



Communicator



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Message from our Supreme President

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

The summer is over and Fall, my favorite season of the year, begins. Nature is showing a rainbow of colors, the air is crisp, and our new Columbian year begins.

First, I thank my Sister Columbiettes for electing me to a second term as the Supreme President of this wonderful Organization. I will do my very best to follow in the footsteps of the prestigious ladies who came before me. I also thank my Convention Committee: Kathy Anderson, Elaine Addie, the Patchogue and Suffolk ladies, and all who assisted, for doing such a splendid job. I am also grateful to all who attended. I hope you had an informative and enjoyable time.

My theme for this year is again "We are Family". Let us remember what our Organization is all about: working together as a family with love, charity, and fraternity for the good of all.

Second, I am advising you of the following:

- All States, Chapters, and Auxiliaries must file the Form 990-N postcard to satisfy IRS annual reporting requirements. It has come to our attention that any State, Chapter, or Auxiliary who has a gross income between \$50,000.00 and \$200,000.00 needs to file Form 990 -EZ electronically by an approved vendor. So please file the appropriate form. Any questions, please contact the Supreme IRS committee at supremeIRSQA@columbiettes.com.

- The question of needing liability insurance for Auxiliaries has come up numerous times. Some Dioceses and States require it; some do not. For those needing information, the following insurance company has been very helpful as well as affordable:

Lockton Affinity, LLC
10895 Lowell Avenue, Suite 300
Overland Park, KS 66210
Program Telephone: 800-496-0288
Accounting Managers Lauren Pinkard,
Abigail Abbey, Tina Caldwell

- Since the Supreme Office's contract on the copier is set to expire at the end of this year, we are looking into a new system which includes the ability to scan Forms A-100 to the cloud. Our filing storage in the office is at full capacity so this will be a great benefit. So, Auxiliaries are to only send in the new Form A-100 which can be downloaded for our website at www.columbiettes.com. Do not send in old forms as they will be returned to you. Please inform new members to print clearly and duly sign when filling out the forms. You no longer need to send in the Code of Conduct form when sending in the Form A-100 as the new member is required to check the box on the new Form A-100 indicating she has received, read, and accepts the terms of the Code. By signing the Form, the member attests all information is correct and she accepts the terms of the Code. After the Code of Conduct is duly signed by the member, it is to be kept in the Auxiliary files along with a copy of the signed Form A-100.
- Travel cards will be sent out the beginning of November. Financial Secretaries, please make sure your files are updated and make sure your membership list on the Supreme computer system is updated.

Lastly, I thank each of you and I am so grateful for your continued commitment and support to our Organization. I look forward to another successful year. Have a safe and Happy Halloween and a blessed Happy Thanksgiving with your family, friends, and loved ones.

God bless you all. God Bless America.

Fraternally,
Ronny
Ronny Pliszak
Supreme President



Message from our Supreme Secretary

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather. This is my favorite time of year in the South as we finally get to turn off the air conditioner and enjoy fresh air. It's also apple season in North Georgia, so it's time to get out the pie plates and favorite recipes to make apple pies and other apple goodies.

It's wonderful to see so many new Columbiettes joining our order, but it has become a constant struggle to deal with the A100s that are being sent in. So, I think it bears some reminders about A-100s and some of the small rules surrounding them. Please note that incorrect A-100s, illegible copies, and out of date versions will now be returned to the Auxiliary to be redone and resubmitted.

1. There are many A-100s coming in that are not the most recent version. As you will recall, we have instituted a Code of Conduct, and the current version of the A-100 has a clause that must be read and checked off by the new member. The new version no longer contains the references to First and Major Degrees. Please visit www.columbiettes.com, go to "Forms" and download the latest version of the A-100 for your use. Also, please remember, as this new version has the checkbox for the Code of Conduct, you DO NOT need to mail the signature page in with the A-100s. You can keep and file these copies at your Auxiliary.
2. When having a new member fill out the A-100, PLEASE have them write NEATLY. There are many forms that are very hard to read and this causes the new member letters to come back to us because their addresses or names are incorrectly spelled. Please remember to fill in the date of the

ceremony that is located in the middle of the form. If there is no date, the date of the check will be used, and as this may not be correct, you could cost the new member sometime of service. The member, Financial Secretary, and President of the Auxiliary need to sign the form. The name of the Auxiliary needs to be written or typed at the top of the form.

3. **FEES:** For new members, please include \$5 per member. If possible, send in only one check from the Auxiliary along with the new member A-100 forms. For withdrawals, there is a \$5.00 fee per member as we need to send a card and letter to the member. If the Financial Secretary withdraws the member on the system, that withdrawal will NOT be approved until the \$5.00 fee is received. After 30 days, if the fee is not received, the member will be moved to suspended. Readmitted members incur a \$5.00 fee **IF** it has been one year or more since they were suspended. If it has been less than one year, there is no fee. Transfers DO NOT incur a fee.

As always, if you have questions, please send an email to supremesecretary@columbiettes.com, and I will be glad to help and answer your questions.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and enjoy time with your family and friends!

God Bless,
Janet Schuler
Supreme Secretary



Message from our Supreme Treasurer

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter from the night,
For health and food, For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

May we always be thankful for all that we have and mindful of those who have none.

Wishing you all a Blessed Thanksgiving,
Kathy
Kathy Bacon
Supreme Treasurer



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

Kathleen Bacon- (CT)

Advocate

Lisa Koenig-(NY)

Sentinel

Patricia Vahlsing- (DE)

One Year

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

Two Year

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

Three Year

Catherine Bischoff	NY
Gloria Kinney	SC
Elena McFarland	NJ
Colleen Stark	NC
Becky Trombley	CA

How to Contact Us!



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297 Willis Ave
Mineola, NY 11501-1523
Toll free (877)309-6231
Phone (516)294-5150
Fax (516)294-5250
Email: office@columbiettes.com

For any Membership related questions email SupremeSecretary@Columbiettes.com

For Supply Orders and any related questions email SupremeFinancialSecretary@Columbiettes.com

Procedural and By-law questions email SupremeAdvocate@Columbiettes.com

IRS related questions email SupremeIRSQA@Columbiettes.com

Any help with website SupremeComputerHelp@Columbiettes.com

Any newsletter articles you would like submitted email SupremeNewsletter@Columbiettes.com

Squirettes of Mary SupremeSquirettes@Columbiettes.com

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



Message from our Supreme Past Presidents

Dearest Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we gather together during this holiday season of thanks, we must remember we are not just to express words of gratitude; but, to live them. It is not what we say about our Blessings; it is how we use and share them. This is the true meaning of Thanksgiving. May you and your family reap the harvest the Lord has provided in the name of Jesus Christ His Son and may the Holy Spirit reign all the goodness and grace His death and resurrection has granted us.

Autumn shows us how beautiful is the transition of life!

Ann Seletski, your knowledge and factual recall, especially Columbiette history, will be greatly missed. The stories you told were so full of life and love. Now, your story resides in the history of our Order as we add your name to the list of our honored Supreme Presidents. We are blessed to have served with you. Rest in Peace, dear Friend.

Sandy, RoseMarie, Pam, Barbara Ann, Pat & Ronnie



In Loving Memory
Ann Seletski
1941 – 2022
Supreme President 2007 – 2009
Rest in Peace



Time to Celebrate



Come help us celebrate Immediate Past Supreme President

Micki Magee

On her 2 wonderful years as the Supreme President

On November 20th, 2022

at

Li Greci's Staaten

697 Forest Ave

Staten Island NY 10310

Music by Crystal Image

\$70pp

1pm-5pm

RSVP November 13th

Checks made payable to SI Chapter

For information on hotel accommodations please contact MaryAnne Alessio

(646)752-6679

or

email: RN721@aol.com

(Send in with payment)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

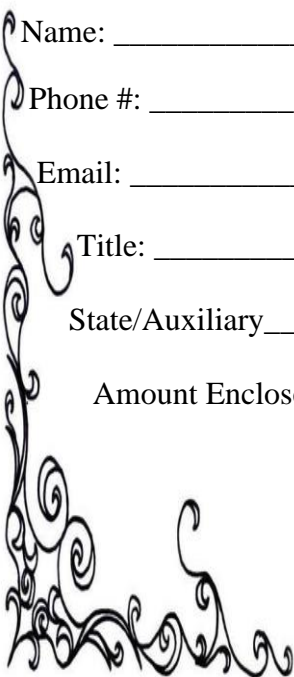
Email: _____

Title: _____

State/Auxiliary _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail to: Vicky Porcelli
154 Ridgewood Ave
Staten Island NY 10312



Find us under:

***Supreme
Council
Columbiettes***

(three separate words)

Can we reach 700?

As of October 12th, we have 676 members and are continuing to grow! If your members do not know about our Facebook group, please tell them about it. All are welcome to join. We even have several Knights who are contributing members! It's a great way to share information about your Auxiliary, Chapter, Territory, or State with your Sister Columbiettes across the United States as it happens. Why not post pictures, or a small article, about your events or achievements? Have a prayer request? We're on it! Having a fund raiser? Include that too! That is what this Facebook group is for.

*Kathy Bacon
Administrator*



NEWSLETTER STAFF

Welcome to the *Communicator* for 2022-2023!

We, the Staff, are pleased to be assigned the task of publishing the Supreme Council's Newsletter for this year. Our mission is to provide informative and interesting content to all Columbiette Officers and members as we believe this is an important communication arm for the entire membership.

This year, we plan to publish four issues:

- Fall 2022
- December 2022
- March 2023
- June 2023

You can be part of our team! Feel free to send in articles and photos on State, Chapter, and Auxiliary events. Let's share the good news to all! All Columbiettes will be interested in your news and happenings. Also, if there is a topic you wish to know more about, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate. Articles and ideas are to be emailed to

supremenewsletter@columbiettes.com. Please send your submissions in Word format and photos in JPEG format.

Please share the *Communicator* with your membership. We wish all members will feel pride and enthusiasm for the many good works accomplished by our great Order.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you,

- The Staff of the *Communicator*:
- Chair Gloria Kinney
 - Lay-Out Jaclyn Carney
 - Writer Carol Bohinski
 - Lead Translator Manuela Graells
 - Translator Maria Cruz
 - Translator Maggie Muelker

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed day filled with gratitude and love.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Message from our Supreme Financial Secretary

TRAVEL CARDS WILL BE SENT OUT IN MID-NOVEMBER

October 31st is the last day to make changes to your membership list to avoid paying for travel cards for members no longer in your Auxiliary. All auxiliary Financial Secretaries should check the list of members for your Auxiliary on the Supreme website to be sure it is correct. While you are checking the names of your members, now would be a good time to update contact information, including mailing addresses, email addresses, etc.

Also make sure your officer's list is up to date with the correct mailing information.

Marlene Korn, Supreme Financial Secretary

Message from our Supreme Advocate

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Welcome back! It was nice to see so many of you at the Convention.

FORMAT TO AMEND AUXILIARY BY- LAWS

All proposed changes to Auxiliary By-laws must be prepared by your By-laws Committee and presented to the Auxiliary membership for a vote at a regular business meeting of the Auxiliary.

Your Auxiliary may need to change meeting location, day or time, dues or initiation amounts, etc. These changes require a membership vote.

When preparing the change to the By-laws, it is necessary to print the article and section as is currently appears in the Auxiliary By-laws in its entirety, and then it is necessary to print the article and section with the proposed changes(s) in its entirety.

A proposed amendment change must be sent in writing to every member of the Auxiliary prior to the meeting that voting will take place. This can be done either via US mail or via email.

When voting on the changes at your membership meeting, a majority vote is needed for each change to be approved.

When the amendments have been approved by the membership, the Auxiliary President and Auxiliary Secretary must sign and date the approved copy and mail two copies of the document to the Supreme Advocate as soon as the meeting is completed but no later than 30 days. Also, include a copy of your current By-laws. It is also recommended that you send a cover letter explaining all changes that were made.

Please mail to:

Supreme Council Columbiettes
Attention: Supreme Advocate
297 Willis Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501

Changes to the Auxiliary By-laws do not go into effect until the document is signed and returned by the Supreme Advocate.

Lisa Koenig
Supreme Advocate



Our Supreme Board of Officers for Year 2022 – 2023 were elected during the Supreme Council’s Annual Meeting on August 20, 2022, held in Piscataway, NJ. They assumed their offices on September 1st, and we look forward to their solid leadership and guidance. They are:

- Supreme President Ronny Pliszak
- Immediate Past Supreme President Micki Magee
- Supreme Vice President Jeanne Mucci
- Supreme Secretary Janet Schuler
- Supreme Financial Secretary Marlene Korn
- Supreme Treasurer Kathleen Bacon
- Supreme Advocate Lisa Koenig
- Supreme Sentinel Patricia Vahlsing

Elected to the Supreme Board of Directors (3 Year Term) are:

- Catherine Bischoff (NY)
- Gloria Kinney (SC)
- Elena McFarland (NJ)
- Colleen Stark (NC)
- Becky Trombley (CA)

Returning Supreme Board of Directors (2 Year Term) are:

- Linda Darling (DE)
- Mary Galiardi (PA)
- Barbara Maier (NY)
- Edith VanDemark (SC)
- Crystal K Vliek (GA)

Returning Supreme Board of Directors (1 Year Term) are:

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

Congratulations to all!



**Wishing all a
Blessed
Thanksgiving!**

**May your day be
filled with
Happiness**

And Love.

**From our House to
yours,**

Barbara Maier

CEREMONIAL

As a reminder, there is a proper way to display the station cloths and statues of our patron saints. Depending on space availability the statue/statues are to be displayed on a small table in front of the head table near the position of the President. If the room size doesn't permit a small table, the statue/statues may be placed on the head table near the position of the President.

When facing the head table, if all three statues are available, the order of the statues on the appropriate cloth is as follows: (see sample photo)

- The statue of the Blessed Mother is to be prominently displayed on a blue cloth. The crucifix and small votive candle should be placed by this statue.
- The statue of St. Joan of Arc is placed on the red cloth on the right of the Blessed Mother.
- The statue of St. Therese is placed on the white cloth on the left of the Blessed Mother.



The statues should be facing the membership.





As we begin our new Columbian Year, the following are reminders of Officer duties and responsibilities:

- ✓ **President** presides at all meetings following the Agenda of the Order and Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised). She enforces the rules and regulations of the Auxiliary and the laws of the Order. She shall not serve on the Board of Audit; but, issue the call for the audit at least semi-annually. She oversees the formation and activities of all committees and sub-committees as stated in the By-laws. She countersigns checks for payments approved by the membership and payments to the Supreme and State Councils.
- ✓ **Immediate Past President** serves in an advisory capacity. She is the Chair of the Audit Committee with two or four members. The total number of members serving on the committee is an odd number which should be stipulated in the By-laws. Audits are to be held at six-month intervals per year – July 1st through December 31st and January 1st through June 30th. She also is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The number of members serving on this committee should be stipulated in the By-laws.
- ✓ **Vice President** assists the President in the performance of her duties and represents her when necessary. She should have an active role in Retention and Expansion efforts and committees.
- ✓ **Secretary** records the minutes of meetings which are to be approved by the membership at every meeting and filed for retention. Minutes are the official record of organization and are to be retained indefinitely. She also keeps the membership informed of meeting dates, important notices, and cancellations in a timely manner. She handles all correspondence.
- ✓ **Financial Secretary** collects all monies due to the Auxiliary and issues a receipt except for member dues. She gives all funds received to the Treasurer, who gives the Financial Secretary a receipt. She updates the Auxiliary's contact information on the Supreme Website whenever there are changes. This includes all Officer, Delegate, Alternate, and member information with the member's status. She issues Travel Cards and reports at meetings all money received and from what source. She maintains and updates the membership list. She is responsible to ensure A-100 forms are to be completely filled out and appropriately signed by each new member. A-100 forms are to be mailed to the Supreme Secretary with the \$5.00 fee per new member within 10 days of the Initiation Ceremony. Copies of the A-100 and the signed Code of Conduct forms are to be retained by the Auxiliary. She receives all bills and issues check requests/payment vouchers to the Treasurer. Her reports are to be accepted by vote by the membership and filed for audit. She routinely checks her financial records with the Treasurer's records.
- ✓ **Treasurer** is custodian of all funds of the Auxiliary. She deposits funds only in the organization's approved bank showing deposits and totals in all accounts. She issues checks as requested by the Financial Secretary and signed by the President. She maintains the financial books checking her records agree with the bank statements. The Officers authorized to sign checks is stated in the By-laws. She gives a receipt to the Financial Secretary for all funds received. At each meeting, she reports the financial opening balance, income, money paid out and closing balance for all bank accounts. Her reports are to be accepted by vote by the membership and filed for audit. She routinely checks her financial records with the Financial Secretary's records.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to maintain an updated membership list to be sure all contact information is correct.
- ✓ **Presidents** are to ensure the Auxiliary is compliant with the IRS and Form 990-N is filed when due. They also are responsible in maintaining updated Administration Manuals.
- ✓ **Sentinel** sets up the meeting chamber prior to the start of a meeting or ceremony. She maintains the sign-in book. She examines all attendees' travel cards for validity prior to the start of a meeting and reports the status to the President. She attends the entrance to the meeting room. She is custodian of the organization's property for meetings and ceremonies.
- ✓ **Board of Officers** are to review their By-laws checking they are up to date as to dues, meeting dates, and meeting locations.



