



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Happy Fall!!! Soon it will be time to enjoy picturesque foliage if the rain ever stops. Most important of all, now that my family and I have settled in after our return home, it is time to focus on Council activities. This will prove to be a busy time beginning with the Pastoral Visit at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Sept. 22; 5th Sunday Family Rosary at all three Parishes and the installation of Council Officers on Sept. 30 in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church at 1:30PM.

The 2018-2019 Columbian year will be filled with numerous challenges for our brothers and sisters. The most notable challenge will be to build our membership thru recruiting "younger" members to sustain the mission as well as building the domestic Church through Faith in action programs such as Family Prayer Night, Novena for Life, Mass for the Consecration of the Holy Family to name a few. During the ensuing year I will be scheduling a meeting with each of the Pastors of our three parishes in anticipation of establishing a Parish Round Table. Once the Round Tables are established I will engage the support of Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes. The focus of the Round Table is to see how we can better serve our Priests and Parishes.

The summit is before us and our schedules are beginning to fill with events noted in the Council Events section. I cannot begin to emphasize the need to stand behind our Priests as we begin the healing and reconciliation of past accounts of abuse among the clergy. We need to live our faith!!!

O Lord of hosts, blessed the man who trusts in You!!!

Fraternally,

SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Miriam Montagne

Medjugorje

On June 24, 1981, in a small village named Medjugorje in the country of Hercegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, has been appearing in a supernatural apparition and giving messages to the world through six local children. She tells us that God has sent her to us as an act of grace. In her own words, she tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God".

The Blessed Virgin's mission is one of peace and love. She has come to earth to re-educate us and to help us convert and center our lives back to God. She continues to give messages to three of the original six visionaries. Once the Mother of Jesus stops appearing in Medjugorje, there will be three warnings given to the world as earth-shaking events. For that reason, the Blessed Virgin invites us to convert and reconcile before the warnings, for once they occur, it will be too late for many.

Since the apparitions began in 1981, millions of people of all faiths, from all over the world, have visited Medjugorje and have left spiritually strengthened and renewed. Many bring back stories of miracles in the form of healings (of mind, body, and spirit), supernatural visual signs, and deep conversions back to God.

In September, I had the opportunity to visit Medjugorje with Mary Ann Stanek and our spouses. I went on this spiritual quest with an open mind and heart not knowing where the journey would lead us. We visited St. James Church where we attended several Masses. I was inspired by the number of pilgrims and the variety of nationalities. The Masses are enriching. There are over 30 confessional booths and open sites, used by priests of many languages, before and after the evening Mass. We met a woman from Ireland that has been coming to Medjugorje for the past twenty years. I know a priest that has been saved from leaving the priesthood because of Medjugorje. There are many stories of people that have had positive experiences that have resulted from a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. We also climbed Apparition Hill. This hill is a steep and rock-strewn path that ascends to the actual location where Our Lady appears. Many pilgrims from all over the world have climbed this hill. Some barefoot, some with a walking stick and people of all ages.

ANNUAL BOWLING DAY

The Don Bosco Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold it's annual George Flynn Memorial Family Bowling Day on October 21st, from 2:00-4:00pm at Sparta Lanes. The cost is \$15 per person (includes shoes and two hours of bowling time). For reservations and lane assignments please contact Mike O'Connor at oak121@yahoo.com or 862.354.1753. Space is limited so sign up early. Proceeds benefit the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation. Great fun for the whole family for a great cause.

(Prostate cancer is for men what breast cancer is for women. One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. In the United States, there are over 3 million new cases each year).



President's Message cont.

Along the path, there are Stations of the Cross where you can stop, pause, and pray. Once you reached the top you will find a statue of the Blessed Mother and the Crucified Jesus Christ. There is such a calmness and reward once you have reached the top. This is the place where you can sit quietly, meditate and breathe freely. A memorable event was to see a young girl no more than 5 years old run up to the Crucified Jesus grab his feet with her hands and kiss them. Purity and innocence through the eyes of a child was gratifying.

