



# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

With the New Year upon us, I would like to convey wishes to my Brothers, Sisters and their Families for a very happy 2018.

Ring in a New Year can mean new dreams, new goals and new resolutions, and I hope you realize all of them, from my Family to yours best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Deputy Grand Knight SK Jim McDonald and I recently attended the NJ State Council Mid Term Grand Knights meeting. Several newly adopted initiatives will be forthcoming including on line registration as a recruiting tool, emphasis on elimination of snail mail communication and move towards intensive use of technology, Building the Domestic Church, Parish Roundtables to mention a few in order to formulate goals and objectives as we move towards the close of another Columbian Year.

Upcoming events for the Council include:

Wives Appreciation Brunch at Perona Farms on March 11, 2018

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newton on March 17, 2018

Diaper Drive, details to be announced

Candy Drive for Folks with Intellectual Disabilities.  
Details to be announced

In closing I would like to share a Statement of Faith with my Brothers and Sisters,  
Make a list of "good" things you can do for others!! Then ask Jesus to produce His goodness through you, wherever you go!!!

And please continue to pray for our Brothers and Sisters in distress.

Fraternally,

SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

## President's Message

Miriam Montagne

Happy New Year, Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights.

It is my hope that you have started the New Year with the gifts that the Magi brought to baby Jesus on the feast of the Epiphany. Offer to our Lord the gold which represents your talents and gifts. The frankincense signifies your prayer and worship for when the incense rises up the blessings come down. The myrrh of your suffering and heartaches point to the passion and death of Jesus. Offering our suffering and heartaches to our Lord will prepare us for the reward that has been promised in the next life.

As we continue this journey of life in the months to come, let us prepare ourselves for the Lenten season which begins on February 14th with acts of devotion. These may include the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, random acts of kindness, daily and Sunday Masses.

Lord, let this coming year be my gift to you.

Miriam Montagne

### State President's Message January 2018 Prayer for Families

Almighty God and Father,  
Help all families to live  
as the Holy Family,  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
united in respect and love.  
Teach us through them  
the sanctity of human love,  
the value of family life,  
and the way to live at peace  
with all, that we may share  
in Your life forever.

Amen  
-Paul Murphy

**Columbiette Quote:**

*"After Kathy died and I found myself free to pursue new interests of my own, I responded to the persistent and kindly invites by a sister Columbiette to join the group. This was my very first venture out and it has proven to be the most rewarding social/spiritual experience of all! I am forever grateful to God for giving me this beautiful gift." Jo O'Rourke*

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

**COLUMBIETTES—DID YOU KNOW?**

The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 have been collecting blank note cards and pens for our service men and women since 2014. To date, we have sent 21 packages to an organization called "For the Troops" who in turn pass them on to the troops where they are stationed. The troops can then write home to their loved ones. This simple act brings a little cheer to all.

If you would like to help with our continued "For the Troops" efforts please contact Anne Kapplemeier at 973-383-3921.

**December Meeting Highlights:**

- Decision to keep the Palm Cross Fundraiser price at \$10 per cross
- Decision to try with one or two Lenten dinners on Fridays during Lent
- Approval to adopt Sr. Karen Dunn, Salesian Sister, from Sacred Heart Spiritual Center
- Approval to have Sr. Karen Dunn as a guest Speaker at our February 2018 meeting
- We have adopted a mentor alliance program for our new Sister Columbiettes (buddy system)
- Open invitation to all members who would like to attend an Executive Board Meeting - February 2nd at 7 p.m. at Miriam's house
- Decision to move forward with a Facebook page to reach out to the new members
- Columbiettes corner in the St. Joseph Church bulletin weekly

[Facebook Page](#) - you can find us at Don Bosco Columbiettes.

**On January 11th the Annual Charity Funds presentation at Good Shepherd Louise Crann accepted the \$3500 from the Columbian Fair as our portion of the fair proceeds.**

*Ash X  
Wednesday*

By the sweat of your face will you earn your food, until you return to the ground, as you were taken from it. For dust you are and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

**KNIGHTS FUN FACT  
DID YOU KNOW?**

That the Knights of Columbus have a museum in Connecticut

(<https://www.kofcmuseum.org/en/index.html>)

"Established in 1982, the Knights of Columbus Museum, Inc. is a nonprofit institution serving the general public through exhibitions of history, art, and faith. It serves as an archive for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and maintains a permanent gallery showcasing the organization's history, as well as one dedicated to Knights of Columbus founder, Venerable Michael McGivney (1852-1890)."

**Palm Cross Fundraiser**

This fresh Palm cross is handmade with 10 fan sets of 6 Palm loops, 2 plastic lilies and a bow. The bottom of the wooden lath is cut at an angle for easy ground insertion. All crosses are individually wrapped in a clear poly bag



Palm cross outer dimensions: 26"x14"

**ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY!** \$10.00 Each

For additional information, please call Miriam Montagne at 201-230-1373.

Pick up of crosses will be held on the weekend of March 24 - 25 (Palm Sunday) – Location: 386 Route 94 South, Newton, NJ.

Please mail your orders by **March 3rd** along with **payment** to:

Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784  
P.O. Box 412  
Newton, NJ 07860

**Monthly Donations**

February 2018 - character band-aids  
March - gift cards (Supermarket, Walmart) -  
Manna House  
April - coffee/tea/sugar/powdered creamer  
Adult Day Care

### Upcoming Events

#### February

- 5<sup>th</sup>-Auxiliary Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Ash Wednesday
- 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> &, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m/ St Joseph Church

#### March

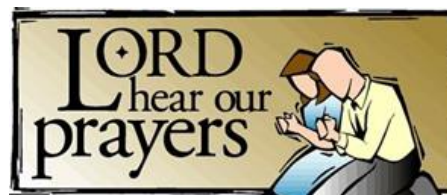
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Lucy, I'm Dead Dinner Murder Mystery  
Elks Lodge, Bridgewater/ Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Aux Meeting at 7 p.m. Joseph Community Center
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Western Chapter Meeting/Major Degree at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Francis deSales Church, Vernon
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Communion Breakfast Lafayette House  
Cost - \$27.50
- 11<sup>th</sup>- Wives Appreciation Brunch (12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.)  
Cost – TBA Perona Farms
- 17<sup>th</sup>- St. Patrick's Day
- 16<sup>th</sup>&23<sup>rd</sup> - Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m  
▪ St Joseph Church
- 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Holy week
- 30<sup>th</sup> Villa Capri Pizza Fundraiser (All day)
- April 1<sup>st</sup>- Easter Sunday

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Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

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Please join me in thanking Connie Pyne for organizing the Christmas Social event beginning with the dinner at the Bea McNally Irish Pub followed by the Disney's NEWSIES the Musical at the Sitnik Theatre in Hackettstown. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you, Connie.

Thank you, Anne Kapplemeier, for coordinating the caroling with the nursing homes. We had a great turn out of ladies who spread a little cheer to the residents along with Santa Jerry Woodring and Ed Drelich, Knight who joined us as well. Thanks to Pat Keegan for organizing the collection of socks and dividing them for the nursing homes. Thank you Sister Columbiettes and Knights for your generous donation of over 300 pairs of socks—your generosity is amazing and appreciated.

Thank you, Toni Dionisio, for the beautiful pillows that you made and donated for raffling. The pillows generated over \$100 which will be donated to the seminarians at the convention in June. Thank you for your talent and kindness.

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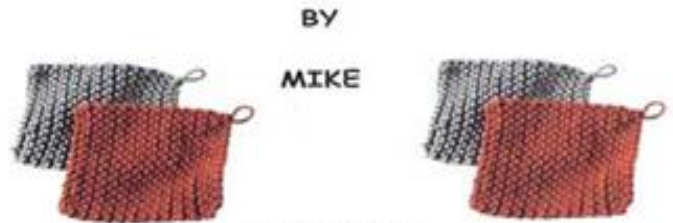
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