



# Communicator



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## Message from our Supreme President

My Dear Sister Columbiettes,  
Once again, "Welcome Spring", especially after this long cold, snowy winter, at least here in New York. It is a joy to see the daffodils in bloom and the tulips starting to come to life. When you think about it, it is almost like Lent. We have forty days of prayer and fasting, it is solemn, kind of like winter, and then like spring we rejoice and are renewed on Easter Sunday with Our Lords Resurrection. We come to life.

As you all know by now, my theme for the year is "We are Family". We all need to work together in order to make our order stronger. Like a family you might not agree with everything that happens but you try your best to solve the problem and make it work. These past two and a half years have not been easy, but we prevailed, we made it work. In spite of the pandemic our Sister Columbiettes have continued their outreach, works of charity and fundraisers. The pandemic did not stop you. I am amazed and so proud of our Columbiette Family.

Zoom. The CDC has lifted the mask mandate, and we are on the road to recovery. I am looking forward to attending as many conventions that I can and meeting my Sisters in person.



This Easter when you spend time with your family, remember the ones that are less fortunate, especially the people of Ukraine. Keep them in your prayers that this nightmare will end.

I wish all my Sister Columbiettes and their families, a Blessed, Happy and Healthy Easter. Stay safe and well. God Bless you all, and God Bless America.

May your Easter be happy,  
May your day be bright,  
May you enjoy the treats,  
And sweet delights.  
But remember the meaning,  
Remember God's gift.  
Remember the Resurrection,  
May your soul uplift.

*Bill Hoeneveld*

*Happy Easter  
Wielkanocnych  
Frohe Ostern*

*Wesolych Swiat  
Vesele Velikonoce  
Felices Pascuas  
Buona Pasqua*



We are now having in person meetings and the auxiliaries are starting to do their own Initiation Ceremony instead of viewing it on

Ronny Pliszak  
Supreme President



**Message from our Supreme Chaplain**

**Lenten Reflection  
March 2022**

As we begin our Lenten journey, we are reminded that this season is a time for repentance. That is; a time for forgiveness, forgiving ourselves, forgiving others and a desire to embrace a spirit of change and transformation.

Our Lenten journey challenges us to take pause and seek the opportunity to change and embrace transformation as we stay the course.

On Ash Wednesday we were reminded of three things. This is a season for almsgiving. Very few of us have extra money to give. However, every one of us during the next six weeks could give of our

time, and our talents whether it's to parish outreach, a local soup kitchen, or a shelter for the homeless, and do it in His name.

Lent is a time for renewed prayer. It is not a time for the give me God prayer, but rather a time for beginning our day in the silence and listening to God speak to us. We would be shocked to hear what He has to say.

Finally, Lent is a time for fasting. Not for going on a diet on Ash Wednesday and breaking it on Thursday, but rather a time for fasting against negativity, self-righteousness, and arrogance. A time for fasting from selfishness and negative

rhetoric. A time for fasting from disrespect and gossip and the list is endless.

Let's use the next six weeks as an opportunity to embrace repentance that challenges us to embrace change and transformation that helps all of us to stay the course, as we try to make the world a more loving place to be.

Pope Francis has asked that this also be a season where we pray for peace, especially for the people in Ukraine, and that each of us work harder during these Lenten days to be instruments of peace.

Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, DCSW  
Supreme Columbiettes  
Chaplain



**LENT**

**Who are our Officers and Directors**

**President**

Ronny Pliszak - (NY)

**Past President**

Micki Magee - (NY)

**Vice President**

Jeanne Mucci - (NY)

**Secretary**

Janet Schuler - (GA)

**Financial Secretary**

Marlene Korn - (NC)

**Treasurer**

Lisa Roberts- (NJ)

**Advocate**

Kathy Bacon- (CT)

**Sentinel**

Lisa Koenig- (NY)

**One Year**

- Carol Bohinski NJ
- Joellen Dodson PA
- Kathy LoFrese NY
- Vicky Porcelli NY
- Pat Vahlsing DE

**Two Year**

- MaryAnne Alessio NY
- Fran Kennealy CA
- Suzanne Pflieger FL
- Mary Ann Sweet NJ

**Three Year**

- Linda Darling DE
- Mary Galiardi PA
- Barbara Maier NY
- Edith VanDemark SC
- Crystal Vliet GA

**Message from our Supreme Immediate Past President**

**Happy Easter Message**

Easter Season is such a hopeful time of year. I wish you every good thing at Easter, and always, as we join near or far in gratitude for Christ's sacrifice and the joyful renewal it brings to all God's children. May Easter day and Season be as special and beautiful as you.

Happy Easter!



Micki Magee  
Immediate Past Supreme President

**Message from our Supreme Vice President**

May the renewal of life at Easter, bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, good health, and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter,



Jeanne Mucci  
Supreme Vice President

**Message from our Supreme Secretary**

Greetings to everyone from Georgia! Spring is beginning to bloom a bit late for this part of the country, but I'm sure the yellow rivers of pollen will be flowing soon (if you've never been to this part of the country in Spring, the Georgia pine pollen is thick and yellow for about 2-3 weeks and sticks to everything!). It's hard to believe Easter is here again. I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter! "You are risen with Christ, and He has carried you in the Father's arms. May you experience, ever more deeply, the Father's love for you".

Enjoy the Easter season and take care of your family, friends and loved ones!

God Bless,  
Janet Schuler  
Supreme Secretary



# How to Contact Us!



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Mineola, NY 11501-1523  
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For Supply Orders and any related questions email

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Procedural and By-law questions email

[SupremeAdvocate@Columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeAdvocate@Columbiettes.com)

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[SupremeIRSQA@Columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeIRSQA@Columbiettes.com)

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Squirettes of Mary

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**\*DO NOT SEND CERTIFIED MAIL TO SUPREME OFFICE**



## Message from our Supreme Financial Secretary

**Rejoice! Christ is risen!**

Wishing all a blessed holiday filled with happiness, love, and faith.

