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“Here I am Lord! I Come to do Your Will!”

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I am happy to write to you that I am enjoying being the State Regent for Pennsylvania. While I am not using my headset as much as I was in June, I still spend at least one and a half hours a day on the telephone. Also, I am now on my computer at least four to five hours each day. Taking care of CDA business, can be quite complicated at times.

I am traveling a good deal now, as anyone who has called and spoken to my husband has learned. He is a very good secretary and has given my cell phone number to any who asks for it, even though he doesn't always remember where I am supposed to be. So far, I have held District

Deputy Workshops in six Dioceses. I have attended Diocesan Committee meetings in Allentown, Altoona-Johnstown, Erie, and Pittsburgh. I have attended anniversary celebrations in Charleroi, Ebensburg, