



SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES COMMUNICATOR



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Message from Our Supreme President

Hello, my dear Presidents and Sister Columbiettes,

MARCH is a very busy month for us all. As we continue to work on current events, we look to the future of each Auxiliary, Chapter, and State Board. A major part of the future is securing qualified Officers. This is a very high priority and we pray for God's Blessings to fall upon us all.

My topic this month is Delegates to State Annual Conventions or Meetings: Along with the elections of local Officers, it is each Auxiliary's responsibility to elect 2 alternates to attend their STATE'S Convention. This does not apply to Territories. The President and Immediate Past President, by position, are automatic delegates. Alternates are elected by the membership to substitute in case the President or Past President cannot attend. It is the Auxiliary President's responsibility to ensure her Auxiliary is represented by 2 delegates/alternates.

While States are preparing for their Annual Convention, each State Board works hard to provide an event combined with information, education, and some fun mixed in. Some states have a 1-day meeting and some have 2 or 3-day meetings.

Traveling around, I have heard various comments like ... "I don't get the point of these meetings" or "It's just a party". That tells me that the person serving as a delegate does not understand the position of a delegate. Each **DELEGATE REPRESENTS THE AUXILIARY** and has the Auxiliary's power to vote at the Convention.

I remember how proud I was to be my Auxiliary's delegate to the Convention. I was able to listen and learn about other Auxiliaries, our order, the structure, resolutions and so much more. I was able to share what my Auxiliary did, and I got to VOTE, and MY VOTE COUNTED. I felt a sense of PRIDE not only as a delegate but as a Columbiette. I began to understand the BIG PICTURE.

My time at each Convention was never wasted. I came home with new ideas and more information than my brain could absorb. I looked forward to the next convention. I made friendships that I am so proud to say continue to this day. Isn't this what sisterhood is about?

The Supreme Council is looking forward to attending each State's Convention this year. We are looking forward to seeing 100% attendance from all the Auxiliaries. Delegates, please come up to us, introduce yourself, and tell us how many times your Auxiliary has been attending your State's Annual Convention. We will love to meet and talk to you all.

If your Auxiliary attends EVERY YEAR – THANK YOU!

Warm Regards,
Micki Magee
Supreme President

Message from Our Supreme Treasurer

As Treasurer it is important to work closely with your Financial Secretary and to keep in constant contact with her to make sure your figures always match.

Our By-Laws state that (i) the Treasurer has ten (10) days from receipt of funds from the Financial Secretary to deposit funds into the bank and (ii) there must be two signatures on each check written.

Please remember that the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer must be audited at least twice a year.

Jeanne Mucci,
Supreme Treasurer

Lent is approaching. It is the season of reflection and preparation before Easter Celebration. The forty days ahead of us are intended to replicate the sacrifices of Jesus Christ in the Desert. It is a time when we participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. Let us keep each other in our prayers and our hearts!

Blessings

Fran Kennealy (CA)

WA Territorial Deputy

Auxiliary Exchange

Manresa Columbiettes in Staten Island NY will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary. The celebration will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 7-11 p.m. at the Crystal Room, 67 Olympia Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10305.



Saints

St. Patrick – March 17



St. Patrick – One of the world’s most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids. He turned to God while in captivity, escaping at about age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.



Joseph is the foster father of Jesus, and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He’s the man who taught the Christ Child the skills of carpentry and guided him in the Jewish faith.

Joseph is the ultimate model of manhood, fatherhood, and discipleship. It’s fitting that we celebrate this great man during the time of Lent, when he had to give so much of himself and his desires to ensure the safety of Jesus and Mary.

Annunciation of the Lord – March 25



The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.



**Ash Wednesday
February 26, 2020**

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

Who are our Officer's and Director's Where are they from?

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Pat Vahlsing

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NY
NY
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DE



Reminders:

- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** receiving an A-100 form from a member who wishes to transfer into her auxiliary is to **send the A-100 form to the Supreme Secretary. The transfer box must be marked and both the President and Financial Secretary of the auxiliary the member is transferring to must sign the form. Please note you no longer have to send the A-100 form to the auxiliary the member is transferring from.**
- ✓ **Presidents** should review their By-laws regarding the nominating process. A nominating committee, if required, consists of the Immediate Past President as the Chair and the President is to appoint the committee.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are reminded that the Supreme per capita bill must be paid by the end of March to avoid a late fee.
- ✓ **State Advocates** should be reminding auxiliaries to send in any resolutions with changes the auxiliaries may want to make to the State By-laws. Per the State By-laws, resolutions are to be sent to the State Advocate 60 days before the State Convention.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to notify the Supreme Council Office of any changes to the information of their Officers, Delegates and Alternates. Changes can be made on the Supreme website. This information is to be kept up to date including email addresses.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to include any appropriate fee when sending in an A-100 form. Always make sure the auxiliary information is filled in completely including degree dates.