*Marlene Korn*

Supreme Financial Secretary



## Message from our Supreme Treasurer



He is Risen!

Have Faith in Him and He will always be there for you.

Have a Blessed Easter,

*Lisa Roberts*

Supreme Treasurer

## Message from our Supreme Advocate



May this beautiful day be a testimony of God's love and glory.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter,

*Kathy*

Kathy Bacon

Supreme Advocate

## Message from our Supreme Sentinel

Sister Columbiettes,

As we enter into this beautiful season, I wish each of you and your families a Beautiful, Peaceful and Blessed Easter

*Lisa Koenig*

Supreme Sentinel



## Message from our Supreme Past Presidents

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Easter is an optimistic time of year - the flowers are blooming, and the weather is getting warmer. It's another season to celebrate, be thankful, and grateful for the resurrection of Jesus Christ our savior. The Supreme Past Presidents wish you and your families a joyous and blessed Easter!

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!! Happiness Always!!!

Sandy, Ann, Rose Marie, Pam, Barbara Ann, Pat & Ronnie



**Message from our Supreme Territorial Deputies**

As we fast and do penance during Lent, let us prepare for the Resurrection. Alleluia! May this Easter season bring Kindness and Forgiveness to our hearts, to assist those in need and learn to have peace for ourselves and others. Color the World with Kindness and you will Color the World with Love.

God Bless  
Johanna Anzalone, Territorial Deputy of Alabama



Greeting from Maine



May God bless you at Easter,  
And keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith you need,  
To make your dreams come true.  
May His love and guidance always help,  
To lead you on your way,  
May His light shine down on you now,  
To bless your Easter Day.

May you feel Christ's love in your heart and be filled with his peace. Have a wonderful Easter.

Pam Desaulniers  
Territorial Deputy - ME



As we reflect on the miracle of Easter, we thank you for being part of our lives.  
Wishing you an Easter filled with happiness and the love and grace of God.

Blessings  
Manuela Graells TD New Mexico

My Easter Greeting!



During this hopeful time of year, I wish you and your family a Blessed Easter!  
Claudette B. Apple, Territorial Deputy - RI



Find us under:

***Supreme Council  
Columbiettes***

(three separate words)

*What's happening in your neck  
of the woods?*

We are getting close to the 600 member mark and would love to see this group continue to grow! If your members do not know about our Facebook group, please tell them about it. All are welcome to join. It is a great way to share information about your Auxiliary, Chapter, Territory, or State, with our Sister Columbiettes across the United States. Why not post pictures, or a small article, about your events or achievements? Having a fund raiser? Include that too! That is what this Facebook group is for. Besides, we want to know.....What's happening in your neck of the woods?

*Kathy Bacon  
Administrator*



NEWSLETTER STAFF

HAPPY EASTER

**Rejoice!**

We are reborn because of His unconditional love and sacrifice.

We are blessed!

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Easter,

The Staff of the *Communicator*:

Kathy Bacon, Editor, Writer

Jaclyn Carney, Lay-Out Editor

Carol Bohinski, Writer

Manuela Graells, Translator

Maria Cruz, Translator

Maggie Muelker, Translator



## **IMPORTANT**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Message from IRS Committee**

The IRS Committee would like to remind those with a calendar year after December 31, you need to file your 990n (e-Postcard) with the IRS. It only takes a few minutes to answer two (2) questions and complete contact information to keep your status in compliance with the government rules. There are some that have an August 31 deadline so please be mindful of your filing date.

Please remember to always print a copy of the last page of your filing with the word "Filing Status: "Pending" on it. You may return to the site later and check to see if it has been "Accepted". If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at [SupremeIRSQA@Columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeIRSQA@Columbiettes.com) for any assistance.

Wishing All a Blessed Easter

IRS Committee

**Message from the Disaster Relief Fund**

When considering charitable causes to support, please keep in mind the Columbiettes' Disaster Relief Fund. This fund was established to help Sister Columbiettes in their time of need should a natural disaster strike. All donations to this fund go directly to Sister Columbiettes. Should you choose to donate, please make your check payable to: Supreme Council Columbiettes and write *Disaster Relief* in the memo line. Mail checks to: Supreme Council Columbiettes, Attn: Disaster Relief Committee, 297 Willis Avenue, Mineola NY 11501. Should you have any questions, please contact the committee at [SupremeDisasterRelief@columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeDisasterRelief@columbiettes.com).

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**Message from our Supreme Secretary**

I would like to ask for your help when filling out A100 forms for new members:

1. Please remember that new members, reinstated members that have been gone more than a year, and withdrawn members, all require a \$5 fee. Please send fees and A100 forms **together**. It's difficult to keep track when a check has to be held onto while waiting for the paperwork.
2. Please make sure all fields in the A100 form are filled out, particularly the zip code and Initiation Ceremony date. I am spending quite a bit of time having to research zip codes.
3. Please make sure all fields are legible!

**Important Messages from our Supreme Financial Secretary**

Convention season is quickly approaching. To ensure your Auxiliary is permitted to be placed on the roll call and eligible to have voting rights at your state convention, all outstanding fees i.e., travel card, per capita and/or supplies must be settled. Remember, when Supreme sends out a notice for payment it does not require a vote. Payment is due upon receipt.

Please check your orders on the Supreme store to verify you have no outstanding fees.

If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Korn, Supreme Financial Secretary at [supremefinancialsecretary@columbiettes.com](mailto:supremefinancialsecretary@columbiettes.com).