Happy Fall to all! The beginning of a new Columbiette term reminds me of Going Back to School. We get new uniforms or clothes and new shoes because we just seemed to GROW over the summer. While some auxiliaries continue to hold meetings and events over the summer, some do not and are just now Getting Back into the swing of things.

With a New Term comes NEW Ideas, New Charities, New Members and New Ways to raise funds to pay our bills and donate to our charities. While all of this is wonderful, please be sure you include one more task on your "To Do List". You need to add RETENTION.

Retention is not the same as Expansion. Retention is holding on to the members you have by ensuring these members attend meetings and events. Are you aware there are 3 membership statuses which are G, HL and L?

G=Members in Good Standing

HL= Honorary Life – Members who have had continuous service to our order for 25 years plus

L= Life Members – Members who have had continuous service to our order for 50 years plus

When planning anything *NEW*, remember our *SEASONED* membership. There are many ideas as to how to keep and RETAIN these members. Perhaps, ask SEASONED members to serve on your RETENTION Committee. If your HL and L members are not attending meetings, call them and offer rides to meetings. Hold a luncheon or special meeting to honor their years of service and show them they are appreciated.

Remember, RETENTION is NOT Getting new members. It is keeping your current membership and keeping all engaged in activities which will assist your auxiliary to Grow and Prosper.

Regards,

Micki Magee PSP

Supreme Retention Chair



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

Catholic Action

DID YOU KNOW –

That according to a National Pew Poll, only 30% of practicing Catholics believe in or understand the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In response to that poll, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops unanimously approved plans for a National Eucharistic Revival, a **three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**, which began on the Feast of Corpus Christi (June 16, 2022). Year One or the Year of Diocesan Revival (June 16, 2022- June 11, 2023) invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation, equipping them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events. Year Two or the Year of Parish Revival (June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024) will focus on Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. It will be followed by a National Eucharist Congress to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, set to occur July 17-21, 2024. Year Three or the Year of Going Out on Mission (July 21, 2024 – Pentecost, 2025), the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord as we enter the universal Church's jubilee year in 2025.

As part of that effort, the Catholic Action Committee will be providing resources to our Sister Columbiettes to enable us to learn more about this Revival and the ways we may be able to contribute. Listed below are some suggestions for learning more about this important initiative:

- 1) Check out the National Eucharist Revival website at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>. This website is full of information and resources for how you can become involved.
- 2) Regularly check with your local Dioceses to keep informed of events and activities that are being planned in your area.
- 3) Host an exhibition of the Eucharist Miracles of the World that was designed and created by Blessed Carlos Acutis. My parish hosted this Exhibit this past Summer, and it was wonderful! It is also basically free! For more information, go to <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org>.
- 4) Pray, pray, pray! Below is a prayer that I found, or use one of your own.

Prayer for the Year of the Eucharist

God, the Father of love and source of all life and unity,
You are always present to us just as we are.

Throughout this Year of the Eucharist,
we pray that you strengthen the faith
of all your beloved people.

Grant us a renewed sense of your Son's presence
in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass,
and through our Holy Communion with Christ,
may we become what we receive.

May we be Jesus' hands and feet and body
through which You bless the world.

Amen.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information or have any questions.

Mary Galiardi
Chair, Catholic Action Committee



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.





Veterans Day honors Americans who served and are serving in our nation's military. We celebrate their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day which marked the end of the hostilities of World War I, then regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars". This occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

In 1919, President Wilson commemorated the first Armistice Day with these words: *"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."* The day was originally set aside to honor the Veterans of World War I with a day of parades and remembrances as well as a pause in activities on the day at 11:00AM.

In 1938, it was declared a legal federal holiday for all.

After the end of World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress recognized a need to expand the meaning of the day to honor all America's Veterans who served or are serving in our military - living or deceased. In 1954, the word "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans" as a way to formally include all in the day of remembrance.

Today, it is a federal holiday in which many cities celebrate with parades and ceremonies. The events in Washington, D.C. include laying a wreath in Arlington National Cemetery.

It is a day to solemnly remember those who died in service to our country and to recognize those who served and continue to serve today. Let us all remember to thank a Veteran for the freedoms and liberties we so enjoy.

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!!**

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO

SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM



Congratulations

25 Years

October

Dorothy T Annunziata, FL	Angela M Golden, NY	Marilyn E, Monteith, NY
Rosa Colacurcio, FL	Conchita Henandez, NY	Kathy Murray, NJ
Pia DeLuca, FL	Martha Klimuk, NY	Kathleen A O’Gara, CT
Kathleen M Donahue, NJ	Louise G. Landi, FL	Frances J Pia, FL
Marion J Dypa, CT	Eleanor M Mead, FL	Frances M Thompson, FL

November

Louise C Bianco, NY	Loretta E McHugh, NY	Ruth M Parziano, NY
Lucille A Coluccio, NY	Michele Medaglia, NY	JoAnn Recio, NY
Josephine Cosenza, NY	Maureen G Moore, NY	Barbara A. Ridgeway, DE
Maureen E DeLaney, NY	Virginia Myslinski, CT	Doris A Schaefer, NY
Deborah A Ferry, NY	Geraldine L Nickel, NY	Doreen Simonsen, NY
Paula J Griffin, NC	Beatrice N Okwu, CT	Marjorie Way, NY
Anne Keogh, CT	Louise A Panetta, NY	Angela M Zuar, NY

50 Years

November

Patricia H Kerr, NY	Marion Nappi, NY	Rosemary C Scheld, NY
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ANNIVERSARIES FOR 2022

Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	Anniversary
Rev. Paul Donald O’Toole	SC	10819	10/28/17	5
Our Lady Star of the Sea	SC	7122	10/6/12	10
St. Thomas the Apostle	DE	12374	10/7/12	10
Shrine of St. Anne	NY	4757	10/3/62	60
St. Petersburg	FL	2105	11/5/17	5
Bishop Navagh	NJ	5943	11/29/67	55
Henry Stolzenhaler	NY	1675	11/20/52	70
Very Rev. Michael McCabe	CT	2364	12/2/12	10



SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTESThe logo features the words "twelve days of" in a green, cursive font, with "CHRISTMAS" in large, bold, red, serif capital letters below it. Underneath "CHRISTMAS" is the text "RAFFLE 2022" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Dear Sister Columbiettes:

It's the beginning of the Columbiette year. 'Tis the season the be jolly!! The Supreme Council Columbiettes are bringing back the "**12 Days of Christmas Raffle**". This raffle was successful and a big hit among many.

The tickets are on the next page. To help our committee, PLEASE cut your tickets.

6 Tickets for \$20.00

Or

1 ticket for \$5.00

There will be **12 prizes** to be given out:

12 winners will receive \$250.00 each.

The **winner's auxiliary will receive \$50.00** as a Christmas Gift.

*****Please mail tickets along with money by December 05, 2022*****

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Mail to: **Supreme Council**

297 Willis Ave

Mineola, New York 11501

Drawing will be on Saturday December 10th, 2022

If you have any questions, **PLEASE** contact me:

MaryAnne Alessio at (646)752-6679

The Supreme Council thanks each and every one of you for all you do always. Your support and love for this wonderful organization is recognized daily.

Stay well and be safe.

MaryAnne Alessio, Chair and Supreme Director

Cathy Bischoff, Co-Chair and Supreme Director

Jeanne Mucci, Co-Chair and Supreme Vice President

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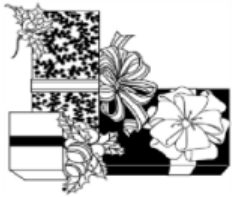
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Message from our States

**New Jersey State Council Columbiettes
Garden Remembrance Flag**

Order form

***Request permission from the family of the Sister Columbiette to present a Remembrance Grave Marker or placement in the casket of our deceased Sister.**

Cost per Garden Remembrance Flags Garden (price of flag only)	\$15.00
Number of Garden Remembrance Flags	
Total amount enclosed	
(Print or Type Name and Address)	
Name	
Address	

Make check payable to NJ State Council Columbiettes

Please mail or email to: Fran Corcione
227 Barbados Drive North
Toms River, NJ 08757
973-454-4145
Email: mrsc417@hotmail.com



- Your invoice for items purchased is included when items are shipped showing the total amount you owe including the postage. Please **wait** until you receive your order to send in a check for the correct amount.
- To avoid a late fee being assessed, please send in your payment within 30 days of receiving your order.

We are having a Fall Sale!
Check out the great deals at shop.columbiettes.com
<https://Shop.Columbiettes.com>

We have new items including Apparel, Laptop sleeves and all in one tri-color Station Covers.



Make sure you check out what's on sale this month!!

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Columbiettes have such giving hearts and generous spirits. On the state level, the officers are fundraising and making plans to visit all auxiliaries. In addition, they will be creating a video stream of praying the Rosary to share with Columbiettes across the state. It is true that when you have a Columbiette Sister, you have a friend. This month, Light of Christ Auxiliary 8726 in West Lawn held a successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Bake Sale and Basket Raffle, with about 250 people attending. All proceeds from the fundraiser were given to St. Ignatius Regional School, with the check presented at the Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast. This auxiliary also continues with its St. Joan of Arc Bible Study Group, studying Women of the New Testament with materials from Liturgical Press. In addition, Pennsylvania is looking forward to a State Convention in April with a theme of "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

IRS Committee

States, Chapters and Auxiliaries (small tax-exempt organizations) generally are eligible to file a Form 990-N postcard to satisfy their annual reporting requirement if their annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less. (Gross receipts means the total amount received from all sources during its annual accounting period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.)

