

WHISPERS OF FAITH

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Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year Supreme made sweeping changes to the degree order of the Knights. There are no longer 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree ceremonies. All three are wrapped up into one ceremony called CUF which stands for Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Earlier this year we put together a CUF team led by SK John Feret. The team conducted its first CUF Friday, October 22 at Good Shepherd. We had four candidates take the CUF, two from our council and two from Fr. Mychal Judge Council in Hardyston.

The CUF ceremony is no longer secret, the four candidates brought some 12 family members and friends to witness their induction and join us for refreshments.

At our last meeting I handed out the Hail Mary cards prepared by the Columbiettes asking our brother to join our sisters by praying the Rosary as often as possible and keeping track of their Hail Mary's so our sister Columbiettes can attain their goal of 1 million Hail Mary's.

We are in the process of seeking a church or chapel for our annual Deceased Members mass. Suggestions are the Sanctuary to Mary chapel in Branchville or the chapel at the Abbey.



President's Message

Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

I hope that you and your family are enjoying our warm fall weather.

Our first, in person meeting since March 2020 was a success. Thanks in part, to having found a new home to have our meetings and for Sister Theresa agreeing to be our new Spiritual advisor. Sister spoke to us about our faith and what we should do to strengthen our faith. Her words were warm, sincere, and thought provoking. Afterwards four members told me how happy they were to be a Columbiette member.

We had over twenty-five sisters in attendance and six on Zoom. We will continue to meet in person at Sacred Heart and have the meeting on Zoom. We were able to accomplish much at our meeting. We collected one hundred pounds of snacks and drinks for Saint Mother Theresa's food pantry. A photo of our donation was in St. Joseph's bulletin on October 17th.

Our November donations will be going to Good Shepherd RC Church in Andover for their food pantry. They would like us to donate personal care products such as shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, brushes, deodorant, and feminine products.

State would like us to review our By Laws and I want to thank Pat Keegan, Mary Beth Flora and Agnes Gerrety for volunteering to work on our By Laws.

We are joining the families in Fredon and participating in Trunk or Treat at Lodestar Park on Saturday October 23. This activity will count towards the Columbiette Auxiliary Activity Award, working with youths. Kathy Draghi, Maureen Fiore, and Rita Ippolito are working to decorate a car to look like "Cookie Monster" and guess what kind of "Treat" they are giving away? Thank you to Kathy, Maureen, and Rita. They promised to take photos for the newsletter.



This year's fair receipts were not as bad as we might have expected since we had less days and the weather was so hot it kept people away. We are in the process determining how much we have to distribute to local charities, keeping pro-life in the forefront.

It was fulfilling to see so many young people joining Knights and Columbiettes this year. We had Confirmation candidates as well as students and alum of Pope John HS. They were such a big part of our success we will try to expand the number of students next year.

Peace.

GK Rich Matrisciano

Knights Upcoming Events



Respect Life Mass at Paterson cathedral, Nov 20th 10am.

Pride in Priests Dinner at Hanover Manor, Nov 22nd 6pm.

Deceased Member Mass, TBD



Our sister Louise Crann and her husband Geoffrey need our thoughts and prayers. Geoffrey's health is causing him to be in and out of hospitals and nursing homes. Louise is currently getting their home ready for sale so they can relocate to be near their son in Maryland. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a Mass card for their special intentions. The Mass will be said on Wednesday November 3rd. I hope you can join me at the Mass as we pray for Louise and Geoffrey.

30 Week Club will be starting in December. If you want to join, please go to njstate30weekclub@yahoo.com. Remember "You can't win it, if you are not in it."

We will install our officers at our November meeting. By now you have received your postcard regarding November being our retention month. Hope to see all of you at the meeting. Our meeting will start after the installation.

Sadly, the Knights will not be making wreaths this year.

I want to wish you and your family a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

God bless you, Pam

Columbiette Upcoming Events



Monday, November 1st meeting at Sacred Heart Center Monthly Donation Personal Care items

Wednesday, December 1 Western Chapter meeting. Bring a gift for grab bag/tricky tray.

Saturday, December 4th Mass for Alex Taggart in Butler.

December 6th our monthly meeting. Donation white socks for nursing home residents. Whispers of Faith Page 3





Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and Geoffrey Crann, and all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

Columbiette Meetings Dates and times

Sacred Heart Center- 20 Old Swartswood Road

IN PERSON-

- Monday, November 1
 Retention Month
- Monday, December 6th
- ❖ Monday, February 7th
- ❖ Monday, March 7th
- ❖ Monday April 4th
- Monday, May 2nd
- ❖ Monday, June 6th

Dues	Coupon:
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Send to Colleen Testa at

397A State Route 94S

Fredon, NJ 07860

Name_____

Check number _____

Sending \$20.00 in check made out to Don Bosco Columbiettes

You can also pay your dues at the monthly meeting!

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the United States of America.
Please support this endeavor to pray ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray

Hail Mary's to help in obtaining this goal.

All Hail Mary counts can be e-mailed to: hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com.

Our tally so far is: 580,109



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- www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com
- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.
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#### **Prayer Chain Requests**

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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 8-17 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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"Know – Love – Serve"

(Gamma – Phi – Delta)

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