✓ **Presidents** should advise members of their Annual State Convention information as to date, location, agenda and auxiliary participation. The two auxiliary delegates should confirm their attendance. All forms should be sent to the State Convention Committee as soon as possible.

✓ **Presidents** should check to see when their auxiliary is due to file the 990-N form with the IRS.

✓ **Presidents** are asked to send in their answers to the questionnaire in last month's newsletter. Also, let us know if you have any suggestions on how Supreme can help you meet your auxiliary's needs. Send responses to: Office@Columbiettes.com.



Let's Learn Together

Did you know . . .

There is a procedure for Financial Secretaries to notify members when dues are to be paid.

The first step is to notify members that you will be collecting dues for the new Columbiette year any time before the deadline of December 31st and at your Auxiliary's January meeting. If your Auxiliary does not meet in December, start reminding your members early that their dues are to be paid by the end of the year.

A past due notice should be sent to those members whose dues are not paid by January 31st.

If dues are not paid by March 31st, a member may be suspended for non-payment of dues.

During this time period, contact the unpaid member and let her know she is a valuable asset to the auxiliary. There could be extenuating circumstances as to why she has not paid her dues, such as illness, family circumstances, out of town, etc. Consider making courtesy telephone calls.

In Section I of the Supreme Administration Manual, you will find samples of letters which can be used regarding notice of dues, past due notices, and possible suspension.



To **suspend** a member for non-payment of dues, the Financial Secretary will go to the Supreme website and change the member's status to "suspend". An A-100 form should also be filled out and sent to the Supreme Secretary. There is no fee charged to suspend a member. A member cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues until after March 31st.

A suspended member may be reinstated within one year from the date of her recorded suspension without retaking any degree; but, the member must pay any indebtedness to the auxiliary.

If a member is suspended for less than 90 days, there is no loss of time toward Honorary Life Member and/or Life Membership status. After 90 days, all previous time accumulated is erased.

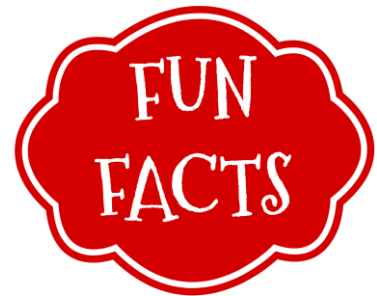
After 12 months, a member may be readmitted without re-initiation in any Degree or payment of initiation fee. The member must renew the Columbiette pledge and pay all dues, contributions, assessments, fines, and charges up to the date of her recorded suspension, but not exceeding \$10.00. There is also a \$5.00 readmission fee payable to the Supreme Council.

To **withdraw** a member, the Financial Secretary will go to the Supreme website and change the member's status to "withdrawn". A withdrawal card can be issued to any member in **good standing** upon payment of all dues, contributions, assessments and fines charged against her together with the current fee for said card.

An A-100 form must be sent to the Supreme Secretary requesting a withdrawal of the member accompanied with the current fee. The Supreme Secretary will issue the withdrawal card and send it to the member.

Any former member who obtained a withdrawal card may at any time rejoin the Order by presenting her withdrawal card to the auxiliary of which she would like to join.

She will be required to complete the membership application, pay a readmission fee and renew the Columbiette pledge. If 10 years have passed, the applicant must retake all Degrees.



FUN FACT

On December 3, 1960, one of our founders and advisors John Leo Coyle was recognized as the author of the First and Major Degrees of our Order.





**2020
Ann
Year**

**Congratulations to the Life Members
February – 2020**

Georgette Cellucci Port Washington, NY
 Agnes F. McCann St. Johns, NJ
 Barbara J. Mergler Msgr. Burke/Rockaway NY

**Congratulations to the Honorary Life
Members
February – 2020**

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**Congratulations to the States & Auxiliaries
March – 2020**

States/Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	2020 Ann Year
Florida State Council	FL		3/27/1978	42
Pennsylvania State Council	PA		3/21/2007	13
Cohoes	NY	192	3/22/1953	67
St. Martin	NY	2489	3/18/1960	60
Our Lady of the Rosary	NY	4428	3/24/1960	60
Father Coleman	CT	2616	3/12/1961	59
St. Regis	NY	4651	3/9/1962	58
General Sherman/Fr Shine	NY	569	3/27/1962	58