If a State, Chapter or Auxiliary has fluctuating income from year to year, it should file the 990-N postcard if average revenues were \$50,000 or less for the prior three consecutive years.

States, Chapters or Auxiliaries (midsized tax-exempt organizations) have gross receipts between \$50,000 and \$200,000. They should file the 990-EZ, the short-form return.

Please be aware that it has come to our attention that the IRS has stated for the tax year ending July 31, 2021, the 990-EZ form must be filed electronically. It was also noted that those filing a 990-EZ form, need to have an approved vendor for filing that form. The approved vendor is charging a fee for this service. Please review your records and file annually using the appropriate form based on your gross annual receipts.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the IRS Committee
SupremeIRSQA@columbiettes.com.

The South Carolina State Council Presents a Limited Edition Columbiettes Christmas Ornament

Make your Christmas Tree Special this year
with this Columbiettes Ornament!



It is a 2 3/4" Bright Gold Medallion with a full color Columbiettes emblem. It's finished off with a blue satin ribbon and comes in a velveteen pouch.

Only \$15 (Including Shipping & Taxes)

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The room set-up for Auxiliary Meetings was modified by the Supreme Council in 2021 to help Auxiliaries meet requirements per their ability and the rules of the meeting location.

Required equipment and items are:

A long rectangle main table with 6 chairs situated at the front of the room and facing the assembly.

A chair and small table located at the main entrance of the room.

The American Flag.

A table podium, if available. If a free-standing podium is used, two long tables are needed, one at each side of the podium.

The President's gavel.

The statue of the Blessed Mother placed on a blue cloth (centered), the statue of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, placed on a white cloth (to the right), and the statue of St. Joan of Arc placed on a red cloth (to the left).

A crucifix and a battery-operated candle placed in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother.

A small table placed in front of the main table for placement of the Patron saints' statues, the statue cloths, crucifix, and battery-operated candle. If a small table is unavailable, all are to be placed on the main table in front of the President.

Behind the main table and to the right when facing the assembly should be the American flag. If the location does not have a flag, a small one is to be placed on the head table in front of the President and to her right when she is facing the assembly.

Seated at center of the main table is the President, then to the left of the President are the Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. Seated to the right of the President are the Secretary and Past President. The Sentinel is seated near the main entrance.

Members are seated facing the main table in classroom style. If members must sit at tables due to requirements of the meeting location, all members are to sit facing the Officers' table.

Dignitaries and guests are to be seated in a designated area such as the first row of seats in the audience.

All Officers are to wear their jewels indicating their respective office. Only Columbiettes with a valid Travel Card or Columbiettes who can be vouched for by the Financial Secretary, Third Degree Knights of Columbus, and clergy are permitted to attend meetings. Others, such as speakers or potential new members, are to arrive after the meeting adjourns.

It is the duty of the Sentinel to assure the room is correctly set-up.

Please refer to the "Auxiliary Meeting Room Set-up" with diagram for complete directions.

MESSAGE FROM OUR AUXILIARIES**CALIFORNIA****Bishop Begin #7164**

Our Bishop Begin Columbiettes have been helping our Knights of Columbus with their Bingo once a month, and we have a number of events scheduled in November. We plan to help our Knights with a coat drive for a children's coat giveaway, and we will help with the annual toy drive.

We will be wrapping gifts for the needy kids/families for our church. Parishioners pick a name off the tree, purchase the gift(s), and drop off for us. The gifts will be delivered to those kids/families for Christmas.

We also have a Bazaar planned for November 26th. Please look for the flyer regarding this fundraiser that was placed in this newsletter.

Many blessings,
Tish Rodriguez
President

**CONNECTICUT****Father Myron Miller 5833**

Hi ladies,

If you don't already know about the continuing series, *The Chosen*, get on board! It is about the life of Jesus and the apostles. It can only be viewed on their website or on **The Chosen** App. It is being produced by a small studio that is privately funded by viewers and fans. **IT IS OUTSTANDING!** You won't be able to wait for the next episode!!! Season 3 filming just wrapped up several weeks ago and will be released soon. There is obviously some liberty taken with the stories, but it is SO WELL DONE!

Watch a few episodes and see what you think! You will LOVE IT! (You can look on the website to see the actor who plays each character.) Their Facebook page is also very active.

To watch *The Chosen*, go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Enjoy!
Jan Pappas
Fin. Sec. #5833, Stamford, CT

DELAWARE

St. Thomas the Apostle

The St. Thomas the Apostle Columbiettes held a Blessing Shower in June for the Poor Clare Nuns located in the Monastery in Wilmington, DE. The sisters were overjoyed with all the gifts they received. Members have offered to transport the sisters to their appointments, teach their postulate how to drive a car, and to help work in their gardens.



Msgr. Francis Desmond Columbiettes - #13348 - Lewes, Delaware



Msgr. Desmond Columbiettes dropped off 11 containers of pop tabs to the local McDonalds, which will be brought to Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington. The pop tab program is important because it provides extra revenue that can help make up for the donations that families cannot make while residing at the house.



Msgr. Desmond Columbiettes presented, from left to right, Rev. Brian Lewis, Pastor, Fr. Tom Flowers, Auxiliary Chaplain, and Rev. Jones Kukatla, Associate Pastor of St. Jude The Apostle Church, with individual cakes to celebrate Priesthood Sunday. The cakes were presented at the Parish Picnic.



