relaxed in boredom, but let's alertly have our faith develop daily as each month advances.

PS – Encourage each other's faith!!

His peace always!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I am grateful for your support and encouragement. In today's ever-changing environment, we often find ourselves challenged by the court of public opinion. We have always remained faithful to God and our country, and I am confident that we will continue to rise to every challenge and remain united. Regardless of the uniform we wear, we are a symbol of Catholic Commitment to the preservation of the United States and all it stands for. We must continue to stand united as an example for others. Having said that, I call upon each of you to participate in our upcoming events . . .

November 5th – PFN Dinner - Please come out to honor our Past Faithful Navigator Silvio Sartori.

November 10th & 11th - Veterans Day observed and the actual holiday - Fly the Flag!

November 19th - Exemplification of 4th Degree and Military Ball at La Neve's Restaurant located at 246 Belmont Ave in Haledon. Come out and show your support for the new members of our assembly.

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November 30th - Memorial Mass at 7:30PM in Trinity Church's Convent Chapel in Hackensack. We will honor those Sir Knights who have passed on to their final reward.

December 14th - Assembly Christmas Party 7:30PM at Trinity Council - We will gather together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

I thank you for all the great works that you do. May God continue to bless our order and all of those who serve.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Gallacher, PGK, Faithful Navigator

From Your Comptroller

I hope everyone had a great summer. The **Final Dues Notices** were mailed out on March 31th. **Sad to say I still have fourteen members who have not paid their dues.** The Bishop O'Connor Assembly has the lowest dues than most of the Assemblies in our District.

Please do not wait to be sent a Suspended Notice. We do not want to suspend anyone, so the sooner you send in your dues the sooner I will mail your 2017 membership card to you. Remember every additional mailing adds costs the Assembly. Please help by paying your dues on the First Notice in the future. If you are on tough times please contact me or any Officer or come to a meeting to discuss your situation.

The Officers of the Assembly have decided that any member who is delinquent in his dues for (2) years will be suspended. Please check your Final Notices and see if this applies to you. I will not send any more until December, which will be for 2018 dues. I will not send any more until December, which will be for 2018 dues. Enjoy the nice fall weather that we are having.

Thank you, God Bless!

*SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329
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Assembly Commander Report

The news from the Supreme Convention for the Fourth Degree is that the Color Corp Regalia will change. The cape, chapeau and tux will be replaced by a jacket with chest patch, pants, beret with patch and a white shirt and tie. The change will be completed by the end of the 2017-2018 Fraternal year.

We had two Call Outs in July: the Installation of State Officers at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark and Installation of Officers of St. John's Council #1345. In August we had one Call Out: the Installation of Assemblies' Officers of the 2nd Battalion at our Lady of Mercy Church, Park Ridge.

In the coming months we have Assembly one Call Outs and four Regimental Call Outs coming up: Oct. 28th – Fund raiser for Soldiers Angels at Sacred Heart Council 2842, Rochelle Park; the Regimental will be October 15th – 1st NJ District Communion Breakfast Mass, St. Leo's Church, Elmwood Park and Nov. 19 – Exemplification of the Fourth Degree at LeNeve's in Haledon.

Vivat Jesus!

James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator

Editor's note: A photo of the new Fourth Degree Ragalia can be found on the back of this newsletter.

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Assembly Cmdr:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
20-Week Raffle:	John Tronolone	201-906 6809
Exemplification:	John McGilchrist, PGK, PFN	201-833-2031
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PFN Dinner:	James A. Meng, PGK, PFN	973-246-7137
Sick & Wake:	Silvio Sartori, PGK	201-906-3629

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 Silvio Sartori at 201-906-3629 to add someone to this list.

Italics indicates new names or a change.

Members

SK Richard Skubus, PFN	SK William Horn
SK Tim Burke	SK Tom Trank, PGK
SK Marion Golding	SK Dick Dorozynski
SK Bob Dondero, FDD	SK Dave Benson, PGK
SK Tony Zally, PSD	SK John McGilchrist
SK John McGill, PGK, PFN	SK John Tronolone
SK James "Jim" McEntee	SK Thomas Ciotti, PGK
SK Charles Hollis PGK, DD	<i>SK Lauro Rivera, PGK</i>
SK William "Bill" Connington	
SK David Torebka, FDD	
SK Brendan Thornton	

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
Marie Petrocelli, mother of Master Russ Petrocelli
William Sartori, Father of Silvio Sartori, FN
The wife of SK John McGilchrist
Peter Dondero, son of SK Bob Dondero, FDD
Adisson Rose, granddaughter of SK Barry Bernard FDD, PFN

Wakes

None . . .

Please keep those listed here and all of our brother Knights and their families in your daily prayers.

Dates to Remember

November 5th – *PFN Dinner*

November 6th - Masters Meeting at Rahway Council #1146, 80 Inman Ave. in Rahway

November 10th & 11th - Veterans Day observed and the actual holiday – Fly the Flag!

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Note: Fliers for Assembly events as well as the current and past issues of the Patriot Messenger can be found at www.trilogy.net. Just click on the flag.

Affiliate Council Events

December 9th – St. John's Council #1345 in Dumont is having their Christmas Party featuring Panorama Music from 7-11PM. Details can be found on the Council website at www.kofc1345.org. Please RSVP by calling or texting Ken at 516-220-9333 or you can email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com.

Grand Knights of our Affiliated Councils are invited to send us information on their Council events for inclusion in the *Patriot Messenger*.

Photo Gallery



DD SK Chuck Hollis presenting the Columbian Award to SK Frank Gallacher at a recent St. John's Council #1345 event. Frank is our Faithful Navigator and completed his term as Grand Knight in June 2017.



As mentioned on Page 1, this photo shows the new standard Fourth Degree Color Corps regalia.