Although I did not have a vision of Our Blessed Mother I did feel a sense of peace. I felt the stillness of being away from the rat race and the noise of the world. There were many places where you could pray, reflect, and reenergize. I brought all your prayer intentions as promised to Medjugorje where they will be prayed upon.

The more time spent in Medjugorje, the greater the feeling of the presence of Our Lady and the greater the understanding of her core message of peace, an inner personal peace, gained through faith, prayer, and penance. One comes to realize that the timely achievement of a closeness to God through Our Lady, should be a paramount aim in life. Life's other priorities and anxieties will then tend to fade in comparison.

My hope is that your prayer intentions have been answered.
Miriam

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

October

- 4th - Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 7th - Respect Life Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Newton Townsquare
- 11th - Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 21st - George Flynn Prostate Cancer Bowling at Sparta Lanes from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 27th Fourth Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.

November

- 11th Mass for Deceased Members 9 a.m. at Good Shepherd
- 12th-16 Wreathmaking at the Abbey
- 17th Respect Life Mass 10 a.m. St. John the Baptist Cathedral Paterson, NJ
- 19th Pride in Our Priests Dinner 6 p.m. Hanover Manor, East Hanover
- 22nd Thanksgiving Day

How to Plant Your Garden...no dirt required!!

How To Plant Your Garden

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for each other
3. Thyme for family
4. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE.

COLUMBIETTE UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 1st - First Degree at 6:30 p.m.
- 1st - Auxiliary Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 3rd - Western Chapter Meeting at Bishop Navagh (Installation of Officers) at 7 p.m.
- 7th - Respect Life Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Newton Townsquare
- 21st - George Flynn Prostate Cancer Bowling at Sparta Lanes from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

November

- 5th - Auxiliary Retention Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 11th - Deceased Members Mass at 9 a.m. at Good Shepherd followed by reception
- 16th - Wreath Making - Pot Luck at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Abbey

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Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Don't forget to visit us at:
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Prayer Chain Requests

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

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 7th

is Respect Life Sunday.

There will be a "Life Chain"
at the Green in downtown Newton
on the Circle sponsored by

The National Life Chain of New Jersey
from 2:00-3:30pm



which will include prayer
and peaceful demonstration

*For more information, please contact
Jerry Woodring at 973-383-0450.*

September Meeting Highlights:

It was great to see everyone at the September meeting. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces.

Welcome Back!

Good Job Louise on running our meeting!



“One Million Hail Marys” Campaign

Starting on October 1, 2018 and running until May 31, 2019, we are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for world peace. Please support this endeavor to say ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have said. You can e-mail your tallies to hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com at any time, submit them at our Columbiette meetings or record them on slips to be deposited in a container in the vestibule of the church. Personal names are optional—Mary knows who you are. God bless you for helping us with the venture! A cumulative tally will be recorded on the Columbiette website at www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com

WELCOME BACK!!

Has your name, address, or telephone number changed?

Please let Colleen Testa or Patty Savacool know so they can update your information. We are going to have a busy year and want to be sure that you know all about all the planned activities

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Everything is laid out for you. Your path is straight ahead of you. Sometimes it's invisible but it's there. You may not know where it's going, but you have to follow that path. It's the path to the Creator. It's the only path there is.

Chief Leon Shenandoa

Voluntary Monthly Meeting Donations

October - Pet items for Father John

November - blankets for Bags for Buddies (DCP&P)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

REMINDER!!!

FIRST DEGREE—October 1st at 6:30 p.m.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining, please have them contact our Membership Director (Louise Crann) so that they can be contacted and interviewed prior to the ceremony. Refer them to the website for an application. One-time fee of \$33 to join.

Don't forget that your name gets put in a \$100 drawing at the State Convention in June 2019 for every three new members you recruit.

SQUIRETTES—SEEKING ANGELS



The Squirettes 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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(Gamma – Phi – Delta)**

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