



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

James McDonald

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Now that we have completed a fierce 2020 election which has not been officially certified, "What Lies Ahead"??? Try and Tie a Knot of Faith!!!! Life in 2020 will be quite difficult living under the guise of covid and the pandemic. As we navigate through this time of distress, fear and and despair, Tie a Knot in faith and hold on!!!! Often deliverance is around the bend. The Good Lord has a way with the miraculous. As stated by Linda C. Grazulis in a recent Salesian Inspirational booklet, "don't doubt the blessings that God will send, cling to God with humble daily prayers and trust in His Holy words. He will see that solutions to America's problems will no longer be insurmountable. We will witness all of the blessings as they descend from the skies of stormy blue. So tie a tight knot of faith and preserve it with all your might, for it may be tomorrow you find solutions as you dare to believe by faith, not by sight."

I would like to express my wish that everyone enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving socially distancing with family.

A few days after Thanksgiving we will begin the Advent Journey. Advent has been around for a long time, long before it was actually called "Advent," and possibly as early as the 2nd century. Originally, it was celebrated for 40 days, just like the Lenten season. Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent, so its nickname is the "Little Lent." In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. Focusing on the joy alone denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child, Our Lord and Savior, suffered and died for our salvation. May I ask that all of my Brothers and Sisters focus upon Keeping Christ In Christmas!!!!

May God Bless everyone as we embark on our journey during the Christmas Season.

Fraternally,

SK Jim McDonald, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

The Christmas season will look so different this year. We usually jump start the season by having our Wreath Making/ Potluck Friday evening, a week before Thanksgiving, but not this year. As the holiday moved into December, we would have had our Christmas dinner & show to attend, not this year. On a Saturday in December we would have visited four local nursing homes to bring Christmas joy by singing carols but not this year. Now it might sound a bit negative but there is one thing we have continued to do and that is collect socks for our four nursing homes. I know they will be happy to have warm feet on these cold days. We should also be grateful that we and our family have our health. It does very little, to complain about what we can't do, rather we should continue to pray for the vaccine that will be coming in the new year and HOPEFULLY that will allow us to get back to our normal routines & have in person meetings.

That is my wish for all of us.

At the Mass for Deceased Knights and Columbiettes, I learned that one our sisters Catherine Powell died in early October. We will have a mass said for her. I am sad that we were not able to attend the wake and conduct our prayer service for a Sister. Please keep Cathy and her family in our prayers.

Our December meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on December 7th. I will send the invite out early in December. Remember you can call in if you are unable to ZOOM. To join us in ZOOM you need that app on your computer, and or IPAD.

Type zoom.us and follow the directions. You will need the ID number and passcode, to join in.

I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas season stays well and continues to pray for a fantastic 2021.

God Bless You,

Pam

MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARYANN RICHWALD
HER MISSION IS WITH THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND
OF CHIPEWA

Peace be with you. We are well here in the convent in North Dakota, so far so good health wise. Our area and reservation is being hit hard and we just went down to another 2 week shut down of all non-essential business being closed. Thank God that does not include the Church at this time. We are on hold for most of our apostolates or doing them by zoom. We do still have people coming or calling for help. We had a donation this year already for kids coats, what we need would be gloves and scarves and socks. Those seem to be in short supply but in demand. We have the thrift store closed and have been making deliveries to families we know in need just dropping things off at their homes. Thank you for thinking of us. You and the Columbiette ladies are always in our prayers for our benefactors, God bless you and all the work you do.

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**ADVENT PRAYER
GOD OF HOPE**

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always and particularly this Advent time.
Through Him who is
our hope, our joy, our love, our peace
in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
Amen.

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UPCOMING KOC COUNCIL EVENTS



December

- **3 Officers Meeting**
- **8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- **10 Council Meeting**
- **25 Christmas Day**



COLUMBIETTE-UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 Columbiettes meeting virtual

FUTURE COLUMBIETTES MEETINGS ZOOM OR IN PERSON: FEB.1, MARCH 1, APRIL12, MAY3, JUNE7.

FUTURE WESTERN CHAPTER MEETINGS: MARCH 3, MAY 5, JUNE2.

JUNE 25-27,2021 STATE CONVENTION



**Sister Columbiettes,
Don't forget to pay your dues!**



Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo,
Louise Crann, Emma Testa, and the soul of
Thomas Galuppo.

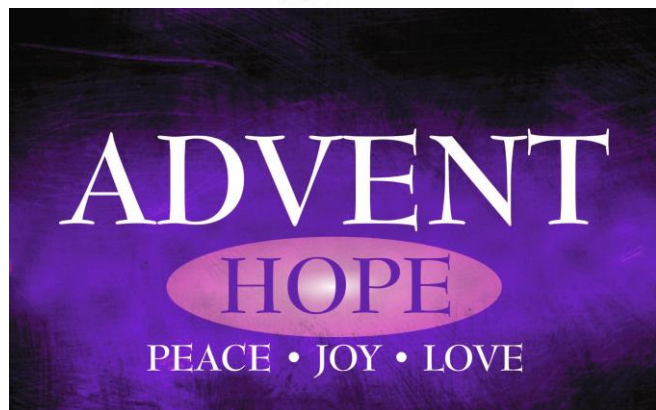
Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to
Patty Savacool.



SUB--SAVE UNBORN BABIES!

The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 of Newton, NJ are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession to **Save Unborn Babies**. Please support this endeavor to collectively say **ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS** by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have said. This campaign will run from September 8, 2020 (Our Blessed Mother's birthday) to May 31, 2021. A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at: **hailmarystosub@gmail.com** to receive tallies from anyone at anytime. You may also call 973-943-7930 and leave a message. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. Thank you for your assistance. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed will be updated as responses are received at: www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com

**Our Tally so far is
341037**



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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.
- [www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com](http://www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com)

**Prayer Chain Requests**

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**2020-2021 Slate of Officers**

Grand Knight - SK Jim McDonald  
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3 yr - SK John M E Feret  
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1 yr - Gerry Woodring

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 9-17 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.

**Catholic Action, Cultural, Social and Athletic**  
**"Know - Love - Serve"**  
**(Gamma - Phi - Delta)**

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