**Message from our States**

**California-**

*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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
California State Convention  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Chances are on next page



**Save the Date!**

The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme  
Convention

will be held at the  
Embassy Suites  
in Piscataway NJ

August 19 – 21, 2022

### 2022 State Convention Dates

California State  
June 17 & 18

Connecticut State  
June 18

Delaware State  
May 7

Florida State  
May 20 thru 22

Georgia State  
June 24 & 25

New Jersey State  
June 24 thru 26

New York State  
June 3 thru 5

Pennsylvania State  
April 30

North Carolina State  
April 29 & 30

South Carolina State  
June 17 & 18



#### 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  
Do not need to be present to win

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Florida**

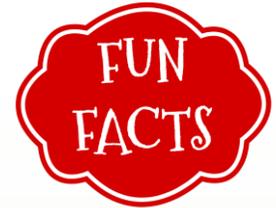
Florida State Council Bonding Weekend: We started on a Thursday night with dinner together, spent Friday and Saturday engaged in leadership and fellowship, getting to know each other better, and attended Mass on Saturday evening. We left on Sunday, refreshed, renewed and grateful to have spent quality time with our State Columbiette Board members. We are truly sisters to each other.

**South Carolina**

On Thursday, March 10, 2022, the State of South Carolina welcomed in their newest Auxiliary; Our Lady of Grace in Indian Land SC. The Initiation Ceremony and Installation of Officers was conducted by the South Carolina State Officers. Congratulations and Welcome to all!



Back row (L-R) SC State Advocate Joyce Recchia, SC State Financial Secretary Ann Bauco, SC State Secretary Lorraine Catoe, Our Lady of Grace Officers: Vice President Gail Zaremba, Secretary Nancy Steckel, President Judith Koch, Financial Secretary Barbara Allen, and Sentinel Pamela Michaud. Front row (kneeling) SC State President Caroline Paulhus and SC State Vice President Nancy Kuffel (Missing from Photo - Treasurer Millie Wolfe)

**Columbiettes Fun Fact**

At the Board Meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, a motion was made and approved that instead of giving monies to charity in remembrance of our deceased Past Supreme Presidents, that Supreme purchase a set of vestments and a stole on which the names of all Past Supreme Presidents, living and deceased, will be embroidered. The vestments and stole are worn by the Supreme Chaplain.





Is your Administrative Manual cover (black book) looking a little aged or the spine is torn? It may be time to order a new Administrative Manual Cover from our Store. The price is \$10.00. Have your Financial Secretary place an order directly on the Auxiliary website at:

[www.Columbiettes.com](http://www.Columbiettes.com)

## LET'S LEARN

All Columbiette Presidents should have a gavel as part of their equipment for meetings. This small ceremonial mallet is often overused, underused, and misused during meetings in most organizations. Its purpose is to call attention, signal action, and punctuate rulings or decisions. It is a symbol of authority and the presiding officer's right to act officially. Many organizations use the symbol of a gavel to identify the authority of their President.

Columbiette meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, America's foremost guide to parliamentary procedure. Based on this guide and the format of our meeting agenda, the following is how to properly use the gavel:

- The President is ready to call the meeting to order and members are busy greeting each other. The President should lightly rap the gavel three or four times to signal she is ready to start the meeting. **ATTENTION**
- President states the meeting is called to order. One sound rap to signal all are to be seated. **ACTION** She states the time.
- Sentinel lights the candle and checks travel cards
- The President asks the assembly to stand for the Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Three sound raps signals all are to stand. **ACTION**
- One sound rap to signal all to sit. **ACTION**
- Though not necessary in Robert's Rules, the President may elect to soundly rap once after the Secretary's minutes are approved and the Treasurer's report is accepted and filed for audit. **RULING**
- One sound rap to signal a motion has passed. **DECISION**
- Tip - Avoid using loud raps to drown out a disorderly member; rather lightly rap to get the member to be quiet. **ATTENTION**
- Tip - It is a prohibitive act in parliamentary procedure to use gavel raps to cut off a member's right to speak or debate. Parliamentary procedure allows all members to voice their views. However, if a ruckus ensues, lightly rap the gavel to signal all to settle down. **ATTENTION**
- The President announces the meeting is adjourned. One sound rap. She states the time. **ACTION**
- The President asks the assembly to stand for the Closing Prayer. Three sound raps. **ACTION**

Remember, the gavel is not a toy. It is not to be used to challenge, threaten, or emphasize remarks. It represents the authority of the President. As in our Installation of Officers Ceremony, the Installing Officer hands the gavel to the newly installed President and says, "May the wielding of this gavel, representing your authority as presiding Officer of \_\_\_\_\_ (Auxiliary Name) Columbiettes, be constantly respected and may your every request conveyed through it be met with a prompt response from each and every member."





- ✓ **Presidents** should review their By-laws for the requirements to nominate eligible members for Officer positions and necessary delegates/alternates in the upcoming elections. If a Nominating Committee is stipulated, it is chaired by the Immediate Past President. The Committee members are appointed by the President or elected by the membership. Please refer to your By-laws.
  - ✓ **The Nominating Committee** is to submit their report at the regular business meeting stipulated in their By-laws. The report is to state who and to which office they are nominating candidates for election to the Board of Officers and the various delegates/alternates to the Annual State Meeting/Convention, to Chapter, and/or State Nominating Committee.
  - ✓ **President and Secretary** are to ensure all members are notified of the Nominating Committee's full report prior to elections. They are to advise all members of the date elections will be held.
  - ✓ **Presidents** should advise members of their Annual State Meeting/Convention as to location, date, agenda, and Auxiliary or Chapter requested participation. Auxiliaries are to assure two representatives (delegates or alternates) will attend. Be sure all forms are completed and returned prior to the deadlines.
  - ✓ **Financial Secretaries** should contact all members who have not paid their yearly dues to remind them that their dues are outstanding. Sample letters are in the Administration Manual. If dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, a member may be suspended for non-payment. Out of courtesy, consider contacting the member before suspending as there may be extenuating circumstances as to why. If so, confidentially discuss with the President and the Board of Officers.
  - ✓ **Presidents and Financial Secretaries** should know that their Columbiette group is compliant with the IRS and filing of FORM N990 is current. If not current, steps must be taken immediately to rectify.
  - ✓ **Presidents** should remind members who have possession of their group's membership list (containing residential addresses, phone numbers, and/or email addresses) that this information is confidential and is not to be used or shared for any reason except Columbiette business. No member is to use the membership list without the knowledge and permission of the President.
  - ✓ **The Audit Committee**, chaired by the Immediate Past President and members appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Officers, should be up to date on auditing the financial and membership records of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Officer financial records must balance with bank statements or be reconciled to balance. Audits should be held at six-month intervals; ideally, from July 1 through December 31 and January 1 through June 30 each year. Please refer to your By-laws.
- 10 days of the Initiation Ceremony. Be timely to avoid late charges.



### A Columbiette Prayer

Dearest Lord,

In the lonely and quietness of my heart. I sought Your healing.

I asked you to lead me into Your service.

In Your divine wisdom You led me to the Columbiettes.

Now I have not just friends, but sisters in You.

You ask us to be Your hands, Your feet, Your heart, and Your voice.

I ask for Your help:

When my hands are chapped from washing dishes, when my feet are sore from standing in serving lines, when my back hurts from many things that need doing. When I'm tempted to sneer when I should smile. Lord, remind me that I do this all for Your great glory.

Let my voice sing Your praises and lift my sisters when they are in need.

Let my heart be warm and open, let my shoulders be wide for them to lean on.

Thank You Lord, for everything you give to me and for my sisters.

I am truly grateful to be a Columbiette.

Amen





**Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen #12956, Tampa FL** - As we become more connected and active after the COVID pandemic, we would like to share efforts made by our auxiliary to keep us engaged, encouraged, and uplifted. Since March 2020, our President has taken the initiative to send out daily emails sharing a prayer, updates on hardships and requests for prayer for our sisters, and uplifting messages to keep our courage and faith despite difficult times. Sharing brief bios of our members allowed us to learn more about each other and updates about zoom and then in-person meetings which allowed us to continue our good works for our sisterhood and our parish and to keep our 118 members connected.



An important part of the Membership program for any Auxiliary is RETENTION. Members of this Committee should be conscientious and active, know the members well, and be dedicated to the preservation of the membership. If a member has missed a few meetings, a committee member should call her. Sometimes their absence is only due to lack of transportation. There is a saying that goes: “A member can miss one meeting for a good reason, the second meeting she misses is for no apparent reason and the third meeting she doesn’t care or miss her group at all”. Do not let this happen to your members. Let them know they are missed.

Use good public relations. Call and tell them they were missed and ask them if everything is alright with them or their family. When a woman becomes a member, make sure she is introduced to the other members and is included in conversations. Try to appoint her to serve on a committee as soon as possible. Personal contact is especially important.

Some additional hints for Expansion and Retention are as follows:

Purchase chance books, or tickets, to a local charitable event and raffle them off at no charge to a member who is present at a meeting. (pick a name out of the hat of the members in attendance at that meeting) The cost is usually around \$10.00. Not only is this a good incentive for members to attend, but it also serves as a way of doing a charitable deed.

Some Auxiliaries put aside \$5.00 a meeting for an attendance award. All the members’ names are put in for the drawing. If a member is not present the \$5.00 is added to the next month’s drawing and the prize is now \$10.00. This continues until a member whose name is pulled is present at the meeting.

When a new member attends the meeting, the Retention Committee members should make sure she is not sitting alone at the meeting or after the meeting for refreshments. Make her feel like she belongs to the group and not feel like an outsider.

Request all new members serve on a committee of their choice, as a member, not the Chair.

Develop some activity after every meeting: social, arts and crafts, speaker, auction, etc.

Develop a training program to ensure all members are knowledgeable about all levels of our organization. If correspondence is received from other levels, take time to explain to them so they are aware of what is happening.

Stay tuned to the next newsletter for RETENTION Helpful Hints

Thank you  
Micki Magee PSP  
Supreme Retention Committee Chair

## St. Photina

### Facts

**Feast Day:** March 20

**Death:** 1st century



**Samaritan martyr.** According to Greek tradition, Photina was the Samaritan woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well as was recounted in the Gospel of St. John, chapter four. Deeply moved by the experience, she took to preaching the Gospel, received imprisonment, and was finally martyred at Carthage, in Africa, where she was thrown into a well. Another tradition states that Photina was put to death in Rome after converting the daughter of Emperor Nero and one hundred of her servants. She supposedly died in Rome with her sons Joseph and Victor, along with several other Christians, including Sebastian, Photius, Parascève, Photis, Cyriaca, and Victor. They were perhaps included in the Roman Martyrology by Cardinal Cesare Baronius owing to the widely held view that the head of Photina was preserved in the church of St. Paul's Outside the Walls.



Any proposed changes to State By-laws must be prepared by the State Chair of the Resolutions Committee and presented to the State Delegates for a vote at the State Convention.

Prior to the start of the State Convention, a copy of the Resolution(s) to change the State By-laws is to be sent, via US mail or email, to all voting Delegates. i.e., State Officers, Supreme President, Delegates, and Alternate Delegates attending the State Convention.

When voting on the Resolution(s) during the State Convention, a majority vote of the Delegates present and voting, at said convention, is needed for the Resolution(s) to be approved.

