



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

Well, the weather is improving, spring is in the air, flowers are beginning to bloom, buds on the trees, lawns getting green, yes indeed a new beginning and life goes on according to God's plan.

I would like to share a story about a Jewish businessman from Brooklyn who decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, his father asked him about the trip. The son replied, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel." By the way "I converted to Christianity." "Oh my what have I done?" said the father. He then decided to ask his friend Jacob what he should do. Jacob said, "funny you should ask." I too sent my son to Israel and he also came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the rabbi and ask him what we should do. So they went to see the rabbi. The rabbi said "funny you should ask." I too sent my son to Israel and he came back a Christian. What is happening to our young people?

The three men decided that perhaps they should go talk to God and ask him what to do!!! They proceeded to pray and explain what happened to their sons and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from heaven.

The voice said, "Funny you should ask, I, too, sent my Son to Israel...."

A humorous story indeed, filled with reflection upon Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday!!!!

As the Columbian year is coming to the end we still have many tasks that lie ahead and are noted below:

April 29th Fifth Sunday Family Rosary and Council Corporate Communion.

Brother Knights will assemble at St. Joe's at 9:10am for recitation of the Rosary

Followed by Corporate Communion at the 9:30am Mass. Following Mass refreshments will be served in the community Center. Sister Columbiettes are always welcome to join us. Brother Knights will be involved in recitation of the Rosary in Our Lady Queen of Peace and Good Shepherd as well on the 29th.

Fraternally,
SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Miriam Montagne

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is also the month that we celebrate Mothers.

Who is our Blessed Mother Mary? She is the chosen Handmaid of the Lord. Mary was a human being, a virgin who loved God and wanted to serve him faithfully. She responded "Yes" to God's plan saying let it be done unto me according to thy word without counting the cost. Her entire person, soul, and body indivisibly united was the vessel for our Lord's entry into this world. She is the physical and spiritual mother of the Son of the Most High. If Mary knew what her life would be like would she have said yes to the Angel? Her sinlessness is because she was saved from sin from the moment of conception. Her entire salvation was owed to the mercy of God. That's what I call Faith and Obedience.

What an excellent role model we have in our Blessed Mother Mary. We strive to emulate Mary as much as we can by bearing the fruit of children into this world knowing that the gift of life comes from God and belongs to God. We present our children to God through baptism. We teach and raise them on the precepts of the church. A mother's love is pure. A mother nurtures, supports and cares about her offspring. A mother thinks about her children day and night, even if they are not with her and will love them in a way they will never understand. We show our children unconditional love until their last breath as Mary did for her son, Jesus.

Jesus from the cross gives his mother Mary to us as our spiritual mother to intercede for us as she did at the wedding feast at Cana where she said "do whatever He tells you" pointing to her Son. Mary is the grace that unites us closer to her Son and into Heaven by perseverance and prayers. She is never the object of worship but of reverence. So we keep the commandment to Honor our Father and Mother by taking Mary as our mother and the advocate of poor souls.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary keep you under her maternal mantle of protection.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, and nieces.

Miriam

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

May 3rd Council Officers Meeting
 May 10th Council Meeting
 May 13th Mother's Day
 May 18&19 Columbiette Flea Market Set-up
 Flea Market 7am-4pm
 May 19th Candy Drive for Intellectual Disabilities
 at Hayek's & Shop Rite
 May 20th Pentecost Sunday
 May 28th Memorial Day
 June 2nd Candy Drive for Intellectual Disabilities at
 Dale's Market
 June 7th Council Officers Meeting
 June 9th Candy Drive for Intellectual Disabilities at
 Walmart; Paterson Federation Scholarship and
 Outstanding Council Awards Night and Columbiette
 Anniversary Celebration at the Lafayette House.
 June 14th Flag Day and Council Meeting
 June 30th Council Picnic Swartswood State Park

Columbiette Quote:

"I was in search of something to fill a void after
 my children went off to college. I found it
 rewarding while my son was completing service
 hours for Pope John to help at the food pantry
 and making wreaths at Christmas time. I
 thought I wanted to give back to my God, my
 church, and community so what can I do? Along
 came Karen G (Columbiette) who talked to me
 about becoming a Columbiette six years ago and
 the rest is history. I have met so many lovely
 people (Columbiettes, Knights, Squirettes,
 Squires, clergy, parishioners) during this journey
 that I thank God for enriching me spiritually
 with his gifts and blessings. Proud to be a
 Columbiette." Miriam Montagne, Don Bosco,
 President.