Columbiettes are always helping out wherever and whenever they can and always with a smile!

FLORIDA

Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh Columbiettes – Miami, FL

Our Auxiliary started the new year inviting all women in the parish to our Annual Morning of Reflection. Our speaker was our St John Neumann pastor Fr. Jose Alfaro and the theme this year was - Becoming Eucharistic Women “A Mystery of Faith & Love” –. We had 80 women attending this event and gained 5 new members thanks to it.



Fr. Alfaro during our Morning Retreat



Our Knights have their largest fundraiser the weekend of Columbus Day with their Annual Golf Tournament. Our Columbiettes are always present helping sign the golfers up and selling lots of raffle tickets. We also donated 2 nice baskets to be raffled off.



(left to right) President Rosa Duarte, VP Mayra Trujillo, Manuela Graells, PP Fatima Garcia, Secretary Teresa Pressey



Raffle baskets donated by the Columbiettes and the winners of those baskets

Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh Columbiettes – Miami, FL-Con't

After 2 years of restrictions, (last year mainly due to the social distancing still in place), we finally were able to bring our Hoedown back. We had a full house and so many helping hands. It is always great see our community coming to the events with their kids and having a blast. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.



Thanks to our Knights who helped us manning the Bar.

GEORGIA**St. Michael the Archangel Columbiette Auxiliary #11768**

We would like to introduce ourselves! We are the ladies of St. Michael the Archangel Columbiette Auxiliary #11768 of Woodstock, Georgia. Our Auxiliary is a thriving beehive of activity for most of the year, although we do try to slow down and rest a bit come summertime.

Our ongoing activities include a special Columbiette Adoration Hour on Wednesday evenings and our Prayer Blanket Ministry. This ministry includes cutting, sewing, ironing, and packaging with prayer brochures our lap-sized "Prayer Blankets". These blankets are given away completely free and are always available to those who need comfort of a physical, mental, or spiritual nature. The blankets are blessed by one of our priests or deacons.

About five years ago, a few of our ladies began a Rosary Ministry, which has grown to include two types of rosaries. The rosaries were originally made with faceted type and the mission type beads. Now, the ladies have expanded the ministry to knotted only rosaries. These rosaries are made specifically for our troops and first responders. As of this writing, this very popular ministry has produced nearly 32,000 rosaries. They have been distributed to local ministries that serve the homeless in our area and made available to our parishioners praying in the Adoration Chapel, our RCIA, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation Classes. They have also been distributed all over the world through Our Lady's Rosary Makers.

Another popular project, which we are gearing up for in November, is our Backpack Bagging Party. This involves procuring backpacks to be filled with all manner of comfort and sustenance items to be distributed to the homeless Veterans here in Cherokee County, Georgia. The entire auxiliary gets involved in collecting the items and backpacks and gathering together one evening to fill the packs. The ladies chatter and socialize as we put these together, and it truly is a feel-good project. At the same time, we are also gathering toiletries into packets for the homeless shelter, and signing Christmas cards for the Veterans at the VA. Then, at Christmastime, we buy evergreen wreaths to place at the Georgia National Cemetery on "Wreaths Across America" day and participate in this most solemn of remembrances.

Shortly, we will be assisting our Knights Council in putting on their major fundraiser of the year, their Dinner Auction. We bake desserts, decorate tables, and serve in any capacity they request us to do. We will also be sponsoring a "Ring Toss Booth" at our upcoming Parish Picnic, ensuring a good time for the young ones of St. Michael.

So, as you can see, we are a busy bunch, but we enjoy every minute!

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Shepherd, President
Columbiette Auxiliary 11768

NEW JERSEY**South West Chapter**

South West Chapter Columbiettes installed their 2022 - 2023 Board of Officers on September 15, 2022. Pictured are (center to left) President Kathleen Finn from St. David the King in Princeton Junction, Vice President Andrea Meyers from St. David the King in Princeton Junction, Financial Secretary Jeanne Bellas from St. Augustine of Canterbury in Kendall Park, Treasurer Evelyn Pearce from Immaculate Conception in Spotswood, (center to right) Secretary Karen Williams of St. Cecilia in Monmouth Junction, Past President Ann Fletcher of St. James in Monroe Township, and Sentinel Diane Hurley of St. Cecilia in Monmouth Junction. The Guides were (left) Gina Mastro from St. David the King and (right) Joanne Rizzo from St. James.

New Jersey State President Nadine Lecorchick honored the Chapter by serving as Installing Officer and Chapter Past President Carol Bohinski served as Ceremonial Chair.

Chapter President Kathleen Finn expressed her gratitude for being elected President. She and the Board of Officers look forward to working with and for the Chapter Auxiliaries. This year's plans are underway for hosting a Chapter Tricky Tray, scheduling a guest healthcare speaker, collecting for a local food pantry, and financially supporting our Seminarian and Chapter charity, "Attitudes in Reverse", whose mission is to create a community of understanding, kindness, and empathy through mental health education.

St. David the King Princeton Junction, New Jersey



On Sept. 19th, St. David the King Columbiettes began the year with the Installation of Officers. Pictured above are (from left to right): Immediate Past President Kathleen Finn (standing), Sentinel Roseann Airel, Treasurer Christine Policastro, Financial Secretary Catherine Jackson, Secretary Maureen Stemwede, standing in for Vice President Liz Gomes was Mary Jo Leonardo, President Andrea Meyers. Installing Officer was District Deputy Carol Bohinski. Guides were Maryann Manna and Claire Horyn. Following the Installation of Officers, the Auxiliary held an Initiation Ceremony for six new members plus two new members from St. James in Monroe Township. After a break for refreshments, the September meeting was held.