If the Resolution(s) is approved by the Delegates at the State Convention, the State President and State Secretary **must sign and date** the approved Resolution(s) and **mail two (2) copies** of the entire document to the Supreme Advocate as soon as the State Convention is completed, **but no later than postmarked by July 10<sup>th</sup>**, for approval of the Supreme Board of Officers and Directors.

**The two (2) signed copies must be sent to:** Supreme Council Columbiettes  
Attn: Supreme Advocate  
297 Willis Avenue  
Mineola NY 11501

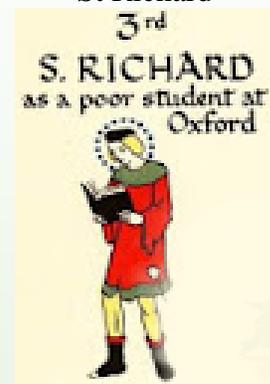
**Note:** Changes to State By-laws do not take effect until the document is signed and returned by the Supreme Advocate to the State President.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Supreme Advocate by email at [SupremeAdvocate@columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeAdvocate@columbiettes.com)

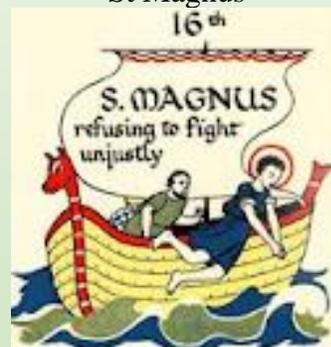


## Feast Days

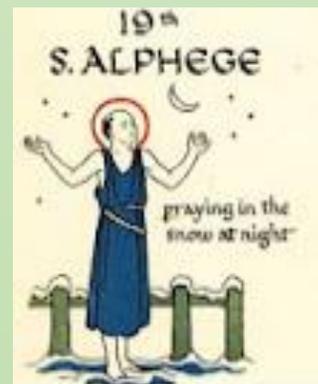
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St Richard



April 16<sup>th</sup>  
St Magnus



April 19<sup>th</sup>  
St Alphege



April 21<sup>st</sup>  
St Anselm  
21<sup>st</sup>

**S. ANSELM**



April 25<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mark

25<sup>th</sup>  
**S. MARK**  
writing his Gospel



April 30<sup>th</sup>  
St Catherine

30<sup>th</sup>  
**S. CATHERINE**  
of Siena



# Congratulations

## 25 Years

### March

Mary Lois Barnas, DE  
Cheryl Bush, DE  
Cheryl Green, NY  
Janet Harden, DE  
Eileen Huard, NJ

Charlet Lafferty, DE  
Bette Luzetsky, DE  
Denise Martin, ME  
Audrey McDonough, DE  
Elizabeth Mousley, DE

Lynn Mulhern, NY  
Jean Pedicone, DE  
Marie Vawter, DE  
Virginia Wilmer, NY  
Debra Yanette, DE

### April

Mary Jeanne Altieri, NY  
Ona Jean Bouchard, ME  
Rosie Carlino, NY  
Jo Anne Connor, NY  
Marilyn Dame, NY  
Sylvia Guillette, CT  
Anna John, NY

Claudette Lausier, ME  
Penny Lou Levesque, ME  
Rose Marie Martel, NY  
Ruth Nesbitt, ME  
Kathleen Obuchowski, CT  
Martine Ouellette, ME  
Theresa Plourde, ME

Karen Remiszewski, NY  
Barbara Reznar, CT  
Cynthia Robinson, NY  
Sally Savage, CT  
Mary Cay Snyder, NY  
Sandra Traexler, FL  
Mary Ann Wright, FL

### May

Phillis Gucciardo, NY  
Kathleen Horan, NY

Bernadette Lajoie, ME  
Barbara Morris, FL

Tracy Ryder, NY  
Veronica Stevans, NJ

### June

Kathleen Anderson, NY  
Diane Bauer, NY  
Doreen Haray, CT

Rose Marie Kinik, CT  
Hope O'Hara, NJ  
Grace Rosenberg, CT

Patricia Schimmoller, NY

## 50 Years

### March

Marie Spina - Our Lady of the Rosary, NY

### April

Caroline Antonucci - St. Regis, NY  
Joanne Langley - Latham/Colonie, NY

### May

Rose DellaPiazza - Msgr. Francis X. Coyle, NJ  
Anne Graziano - Union, NJ  
Angie Heft - Msgr. Francis X. Coyle, NJ  
Dolores Nahirny - Msgr. Francis X. Coyle, NJ  
Antonina Plaia - Union, NJ  
Marilyn Squeo - Msgr. Francis J. Ansbro, NY

