



The Patriot Messenger

Bishop O'Connor Assembly 0647

September / October 2016

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Faithful Friar Message

Sir Knights,

The summer is over, fall is here. I hope that our individual faith hasn't dried out (summer was really hot). And at times, we saw drowning rain storms. Again, aside from our summer ups and downs – hopefully our faith is growing.

As September unravels, work, school, our daily activities and very active faith need to properly keep active. Our "September adjustments" must not be over with Labor Day celebrations and 9/11 remembrances – we need to realize that "He" isn't only for times of need. We need, and must not wait till fear and sadness envelop our hearts.

It's a real asset that October is seen as *Right to Life Month*. Many parishes focus on the sanctity of life. You'll read about numerous monthly activities, but again – be alert – He is not confined only to monthly events. Again, we labor, we pray and re-adjust daily. The Lord has never ignored us. Hopefully, we not just seasonally, but daily love Him. As true Knights of Columbus, let us never seasonally confine Him; Columbus Day comes and goes, but our faith must never dim.

His peace always!

Fr. Ray, Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights,

I hope that you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer, but now it is time to get back to business and become active again. I just returned from the Supreme Convention in Toronto, Canada and we all had a great time. Beautiful Masses, open and business sessions and it was great meeting our brothers from around the world and sharing stories and our faith. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson once again congratulated us on increasing our charitable efforts in excess of \$175 Million dollars and for our charitable hours in excess of 73.5 Million hours. He also stressed again the need to Build the Domestic Church through the K of C programs available to become closer with our parish Priest's and Parish families. We were also reminded to support and pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

In the next few months several events will be taking place, our Past Faithfull Navigator Dinner on October 30th, in Ridgefield Park & the Fall Exemplification on November 20th at the Fiesta. So if you can recruit a new member in the next month let us know so we can include them in this upcoming Exemplification.

Congratulations to our own SK Russell Petrocelli for being appointed to another 2 year term as Master of the 1st N J District.

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Keep up the good work and we support you in everything that you do.

Finally, we have been invited by the State Deputy of NY to join the NY 4th Degree to march in the NY Columbus Day Parade on October 10, 2016. For more information please go to the Facebook page for the 1st NJ District - 4th Degree - Knights of Columbus.

Have a great end of summer and watch out for the children who are starting school in September as they make their way to school. Happy Columbus Day and may God Bless You All.

Vivat Jesus,

Silvio Sartori FDD, PGK, Faithful Navigator

Assembly Commander Message

Brother Knights,

My first month as Commander was very busy. We had a First Mass, State Installation of Officers, a Council Installation of Officers, a 125th Anniversary Mass of a Church and a Wake Call. I thank all the Corpsman who made the calls. So far in August we have had three Wake Calls.

I would like to invite any 4th Degree Member to join the Color Corp. We have everything you need at the Assembly; we just ask that you make four calls a year. The more members we have, the better we look and it is easier on everyone. Please call me at (973) 246-7137 if you are interested in joining. Please leave a message.

Vivat Jesus!

James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator

PFN Dinner

The Past Faithful Navigator Dinner will be held Sunday, Oct. 30th from 4PM to 8PM, at the E. G. Alberque, Sr. Council #2229, located at 106 Bergen Ave. Ridgefield Park, NJ. There will be a hot buffet which will include pasta, meatballs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken and mashed potatoes. There will be salad and bread along with beer, wine, soda and a cash bar for mixed drinks, coffee and dessert. Music will be provided by the "Tu-Tones". The cost is \$40.00 per person, \$75.00 per couple. More information follows in the letter which accompanies this mailing of the Patriot.

James Meng, Past Faithful Navigator

A Noted Passing . . .

[Summarized from an email]

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Frederick "Fred" Conforti. Mr. Conforti (Former District Master for the 1st NJ District, Fourth Degree; FDD, PFN and PGK) was a gentle soul; loving husband, father, grandfather and devoted Catholic. Members of the Color Corps are sure to remember Fred. For his obituary and information on his services please visit this site on the web: <http://goo.gl/LJvMIJ>

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Conforti family during this time.

Brian O'Dowd, Editor

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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. *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 our FN 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 Frank Dinneen
SK Marion Golding	SK Dick Dorozynski
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Relatives & Friends

Father and Aunt of SK Robert Sarao
Zachary Lincoln, great nephew of SK Dick Dorozynski
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Mazie Shuler, wife of SK Joseph Shuler
Gloria Horn, wife of SK William Horn
Donna Hayes, wife of PFN Matt Hayes
Marie Petrocelli, mother of Master Russ Petrocelli

Wakes

SK Anthony Giuseffi SK Frank S LeGreca
Caroline Criscuolo, wife of SK Anthony Criscuolo
John J. Ciborski, father of PSD Thomas Ciborski
John Ciborski, Jr, brother of PSD Thomas Ciborski

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

From Your Comptroller

I mailed all the Final Notice 2016 dues bills out on March 11th 2016. We still have 9 members who still have not paid their dues. These 9 members are in a retention status. Please do not wait to be suspended. We are not looking to suspend anyone so the sooner you send in your dues the sooner I will mail your 2016 membership card to you. Remember every additional mailing it 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.

Thank you, God Bless!

SK Vince Montagna, AC - 201-843-5329
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Affiliate Council Reports

Italian Night - Saturday Oct. 15th at 7PM. One of our most popular events, the evening will consist of an authentic Italian menu including fresh bread from "da Bronx" and live entertainment from Panarama Music. We will also be introducing a new and improved menu including among other things, Mozzarella Caprese with Prosciuttio, Steak Pizzaiola, and Manicotti. Beverages are included. Be sure to get your reservations in early. RSVP by calling Ken at 516-220-9333. Cost is \$40 per person.

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

September, 2016

8 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM
9 – Master's Meeting
22 – General Meeting – 8PM

October, 2016

3 – Master's Meeting
10 – NYC Columbus Day Parade
13 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM
27 – General Meeting – 8PM
30 – PFN Dinner – Ridgely Park

November, 2016

7 – Master's Meeting
10 – Officer's Meeting – 8PM
20 – Fall Exemplification at *The Fiesta*

December, 2016

1 – Memorial Mass followed by General Meeting

20 Week Club News

Drawings for the 20 Week Club have begun. Here are the winners so far . . .

1. Steve Saracino
2. Jim Di Donato
3. Rev Paul John Leman
4. Margarete Hyer
5. Anthony Criscuolo
6. Warren Stroedecke
7. Woodridge Council # 11585
8. Marie Mussina
9. Musser
10. Bill Connington
11. Elizabeth Harnes
12. Nancy Osborne
13. Joseph Osborne
14. Joseph Osborne

The Grand Prize drawing will be held at the PFN Dinner on October 30th. There's still time to participate! 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