



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

I wish to focus my remarks towards Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Advent Season. Below is a message (author unknown) that I believe if we take time and reflect will set the tone for Thanksgiving and the season of Advent.

Being Thankful

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug,

Because it means you have enough to eat.
Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party,

Because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay,
Because it means; that you're employed.

Be thankful for household chores,
Because it means you live in a home.

Be thankful for your heating bills,
Because it means you are warm.
Be thankful for the faraway parking spot,
Because it means you can walk.

Be thankful for the early morning alarm clock,

Because it means you're alive.
Happy, Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,
SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Miriam Montagne

Keep CHRIST in Christmas! This means revealing the character, love, and spirit of Christ that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions. Here are simple ways to keep Christ the focus of your life this Christmas season.

1. invite someone for Christmas dinner who might be alone this season,
2. set an extra place setting for Jesus at your table,
3. send Christmas greetings that convey a spiritual message,
4. call or text someone who you haven't spoken to in a while,
5. display a nativity set,
6. attend mass at Christmas with your family,
7. volunteer your time,
8. go Christmas caroling to your local nursing homes,
9. forgive someone that has wronged you,
10. give a surprise gift of service without being asked,
11. shovel the snow for a neighbor,
12. don't forget to add Jesus to your Christmas list.

Say, "Merry Christmas" to everyone you greet even if they are a stranger. We are all worthy of a smile and kind sentiment. Your kind gesture is a great gift.

In the words of Scrooge: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me." (Quote by Charles Dickens in *A Christmas Carol*).

May the light of love shine upon you, and may your life be filled with blessings this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,



Miriam

Grand Knights Message Cont.

Week of Awareness Nov. 26th —Dec. 2nd for Persecuted Christians. At the request of the Supreme Knight, Don Bosco Council 7784 has donated \$2,000 in an effort to rebuild and resettle the predominantly Christian City of Karamles in Iraq. Please offer your prayers for Persecuted Christians.

Council upcoming events

- Dec. 3rd Christmas Social, St. Joe's Community Center 2PM-7PM with Dinner served at 3PM. Refer to Council website for reservation forms and contact information.
- Dec. 2nd and Dec 3rd Membership Recruitment Drive at Good Shepherd
- Dec. 7th Officers Meeting SHC
- Dec. 14th Council Meeting Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary 7PM; Meeting 7:30PM
- March for Life Rose Sale----Jan 6th and 7th—St. Joe's and Our Lady Queen of Peace; Jan 7th and Jan 13th Good Shepherd.
- Jan. 11th Council Awards Presentation at Sacred Heart Center, 7:45PM
- Jan 19th March for Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC.

Thoughts for the First Week of Advent:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come" Mark 13:33

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

COLUMBIETTES—DID YOU KNOW?

Columbiettes - Acronym:

C – Catholic women who work with the Knights of Columbus

O – open with hands and heart

L – loving and caring of others

U – united

M – make a difference in today's world

B – befriending to everyone

I – interested in helping others

E – energetic when needed to help Family, Church, Community

T – thankful to God for all He has given us

T – takes the time to give to others

E – enjoys fun in fraternity

S – serves God and country

KNIGHTS FUN FACT DID YOU KNOW?

The DPD (Department of Persons with Disabilities) has a house named after the Knights of Columbus for their many contributions to DPD. Columbus House opened in 1980 at 2 Father Sam Lane in Oak Ridge where it houses six people with developmental and physical disabilities

November Columbiette Meeting Highlights:

- Decision to donate the proceeds of the Beefsteak to DPD for \$1700
- Decision to donate \$500 to Father English Food Pantry and Clothing Boutique in Paterson due to fire (via email after the Auxiliary meeting)
- Secret Sisters were revealed and new names were chosen.
- Decision to donate funds to the Missions in place of Christmas gift exchange
- Lafayette House has been reserved on June 9, 2018 for the Columbiette's 25th Anniversary Dinner

NOVEMBER GIVING BACK TO THOSE IN NEED, THANK YOU!

- November 10th—\$1700 donated to DPD from proceeds of Beefsteak
- November 17th—helped make and decorate wreaths for St. Paul's Abbey mission
- November 18th—packaged food for Saint Mother Teresa's Food Pantry.
- November 19th—distribution of food for families

Monthly Donation

December - Socks (white) any size for the nursing homes.



UPCOMING EVENTS**December 2017**

- 2nd & 3rd Membership Recruitment Drive at Good Shepherd
- 3rd Christmas Social (KofC), 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.—St. Joseph Community Center \$10 per person
- 4th 6:30 p.m. First Degree/7 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting
- 6th 7 p.m. Western Chapter St. Anthony, Butler
- 7th Officers Meeting SHC
- 8th The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 9th 8 p.m. Newsies (A Broadway Musical), Centenary College, Hackettstown
- 14th Council Meeting Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary 7PM; Meeting 7:30PM
- 16th Caroling at the Nursing Homes
- 16th Annual Advent Christmas Concert with Father ST, Kelly Dachisen, Cate Pasculli and Michael Shell 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Church
- 25th Merry Christmas!
- 31st- Rosary at St Joseph Church-before 11:30 a.m. mass

January 2018

- Happy New Year!
- **No** Columbiette meeting in January
- 5 - 7th Weekend Retreat for Women
Theme: "Jesus, Lover of Women"
Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Newton
- 6th and 7th Rose Sale @ St. Joseph and Queen of Peace
- 7th and 13th Rose Sale @ Good Shepherd.
- 11th Council Awards Presentation/Sacred Heart Center, 7:45PM
- 19th March for Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Department for Persons with Disabilities is happy to announce that they are bringing back their Christmas Card fundraiser. They will be selling Christmas Cards in boxes of 12 for \$10.00 a box. You can choose from 5 card designs. All boxes are assembled by people with developmental disabilities who live or work at DPD.

All orders will be shipped upon receiving payment.

Visit www.dpd.org/card to make a difference or call our Development Office at 973-406-1104

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