## *Anniversaries*

<b><u>March</u></b>	State	#	Instituted	Years
Ave Maria Oratory	FL	14697	03/04/2017	5
Fr William G. Kinney Jr.	SC	14892	03/31/2012	10
Pennsylvania	PA	State	03/31/2007	15
Nativity BVM-Fr Jos Nosser	NY	12675	03/09/2002	20
Old Bohemia	DE	6543	03/02/1997	25
Bishop Greco	NC	9499	03/07/1992	30
Port Washington	NY	1227	03/31/1967	55
St. Regis	NY	4651	03/09/1962	60
Gen Sherman/Fr Shine	NY	569	03/27/1962	60
<b><u>April</u></b>				
St. Virgilius	CT	185	04/20/2021	1
St. Catherine of Siena	GA	9923	04/20/2007	15
Baron DeKalb	NY	1073	04/10/2002	20
Mid-West Chapter	NJ	Chapter	04/7/1997	25
St. Lawrence	NJ	10281	04/12/1992	30
Fr M.F. Monahan	FL	4851	04/07/1982	40
Assumption	NY	5252	04/04/1977	45
Joseph B. Cavallaro	NY	4884	04/24/1962	60
<b><u>May</u></b>				
Fr Grover Tipton	FL	13037	05/06/2017	5
St. Paul of the Cross	FL	12322	05/12/2012	10
Latham/Colonie	NY	3394	05/28/1987	35
Msgr. Francis X Coyle	NJ	5560	05/03/1972	50
Archbishop John Hughes	NY	481	05/04/1947	75
Msgr. Burke/Rockaway	NY	2672	05/04/1947	75
Our Lady of Loretto	NY	585	05/04/1947	75
St. Ambrose	NY	1463	05/19/1947	75
<b><u>June</u></b>				
Sacred Heart	NJ	2842	06/06/2021	1
Laguna	CA	11236	06/22/2021	1
Fr Cannon	NJ	2607	06/04/2017	5
St. Jos. St Mary Immaculate	NY	16467	06/10/2017	5
Southern Chapter	NJ	Chapter	06/29/2017	5
Dover	DE	4182	06/23/2002	20
Regina Mundi	NJ	3969	06/05/1957	65



Easter morn with lilies fair  
 Fills the church with perfumes  
 rare,  
 As their clouds of incense rise,  
 Sweetest offerings to the  
 skies.  
 Stately lilies pure and white  
 Flooding darkness with their  
 light,  
 Bloom and sorrow drifts away,  
 On this holy hallow's day.  
 Easter Lilies bending low  
 In the golden afterglow,  
 Bear a message from the sod  
 To the heavenly towers of God  
 -Louise Lewin Matthews



# Editor's Note



## Newsletter Information

**Supreme Committee Chairs:** Send information on your committees.

**States:** Send in information on your activities, i.e. raffles, etc.

**Auxiliaries:** Send information on recruitment ideas, retention, fundraising ideas, helpful hints, etc.

Send in helpful hints.

What would you like to see covered?

All information should be sent in **Word format!!**

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Congratulations to Supreme Director Maryanne Alessio on being a recipient of the "Community Healthcare Hero Award" for her dedication, and time working during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic! Presented by the Staten Island Borough President's Office.



## Public Service Announcement

March 14, 2022 - U.S. Households can place a total of #2 separate orders for free, at-home COVID-19 rapid tests (#4 tests per order). If an order was previously placed for your address, you can place a second order now. <https://special.usps.com/testkits>



We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. For Auxiliaries, Chapters and States, as well as individual members who are considering donating to the people of Ukraine, we ask that you work with your church, your affiliated Knights of Columbus, or another reputable organization in your area.



### MESSAGE FROM OUR AUXILIARIES CA

Columbiettes from St. Margaret Mary, St Elizabeth Ann Seton, St Frances X Cabrini and St. Anthony auxiliaries in CA gathered on March 5<sup>th</sup> for a Lenten retreat. The theme was Forgiveness. The day started off with a prayer from Fr. Chris, and guest speakers included Bryant Rivas, SEAS Intern Seminarian, Deacon Octavio Echeverria, SEAS Deacon & Associate Director of DSB Office of Child and Youth Protection, and Elder Samaniego, Director of DSB Office of Child and Youth Protection.



### St. Ignatius of Loyola- CA

California State President Denise Brennen joined our auxiliary in November for our annual Bunco Night. Sister Columbiette Kathy led the night with Sister Nancy providing a delicious meal. We held our annual potluck Christmas Social with the Knights in December and the Board members coordinated a mini silent auction as a fundraiser. In January Sister Columbiette Lina shared her time and talent by leading a Valentine’s Day Card project and in February we had a thoughtful spiritual exercise led by Sister Blessie to prepare us for the season of Lent. Currently we are busy working to fundraise with our 2022 Columbiettes Raffle.



**Msgr Francis J. Desmond- DE**

Our first live Initiation Ceremony, was held on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Life Center at St. Jude The Apostle Church. We welcome our four new Sister Columbiettes (first row L-R): Rosemary Catanach, Sharon DeBernardis, Beverley Barros and Debbie Farkas. A special thank you to the Initiation team (second row L\_R): Andi Lipchak, Rosemary Kollar, District Deputy, Marie Mattson, Debbie Doobay, Lise Filippis and Carol Hurley.



The Rosary Making group presented Fr. Jones with missionary rosaries which he will take with him to India. This group is always busy creating hand-made rosaries that are donated to many worthwhile causes and organizations.



The Prayer Blanket Outreach Program of the Columbiettes held a “*March Madness*” Fabric Sale. A large selection of quality quilting and home décor fabrics, sewing accessories, notions, and books were sold to raise funds. The event proved to be very successful and all proceeds will support local charities of Prayer Blanket Outreach and Duffle Bag Project.



**Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen-Florida**

During the recent reporting period, we have held several fundraisers: Pecan Sales, a donation drive for our local Benedictine Sisters of Florida for personal Christmas items and grocery store gift cards, and sold desserts at our Knights of Columbus Lenten fish fries. We were very excited to have a surprise party celebrating our sister Dorathy Howe's 100th birthday, sharing blessings, love, and prayers. Parish support was provided by baking and serving desserts for our Faith Formation family gathering, Advent Experience, as well as ongoing work by our Green Team which cares for flowers and plants in our church and decorating for Advent and Christmas. Monthly organization of the Living Rosary at our Mary, Queen of Peace Shrine and providing sales help for our parish Gift Shop continues. We also donated shelving and baby items for Catholic Charities Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center to help with their new office space. We are grateful for the prayers, love, and support from our Columbiette sisters and look forward to working together in the coming year.