States/Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	2020 Ann Year
Port Washington	NY	1227	3/31/1967	53
Don Bosco	NJ	7784	3/10/1969	51
St. Sylvester	NY	6194	3/1/1971	49
Mother Cabrini	NY	7278	3/1/1981	39
Bishop Greco	NC	9499	3/7/1992	28
Old Bohemia	DE	6543	3/2/1997	23
Father Carey	NJ	1280	3/22/1998	22
St. Matthew	NC	10852	3/25/2000	20
Nativity BVM-Fr.Jos.Nosser	NY	12675	3/9/2002	18
Father Edwin Kaczmarek	PA	2600	3/15/2003	17
Martin C Murphy	SC	6847	3/22/2003	17
Father Lopez	FL	5737	3/8/2003	17
St. Joan of Arc	FL	11317	3/13/2004	16
St. Malachy	FL	13355	3/27/2004	16
St. Johns	NJ	1345	3/20/2005	15
Brother Vincent	DE	7517	3/15/2006	14
San Marco	FL	6344	3/2/2008	12
St. Bernadette	FL	13042	3/7/2009	11
St. Philip the Apostle	NJ	11671	3/20/2010	10
Manresa	NY	2147	3/21/2010	10
Warren	NJ	474	3/13/2011	9
Father William G. Kinney Jr.	SC	14892	3/31/2012	8
St. Rose of Lima	TX	11599	3/10/2013	7
Bishop O'Dowd	CA	3474	3/23/2013	7
St. Pius X	NY	10332	3/2/2014	6
Father Maurice Tew	NC	15752	3/8/2014	6
Daniel J. Bradley	NY	3102	3/20/2014	6
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	FL	13047	3/21/2015	5
St. Joseph's American Martyrs	NC	10891	3/21/2015	5
Fr. John J. Murray	NY	14666	3/21/2015	5
Ave Maria Oratory	FL	14697	3/4/2017	3
Tomas Tenorio	NM	10835	3/17/2018	2
Santa Maria	NC	2829	3/9/2019	1



A Lenten Prayer called the Passion

Dear Lord Jesus,
by Your Passion and Resurrection
You brought life to the world.
But the glory of the Resurrection
came only after the sufferings of the Passion.

You laid down Your life willingly
and gave up everything for us.
Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross,
Your clothing became the [prize](#) of soldiers,
your blood ebbed slowly but surely away,
and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved
disciple.

Stretched out on the Cross,
deprived of all earthly possessions and human
aid,
You cried out to Your Father that the end had
come.
You had accomplished the work given You,
and You committed into His hands,
as a perfect gift,
the little life that remained to You.

Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions
after the example You have given.
Let me place my death in Yours
and my weakness in Your abandonment,
Take hold of me with Your love,
that same foolish love that knew no limits,
and let me offer myself to the Father
with You so that I may rise with You to eternal
life.



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Prayer Corner!

A REFLECTION ON LENTEN FASTING

by Rev. Daniel Merz

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The *statio* fast was total and a means of watching and waiting... i.e. *for* something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting is always *preparatory*.

But how did *fasting* become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is revealed in an interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.

Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is

that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.



Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

This article draws in part on the writings of Alexander Schmemmann, "Notes in Liturgical Theology," St. Vladimir's Seminary Quarterly, Vol. 3, No. 1, Winter 1959, pp. 2-9. Rev. Daniel Merz is a former Associate Director of the USCCB Divine Worship office.

Upcoming Conventions Dates



CA	June 20 - Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point
CT	June 13 - St. Augustine Council, Stamford
DE	May 2 - St. Jude Parish Center, Lewes
FL	May 1-3 - Embassy Suites, Boca Raton
GA	June 19-20 - St. Catherine of Siena,, Kennesaw
ME	April 18 - Van Buren
NJ	June 26-28 - Embassy Suites, Piscataway
NY	June 12-14 - Villa Roma, Callicoon
NC	April 24-25 - Hampton Inn, Raleigh
PA	April 25 - St. Rose of Lima, York
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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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NO LATER THEN THE 15TH OF THE MONTH!



Squirettes of Mary

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate Squirette Circlette in Oakley California will be kicking off their Annual Backpack Drive with a goal of 110 in March. This is 10% more than last year. They provide for 7 Elementary Schools and the Parish Community. The weekend before school starts they celebrate mass with a Blessing of the Backpacks!





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with
Supreme Council Columbiettes*

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