



# The Columbiette Connection



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## CALIFORNIA STATE COLUMBIETTES

The California State Officers met February 18th and 19th at the Holiday Inn hotel in Dublin. The Officers had a chance to see the hotel and eat the food.

The State Audit for July 1st to Dec. 31st was completed and the 990N-e-postcard was submitted.

A new Columbiette brochure was shown. All auxiliaries who attend the convention will receive Columbiette brochures.

Next, we discussed the Online Registration which is now open at our website [californiacolumbiettes.com](http://californiacolumbiettes.com).

All registration forms have been emailed or mailed out. If you have not received a Convention Registration form, please contact your auxiliary president.

Any Platinum or Gold registration on or before April 30 will receive a free sheet of raffle tickets. Our Convention theme this year is "Believe".

California State ByLaws and the Resolutions were discussed. These document have been sent to the auxiliary presidents. Our meeting ended with Officer Nominations.



## Convention Schedule (may change)

### Friday June 17th, 2022

(Registration Desk in front of Tralee Room)

- Registration 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- Rosary 4:30PM - 5:00PM
- Bible Study 5:00PM - 6:00PM
- Dinner 6:30PM - 8:30PM Tralee Room
- Business Mtg/Hospitality 9:00PM - ??

### Saturday June 18th, 2022

- Breakfast 8:00AM - 8:45AM Ballybunion Grill
- Registration 7:30AM - 8:45AM
- Business Mtg 9:00AM-11:00AM Tralee Room
- Luncheon 11:30AM - 1:00PM
- Honor Guard Training 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- Installation of Officers 4:30PM - 5:00PM
- Mass 5:00PM - 6:00 PM Tralee Room
- Dinner 6:30PM - 8:30PM Tralee Room
- Hospitality Suite 9:00PM - ???

## INSPIRATION CORNER

Dear Columbiettes,

**W**hat is it that Our Lord asks of each one of us? He wants us to have faith in him, to hope in him, and to love him. And he wants us to do these things not because **BY** doing them we will get something important, but because the very acts of trusting, hoping, and loving him change us, and bring us to heaven now.

**W**hen we believe in Jesus, when we trust him, it means that we trust that every part of our lives is in the hands of God. It means that we accept both the good and the bad from God, trusting not according to our own judgment for what “should” have happened or should happen, but simply in the fact that God has allowed it or is allowing it to take place.

**W**hen we trust this way, or when we move closer to this kind of trust, we stop acting like little gods ourselves, stop trying to make believe that **WE** know and can and should decide how the world and our lives should be, and we let it all devolve onto God.

**W**hen we do that, we gain true freedom, not to decide for ourselves who we are or might be, but to decide to receive who we have been and will be from our generous and loving God. When we live this way, we need not be envious, not desirous of anything we don’t have, because we can trust that whatever God has done for us has been for our benefit, even if we can’t understand right now how it can be.



**W**e should also hope in God, which means trusting that not only what has happened, but what will happen to us remains in the hands of God. We know we have this supernatural hope because it empowers us, it changes us—it doesn’t pacify and stultify us. Rather, hoping in God gives us courage to live in a truer, a more open, a more vulnerable way than we would ever do otherwise.

**M**ore than anything else, it gives us the power to **GIVE OURSELVES** to the work that God has given to us, to entrust ourselves to the ministry, or to our families, or to helping our neighbors or whatever else we feel called by the Holy Spirit to engage ourselves with. Filled with hope, we know that God is faithful to us, and that he will accompany us as we live our lives in a way totally different than we ever would without him.

**L**oving Jesus, loving God, is the most important thing we do in our lives, and without it our faith and hope is meaningless. In fact, we only trust and hope in God because we love him, which means that we have a confidence in him beyond words can tell. This loving confidence, this amorous conviction, this intimate dependence, is the basis of the Christian life, and without it all the rule-following, Mass-attending, and works of charity we do is nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1).

**W**hen we love God, we look towards him as innocent children towards their parents, knowing that with him we are entirely safe and entirely loved. That innocence is itself a gift we receive from this love, it leads to an incredible openness, an openness that most people avoid since in this world it might result in wounds. But for those who love and trust in God—even and especially through pain and distress—difficulties open always out and onto vistas of healing and grace.

**T**his is because the love that we are to love Jesus with is a love that doesn't jump over or ignore his Cross, but helps us to accept the crosses of our own lives with the same trust that he accepted his.

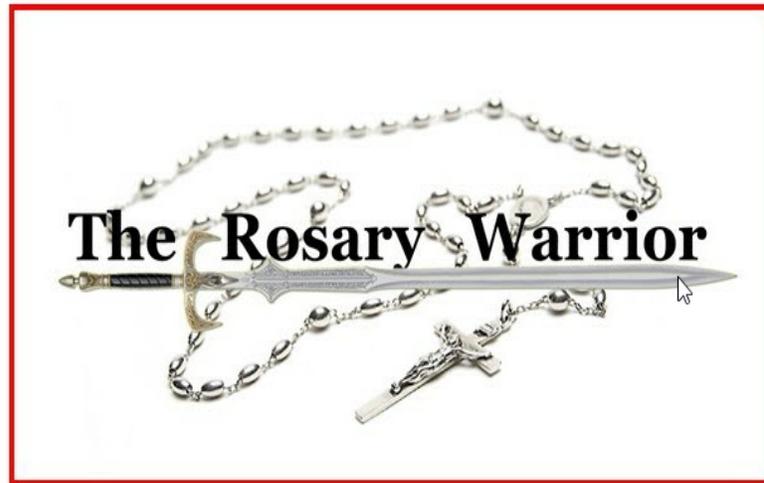
**B**elieving in, hoping in, and trusting in God. we open ourselves up to receive gifts that only Christians know how to and can receive.

**D**ear Columbiettes, please keep up with your beautiful ministries and your faith! I have seen the great works and great spirit of charity that your sisters at St. Anthony, Oakley have, what a gift you are to the Church! It is people like you who through their actions show the reality of faith, proving that hope and love are not dead, but still enlivening our world in humble and beautiful ways.

God bless you,  
Fr. Mac Lingo

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## Join Us and BE a Rosary Warrior for Christ!



Everyone, all ages, are invited to join us in prayer.  
Become a part of this dynamic rosary and be a **Rosary Warrior** for Christ!  
We meet "virtually" by phone, every **Wednesday night at 8:00 PM EST..**

Call is Free.. Dial.. 267-807-9601... Access Code is: 693689

All callers can dial in as early as 7:30PM EST to join and share thoughts, intentions, and a virtual smile!

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Your worthy President asked that I write a little about myself for your newsletter. I was born in Czechoslovakia and came to this country when I was a child. Coming to America was a blessing.

People don't realize how lucky they are living here, and take what they have for granted. Our faith in God guided us here and my family became involved with the Polish church and my father with the Knights of Columbus. I met my husband who was also a knight and saw that at every function the ladies where there to assist.

These ladies, the Columbiettes asked me to join and it's been a wonderful 29-year journey. From President of the auxiliary and then the Chapter and now Supreme. Both the Knights and Columbiettes were there for me in good times and in bad, especially when I lost my husband and then my son. They became my second family.

So therefore, my theme when I was elected Supreme President was "We are Family". When you think about it where would we be without our family? We Sister Columbiettes ARE Family.

I am blessed, I have three children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren that keep me busy.



I love to read, cook, travel and boating as we live right near the water. I have my family over for dinner quite often and enjoy cooking their favorite meals.

I cook a lot of European foods and their favorite is pierogies which are similar to ravioli. They are a lot of work and usually my daughter-in-law and grandchildren help me make them. We have a lot of fun making them especially during the holidays.

The Columbiettes have been a vital part of my life and I am amazed of how we have grown. We are now in 10 states and 14 territories, with some close to statehood. That would be my goal and my dream, so ladies keep on doing the great things that you do to make the Columbiettes known all over the country, spread the word. God bless you all and stay safe.

Fraternally,  
Ronny Pliszak  
Supreme President

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## State Raffle

*Win First Prize - \$1,000!*



*\$1,000 first prize  
2- \$250 prizes  
and 2-\$100 prizes*

*(Leprechaun and Pot of Gold not included)*



Raffle tickets are  
6 tickets for \$20 or \$5 each.

Drawing will be at the 7th Annual  
California State Convention  
June 18th 2022

Winner need not be present to win.  
*Do you feel Lucky?*



Please make checks payable to:  
*California State Columbiettes*

Mail tickets & checks to:  
*Lucia Amerson  
4800 Duarte Avenue,  
Oakley CA. 94561*

We thank you for your support  
of our expansion raffle.  
Denise Brennan

**Raffle tickets on the last page for printing**

## California State Honor Guards

The Knights of Columbus keep telling us that our Honor Guard ladies make them look good. I agree! Our Columbiettes look amazing.