The Auxiliary was honored to have Grand Knight of St. David the King, Steve Drake, attend for the evening's activities.

St. David the King plans for a very active and productive year. To start, they hosted a Fall Mum Sale on the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25th after Masses. This event proved to be very successful as 300 mums were sold. Members, old and new, enjoyed working together and getting to know each other as well as parishioners.

St. Ann's #2853 Fair Lawn, NJ



St. Ann's Columbiettes are excited to be starting a new Columbiette year! The Executive Board had been meeting over the summer brainstorming ideas for fundraising and other events to present to their membership.

On August 27th alongside the Knights we volunteered to cook and sell food at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Elmwood Park, NJ annual picnic.

Three weeks later, September 18, we volunteered to sell refreshments at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church of Fair Lawn, NJ annual picnic.

Friday, September 23rd, we held an Initiation Ceremony welcoming 9 new members followed by a small reception. Guests included our Chaplain, District Deputy, a State Officer and our Brother Knights.

At our October meeting our members made their "Good Deed Beads" in conjunction with our October Catholic Action. We also dressed for Halloween and wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

October 9th, we hosted "Coffee Sunday" after all masses at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Fair Lawn, NJ. Parishioners enjoyed Coffee, pastries, fruit, yogurt etc.



NEW YORK

Don Bosco Columbiettes #4960, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

On August 5, members of the Don Bosco Columbiettes volunteered at Police Appreciation Day at Divine Mercy Parish St. Francis of Paola Church auditorium. Members of the NYPD were invited to come and meet with the Columbiettes and members of the Parish who served them something to eat, prayed for and with the, and told them how much we appreciate and need them.

On August 31, members of the Don Bosco Columbiettes, under the direction of our Chairlady sister Columbiette Janet Schnorr, once again joined together to make blankets for Calvary Hospice in The Bronx. Throughout the entire year our Chairlady Janet collects, makes, and purchases blankets that are than delivered to Calvary. For the Don Bosco Columbiettes, this is something that is very dear to our hearts. We have received letters from the staff detailing how much the patients enjoy receiving these beautiful blankets knowing that they are made with love and our prayers!



On September 21, the Don Bosco Columbiettes hosted their first “shower” for The Dwelling Place Women’s Shelter in NYC. Our Catholic Action Chairlady/Past President Carlotta Giglio researched this wonderful organization. Our Chairlady Yvette Golden took the lead and found out the items that were on their “wish list” and what was needed most by these ladies. We discovered that the Dwelling Place kept their doors open throughout the entire pandemic to offer assistance to those in need when they needed it most. Listening to their stories compelled the Columbiettes to work even harder. Our Sister Don Bosco Columbiettes were excited to participate both with donations as well as prayers.



On 09/11, the Don Bosco Columbiettes and Brother Knights gathered together for the 21st year to honor those that we lost on that dreadful day. In the rain, we stood together and recited the Rosary as we have each year since September 11, 2001. Others could participate if they chose to do so. We said the Rosary at our monument that is on the corner of Conselyea Street and Graham Avenue for everyone to see that we, as Columbiettes and Brother Knights, will never forget!



SOUTH CAROLINA

Rev. David J. Schiller in Summerville, SC- Auxiliary 11910

Our new Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune visited our parish on June 24th and the Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus were instrumental in helping to organize the event.



Fr. William G. Kinney, Jr. #14892, Loris, S.C.

We are off to an exciting new year. On September 9, we had our new member drive and gained four new members. On September 25, we teamed up with the Ladies Guild to host a tea party and tea pot auction. The tea pots were donated by the family of Pauline Coderre, a member of the Columbiettes and Ladies Guild. It was an exciting and fun-filled day. Also, during the month of October, we will have our annual Halloween party on the 29th and Trunk or Treat on the 30th.

Wishing many blessings to everyone,

Kat Knowles, President

WASHINGTON



All Saints Columbiettes 1629
Celebrating Another Good Year!



Over 300 handmade Christmas cards were created and delivered to area nursing homes and rehab facilities.



At our Christmas party, a quilt made by one of our members was a raffle prize.



In support of the Knights Council 1629, we ran a Flapjack Fundraiser to help generate funding for their charities.



In May, we donated \$2000 to All Saints Catholic School in support of Catholic education.



In May, our rosary ministry gave away rosaries and prayer shawls with the Knights after each Mass. They have continued to bless each of the five parishes we cover with rosaries, prayer shawls, and St. Benedict blessing beads.



In July, the Knights and Columbiettes hosted a reception to welcome our new parish Vicar, Fr. Val Park.



Every month, over 60 meals are prepared and delivered to feed the homeless in our area as well as our members in need.

In keeping with our theme of "Little Acts of Kindness", almost every month our members contributed to the Charity of the Month by bringing requested items to our meetings. We supported the "Backpack Program", which supplies children in need in our local public schools with healthy snacks for the weekends. We gave feminine products to our local St. Francis House and supported New Hope, a local haven for the homeless. We made contributions to our seminarian and to our newly ordained priest, both from All Saints Parish. Our membership includes ladies from St. Andrew, St. Cosmos and Damian, St. Martin of Tours, Holy Disciples, and All Saints parishes.



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