**Fr. Hager- Missouri**

I want to let everyone know what our Auxiliary has been up to these last few months. We had a great turn out for the *Small Mall* this year. We had 75 children from the community who were able to shop for Christmas presents for their families. We participated in the Diocese Rosary Walk with the Bishop and had a great turn out. We found some non-profit pro-life organizations we are looking forward to supporting this year and will have guest speakers from these organizations coming to speak to us in the next few months. We worked with the Knight's in the BBQ Drive through, pancake breakfast, making sandwiches for the church auction, and breakfast burritos. We are looking forward to more exciting things to come.

Thank you and God Bless  
Doreen Ray  
President #7064



### Mid-West Chapter- New Jersey

Greetings from the Mid-West Chapter Columbiettes, New Jersey

We are happy and proud to be celebrating **25 years** as Mid-West Chapter Columbiettes here in the state of New Jersey where we have 6 auxiliaries that meet five times a year. Mid-West Chapter started our year with our first meeting in September at St Mary's of Alpha, NJ. We had a mini tricky tray as our fund raiser and donated money to Feeding Hands to help the victims of hurricane Ida that hit Middlesex, New Jersey. Our November meeting was hosted by Somerville. We were able to donate money from each auxiliary to the food banks in our area, discussed a candidate for our charity, which will be the Christina S. Walsh Breast Cancer Foundation, and chose to support Seminarian Jacob Miller who is the son of one of our Sister Columbiettes from Somerville. At our February meeting hosted by Millstone Valley, we donated baby items of clothes, food, and diapers to the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center in Camden, NJ. We voted on the changes to our By- laws and collected money for our 10-week club which is a fund raiser for our Chapter. In April we will be hosted by Sgt. John F. Basilone Auxiliary at St Ann's Church in Raritan, NJ where we will discuss our slate of officers for next year and donate money toward humanitarian relief in the Ukraine. It will go to a local Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Somerset, NJ. Our June meeting will be held in Springfield at Msgr. Francis X Coyle Auxiliary, where we will be voting for our new officers, discussing our donations for Convention, and will be donating to SHIP (Summit Helping Its People). We are happy to hear the Convention will be held again at the Embassy Suites in Piscataway. We will once again make our donations of backpacks, toiletry bags and tab tops to be distributed to the 5 dioceses of New Jersey. On behalf of all the Columbiettes of Mid-West Chapter we wish to extend blessings for a Joyous and Holy Easter Season!

Beverly Redondo  
 Mid- West Chapter President

### St. Ann's #2853 Fair Lawn NJ

December was a busy month! We wrote out Christmas cards to residents of 2 local homes, while celebrating with food and a gift exchange. Along with our Knights, we held our annual Children's Christmas party with over 120 people in attendance and met the Toys for Tots train to help deliver 88 donated gifts. We started off 2022 with a Mass at St. Anne's Church to celebrate our 2-year anniversary which is January 5th. A celebration and presentation of our Charter will follow in June.

In March we held a Communion Mass with our Chaplain Fr. Diego Navarro and Brother Knights in attendance. A light dinner was served followed by the Synod. At the completion of the Synod, we presented our Brother Knights with a cake commemorating their 80th Anniversary.

We have also made donations to Eva's Village and sent blankets and medical supplies to Ukraine.



### Hobbs-New Mexico

On Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary #3225 (Hobbs NM) hosted the wives of visiting Knights of Columbus members at a Valentine's Day Social. While the men were in their business meeting, the ladies had some fun! They held a white elephant gift exchange with purses/bags, and any leftover bags were donated to their local women's shelter. A photo booth was also available for everyone to enjoy. The Auxiliary makes handmade rosaries, and President Frances Daniels talked about the hard work and patience that goes into making them. She also acknowledged Josie Cruz who started the rosary making group, teaching everyone how to make them, and had passed earlier this year. Rosaries were presented to Martina Vigil, wife of the New Mexico State Deputy, who will donate them to her parish in Santa Fe. Mrs. Vigil then expressed her appreciation for welcoming the visiting wives and including them in the Social and presented a token of appreciation to President Daniels.



### Joan of Arc-NY

Even though the Joan of Arc Columbiette 1992 of Port Jefferson, NY did not meet in person at the beginning of the year, we were busy doing charitable works and getting together in small groups to accomplish our project's goal. Our project was to collect new or slightly used pocketbooks and fill them with hygiene and femine products. We delivered 90 pocketbooks and travel kits to a residential treatment facility for young women. We coordinated the project with Valentine's Day and made cards with sentiments of God's Love. We collected so many toiletries that we had enough to make wash up kits that we donated to a local outreach program to be distributed to the needy. This project was a huge success.

Each member of Joan of Arc Columbiettes #1992, in Port Jefferson NY, was presented with a Chaplain's Medal by their Pastor, Fr. Patrick Riegger. These medals were given in gratitude and appreciation for all the charitable works and activities they have provided for the parish and local community. After 12 years as pastor, Fr. Riegger is being reassigned and the distribution of the medals was his way of thanking everyone for their dedication.



### St Mary's-NY

On Thursday, March 10th, St. Mary's 4065 in Fishkill NY held an Initiation Ceremony and welcomed in 6 new Columbiettes. Over 55 of our Sister Columbiettes, as well as our Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and Knights' Liaison, were in attendance to welcome these ladies. Congratulations and Welcome to all!



St. Regis-NY

**ST REGIS COLUMBIETTES 4651 NY, PRESENTS**

**VICTORIAN TEA PARTY & BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER**

April 24, 2022 @ 1pm. \$32.00, for information please contact Mary Scotti 631-678-7245



WINDCREEK CASINO Trip, Bethlehem P.A. May 22, 2022. \$65.00, for information please contact Marilyn Cordero 516-457-5729

**Holy Cross Columbiettes #8509, Kernersville, NC**

In recognition of National Law Enforcement Day (Jan 9, 2022), Holy Cross Columbiettes collected various snacks for their local law enforcement during Christmas.