Please send me your quotes so that we can add
 them to our newsletter, Facebook page and
 bulletin.

KNIGHTS - FUN FACTS

What is the smallest organizational unit of the Knights?

- Fiefdom
- Hall
- Council
- Temple

Correct answer is **Council**

How time flies!

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us!

The Don Bosco Columbiettes, Auxiliary
 #7784, will be celebrating their 25th
 anniversary with a gala celebration at the
 Lafayette House on June 9, 2018. All
 Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus,
 family and friends are invited to attend.
 Tickets are only \$40 for an evening of
 fun, music & dancing along with great
 food, camaraderie and surprises!



Please join the Columbiettes as we celebrate 25 years
 of fun, friendship, and service. Come reminisce with
 your Sister Columbiettes and remember all we have
 done.

We have a lot to celebrate. The food will be great and
 we all will get a change to get up and dance. So, grab
 your family and friends for a night to remember!



COLUMBIETTE UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2018

- 2nd—Western Chapter Meeting (Don Bosco is hosting)
- 6th—May Crowning in St. Joseph Church Mary’s Garden after 9:30 a.m. Mass
- 7th—Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 12th— Patriotic caroling at the nursing homes
- 13th---Happy Mother’s Day
- 18th_Flea_Market Set-up
- 19th—Flea Market at St. Paul’s Abbey
- 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 2018

- 4th - Auxiliary Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 6th - Western Chapter (Parsippany) - Election of Western Chapter Officers
- 9th - Don Bosco 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration
- 22nd to 24th - NJ State Convention weekend - Piscataway
- 24th - Knights of Columbus 9th Annual Tank Pull - Clifton



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Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

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Contact: Miriam Montagne at 201-230-1373 or mmontagne.donboscocolumbiette@gmail.com

April Highlights

- Villa Capri Fundraiser— we received a check for \$325
- Palm Cross Fundraiser raised funds enough to make a donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa for \$500
- We raised and donated \$200 for MS Walk (Toni Dionisio's daughter who has MS)
- Don Bosco will be hosting the Western Chapter on May 2nd in the Community Center at 7 p.m.
- May crowning first communicant will be Braeden Flanagan (Columbette Lisa Marie's son)
- Anne K to coordinate Patriotic caroling with the nursing homes in May.

“And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;” Revelation 12:1



Let us seek Mary's help and intercession by reciting the rosary and its mysteries each day for the conversion of sinners.

Hail Mary!

Full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death
Amen.



Patriotic Sing-Along
Saturday May 12th
All are Welcome

1030 a.m.—Barnhill
11:15 a.m.—Valley View
12:00 Noon—Ave Care
Lunch
2:30 p.m.—Homestead



Please join us for all nursing homes or only those that fit in your schedule. This is FUN!

Voluntary Monthly Meeting Donations

- May—Birth Haven
- June—Backpacks, Toiletries and Can tabs

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Birth Haven Baby Shower ideas
Blankets, Diapers, Clothes, anything you would bring to a baby shower.



Backpack Ideas
Pens, Pencils, Markers, Highlighters
Notebooks, binders, All kinds of paper.
Mini-staplers, paperclips, scissors.
Calculators, sticky notes, crayons, tape,
Colored pencils, folders, tape,
Pencil boxes, glue sticks.



SQUIRETTES—SEEKING ANGELS



The Squelettes of Mary, Circlette of Mary's Angels, sponsored by the Don Bosco Columbiettes is looking for more angels! If you know of any young practicing Catholic females aged 10-17 who are interested in joining this group, please have them contact Miriam Montagne for additional information. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month in the Community Center from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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