All requests for the California State Honor Guard to participate at an event need to be emailed to the State President for approval [cacolumbiettespresident@gmail.com](mailto:cacolumbiettespresident@gmail.com)

There is a new pamphlet on our website <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com> under AboutUs.

A special request is being made to all Honor Guard members that are not State Officers to bring your uniform and be part of the Convention. The Honor Guard would be at the Installation of Officers & Mass on June 18th. Please contact Becky Trombley at [CaImmediatePastPres@gmail.com](mailto:CaImmediatePastPres@gmail.com)

There will be an in-person Honor Guard Training Saturday at the State Convention on June 18th by Grand Knight Danny Avalos Color Corps Commander.

Currently we have about 25 Columbiettes signed up as Honor Guard members and the Honor Guard has already participated in 11 events.

The California State Honor Guard will participate in 3 future events (not including the State Convention):

- March 3rd for the funeral of Columbiette Consuelo Segovia
- March 5th and March 19th for the 100th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus



**Columbiettes and the Knights of Columbus at Tony Despart's Funeral  
January 28th 2022 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Montclair CA.**

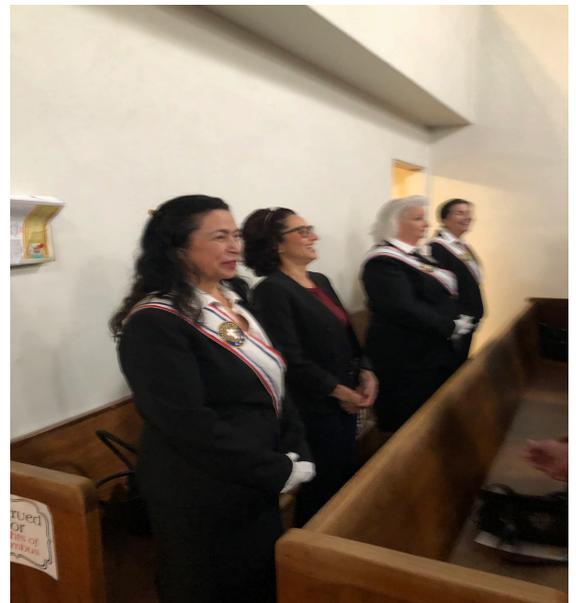
## California State Honor Guard (November and December)



On November 20th our California State Honor Guard participated in installation of Father Hyacinth S.O. Ibeh as pastor at St. Joan of Arc in Victorville. Father Hyacinth was an associate pastor at St Margaret Mary and he invited the Columbiettes. Roxanne Meyers and Diana Seixas also attended.



On December 24th our Honor Guard participated in the funeral of one of our own, **Dana Madison** from Queen of All Saint's auxiliary. May she rest in peace.



### State In-Person Meeting



After working all day on February 19th the State Officers went bowling.

### Auxiliary Corner

Many of the California Auxiliaries are preparing to support our parishes with the Stations of the Cross and support our Knights with their Fish Fry's during Lent.



St Anthony Columbiettes #10414 along with the Knights of Columbus participated in OUR LADY OF GUADOLUPE procession through streets of Oakley (December 12th)