Boxes were distributed to the Kernersville Police Department, District 1 Guilford County Sheriff's Department and Greensboro Correctional Facility.

It was a wonderful way to show our appreciation and support for our law enforcement as they go forth daily to protect and serve our communities.



**Our Lady of the Rosary-NC**

As Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes in NC reflect on the end of 2021, we see how very busy we were! In addition to our successful bake sale and gift card raffle, we marched in the annual Shallotte Christmas parade with the Knights of Columbus and held our annual Christmas party. In addition, we presented a flowering plant to our sister Columbiette Dottie Hoffmann in celebration of her 100th birthday! God bless her!



Photo of Dottie Hoffmann from the Brunswick Beacon:

<https://www.brunswickbeacon.com/content/centerians-secret-long-life-wine-and-martinis>

**Pius X-NC**

Pius X #3498 in Burlington, NC held a potluck luncheon on January 8<sup>th</sup>! Doesn't that food look delicious?



**Sons of Mother Seton-NC**

Members of the Sons of Mother Seton Auxiliary 9847, Fayetteville, NC, attended Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama, in honor of Sister Theresine Gildea's 65 years as a Divine Providence religious. She and her companion, Sister Maxine Tancraitor, CDP, are two amazing women and an inspiration to all that know them. (L-R Mary Gintz, Rosemary Hunter, Ann Mulvaney, Sister Theresine, Carole Samperton, Sister Maxine)



### Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713 ~ Blythewood, SC

Members of the Columbiettes and the Knights of Columbus participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual South Carolina’s Citizens March for Life Rally on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the march is to restore legal protection of the unborn.



Several members of the Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus come together every month with the Transfiguration Youth Group to celebrate Veritas Sundays. Each session centers around a relevant topic and includes a sharing testimony and small group discussion.



One of the charities we support through our fundraising efforts is Lighthouse for Life whose mission is fighting against the human trafficking of children. In 2015 Lighthouse for Life began handing out backpacks or “Freedom Bags” full of items that young boys and girls might need once they are rescued. The Columbiettes have supplied over 100 of these Freedom Bags and continue to do so by collecting items and filling bags to donate.



Pictured: Lisa Kejr, CEO of Lighthouse for Life, with Columbiette President Kathy Cunningham

### Order of the Rose

Every Spring, we nominate one of our fellow members to be the recipient of our Order of the Rose award. The Order of the Rose is given to a member who represents our three Patronesses and gives her time unselfishly to the Church and to those in need. It is our honor to have **Rene’ Scheuer** as this year's Columbiettes’ Order of the Rose recipient. Rene’ is also our auxiliary’s founder.





## Amusing Facts about Eastertime

At this time of the year, many Americans are preparing for the Easter holidays. For Christians, it is one of the holiest days of the year as the time of reflection ends and the joy of resurrection begins. Traditional and ethnic foods are in the ready, family and friends gather, school children look forward to “Spring Break”, and all welcome nature’s rebirth.

Last year, researchers WalletHub surveyed Americans and compiled some interesting and totally useless facts on this season and we found some facts on our own. We hope all will make you smile.

Americans spend an estimated \$21.6 billion on Easter-related items:

- \$3.6 billion on clothes
- \$6.3 billion on Easter dinner
- \$3 billion on chocolate
- \$3.7 billion on gifts (includes Easter Baskets and spring flowers)
- \$5 billion on travel to family, friends or Spring Break vacations
- The average person celebrating Easter is estimated to spend \$180 for the holiday

Very interesting is the fact that an estimated 91 million chocolate bunnies and 16 billion jellybeans are sold in the US annually during Eastertime. With all this sweet temptation, 81% of the parents surveyed admitted they sneak treats from their children’s baskets.

Since Easter treats must include Peeps, an American favorite for over 70 years, it is interesting to know that over 1.5 billion in 23 flavors are consumed every Easter. This means 5.5 million Peeps are produced each day.

Introduced in 1890, the chocolate bunny is high on the holiday must have list. It is well known that devouring the chocolate bunny requires finesse and technique. Ears first is preferred by 78% of Americans, while 11% go first for the feet and 11% first tackle the tail.

The most expensive chocolate bunny known to be created was worth \$49,000. It wasn’t the Belgium chocolate; but, the two 1.7-carat solitaire diamond eyes which brought up the price.

The world’s largest chocolate bunny was sculptured in 2010 by artist Harry Johnson in South Africa. An exact replica of the well-known Duracell Bunny, it was over 5 feet and weighed over 3 tons, a Guinness world record held to this day.

The most iconic symbol for the holiday is the Easter egg. The history of dyeing eggs dates back 2,500 years ago, when ancient Persians celebrated the vernal equinox and the dyed eggs were the meal mainstay. Now we know, the Easter egg did come before the Easter bunny. This year, over 180 million eggs and 10 million dye kits will be purchased in the US continuing our modern-day tradition.

The first White House Easter Egg Roll was held in 1879 during the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. This is an annual event held on the South Lawn with an estimated 30,000 people attending.

Happy Easter!



Can you Find all 20 of these Crosses?

They are all Scattered throughout the newsletter. See if you can find them?

Easter Word Search

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 T N S X Q X L N M O E A R T H Q U A K E  
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| Crucifixion      | Earthquake      | Three Days   | Darkness     |
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| Apostles         | Pierced         | Calvary      | Soldiers     |
| Temple           | Thieves         | Joseph       | Pilate       |
| Nails            | Stone           | Death        | Blood        |
| Spear            | Mary            | Cross        | Robe         |
| Passover         | Betrayal        | Angels       | Romans       |
| Easter           | Lamb            | King         | Tomb         |



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