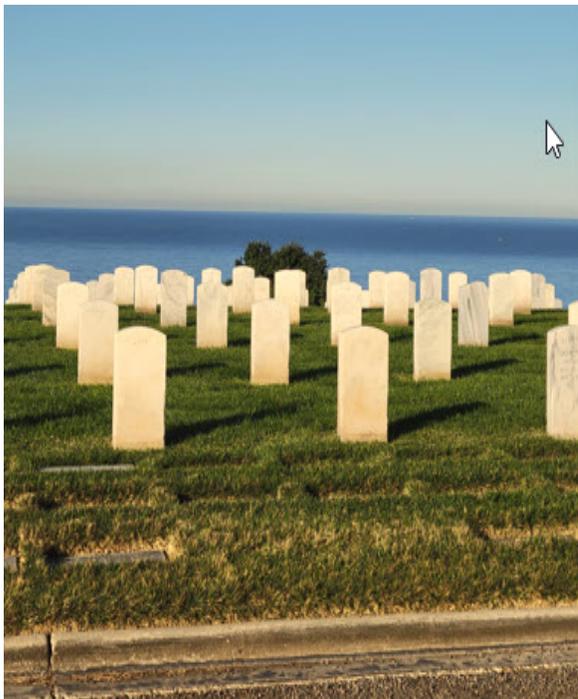
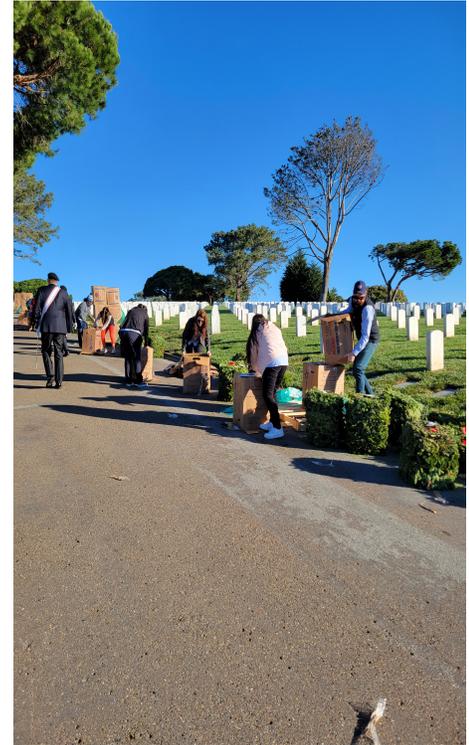


Bishop O'Dowd, auxiliary #3474, held it's first in-person meeting in almost a year.

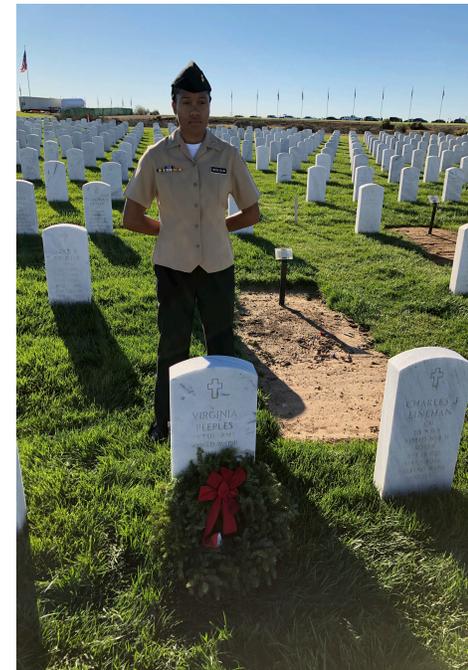


## St Junipero Serra Auxiliary #9498

On December 18, 2021 Columbiettes placed wreaths on graves at Miramar National Cemetery and Fort Rosencrans Cemetery. The Auxiliary collected enough money to purchase 155 wreaths this year.



Let's never forget  
those who have died  
so we could be free!

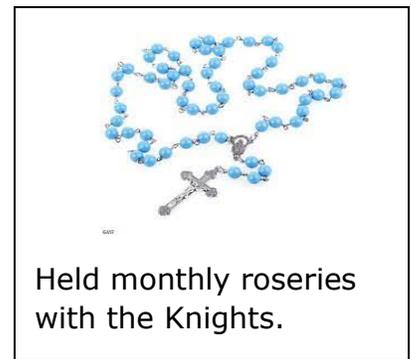


## St. Ignatius of Loyola, Council #12853



President Denise Brennen joined us for our annual Bunco Night in November.

In December we held our Potluck Christmas Social with the Knights.



Held monthly roseries with the Knights.



Sister Columbiette Lina led us in a Valentine's Day project in January.



In February, Sister Columbiette Blessie led us through a spiritual exercise to introduce the season of lent.

## St Anthony Auxiliary #10414



On December 19th, the Columbiettes supported the Knights of Columbus with "Breakfast with Santa". This year they let us in the kitchen.



On February 12th the Columbiettes had the 8:00 AM Mass where the Columbiettes are the lecturers, eucharistic ministers, take up the collection, take up the offertory gifts and during the announcements get up and talk about the Columbiettes.

### An Irish Blessing

*May your blessings outnumber  
 the shamrocks that grow,  
 And may trouble avoid you Wherever  
 you go.  
 May your glass be ever full.  
 May the roof over your head be  
 always strong.  
 And may you be in heaven a half  
 hour before the devil knows you're  
 dead.*



### March Trivia

- **What do they call the Irish jig at McDonalds?**  
*A Shamrock Shake*
- **What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green?**  
*A Jolly Green Giant*

*Be a sponsor for our Newsletter at \$20 a year for a square here.*

**Tina Guevara-Orduna**

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### Bishop Begin #7674

**Bishop Begin Auxiliary with the Knights** hosted "Bingo and Breakfast" on Feb 12 & 13th. This event is the second weekend of every month.

**On March 14th Bishop Begin Columbiettes with the Knights** will make and serve a soup dinner.



*The California State Officers  
 wish you and your family  
 a safe and blessed Easter!*



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Community  
**COLUMBIETTES Auxiliary 13619**

*Invites you to a*

# LENTEN RETREAT

*Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 9:00AM-1:00PM in Avila Hall*



*Topic:* **FORGIVENESS**

- **8:30AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST.**
- **RETREAT BEGINS AT 9AM AND ENDS AT 1PM.**
- **THERE WILL BE SHORT GROUP DISCUSSIONS AFTER EACH OF THE THREE SPEAKERS.**
- **COFFEE, TEA & WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE RETREAT.**
- **PLEASE WEAR YOUR AUXILIARY NAME TAG.**

## **SPEAKERS:**

- **Bryant Rivas**, SEAS Intern Seminarian
- **Deacon Octavio Echeverria**, SEAS Deacon and Associate Director of DSB Office of Child and Youth Protection
- **Elder Samaniego**, Director of DSB Office of Child and Youth Protection

**\$10.00**

Per Person  
Includes a **40-day Lenten Devotional Booklet**



**909-972-5001**

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

Make checks payable to: **SEAS COLUMBIETTES**  
 Send to: **Teresa Franco**, 2875 S. Bon View Ave.,  
 Ontario, CA 91761

# **LENTEN RETREAT**



**Sponsored by St. Anthony Columbiettes**

***THEME: OUR FAITH AND COPING WITH LOSS***

***When: Saturday, April 2*** (9 am to 3 pm)

***Where: St. Anthony Church, Padua Hall***

*971 O'Hara Ave., Oakley, CA 94561*

***For: All Christian Women***

***Pre-Register today – 925-848-8925 (Libby)***

***Cost: FREE FREE FREE FREE***

Join us for a day of sharing and growing in your faith. Father Mac Lingo, Parochial Vicar, will be our main speaker. Brother Juan Carlos Ponce, our Pastoral Year Intern and St. Anthony Columbiettes will also be a part of the Team

We will start registration at 8 am and start retreat at 9 am to 3 pm in Padua Hall, located on Cypress Rd. side of parking lot. Bring your lunch, refreshments will be provided.

Don't miss this great opportunity to engage with others and reenergize your faith.



## Columbiettes Raffle 2022

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Council #12853  
Holy Family Parish – San Jose, CA

### Raffle Prizes Include:

Grand Prize: One Week Accommodations in WorldMark Timeshare  
(based on availability, airfare not included)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Shop 'Til You Drop: \$560 Gift Card Shopping Spree

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Monterey Bay Aquarium – One Year Family Membership

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Homemade and Locally Delivered Dinner for 10:  
Choose from Filipino Menu

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$100 Cash

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Silk Flower Arrangement

Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022 in the  
Holy Family Parish Community Center.

Need not be present to win.

Purchase tickets after Sunday morning masses, in the parish office or  
contact Patty Trillo at (408) 799-0398 or [trillopatricia@yahoo.com](mailto:trillopatricia@yahoo.com).



**ST. ANTHONY'S COLUMBIETTES  
PRESENT THEIR 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SPRING BOUTIQUE – OUTDOOR EVENT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022**

**10:00AM – 2:30PM**

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, 971 O'HARA AVENUE IN  
OAKLEY**

**ADMISSION IS FREE!!**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS, ENJOY COMMUNITY, HAVE  
FUN AND PARTAKE IN RAFFLES, AND OF COURSE  
... SHOPPING!**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL APPLY AT  
THIS OUTDOOR EVENT. RAIN OR SHINE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**PLEASE CONTACT US**

**AT**

**[COLUMBIETTE10414@GMAIL.COM](mailto:COLUMBIETTE10414@GMAIL.COM)**

**2022 California State Columbiettes  
Annual Expansion Fundraiser**



*Win \$1,000 First Prize  
2- \$250 and 2- \$100 Prizes  
See Attached Flyer for Details*

Tickets \$5 each OR 6 for \$20.00

Please make check payable to: California State Columbiettes  
Drawing to be held Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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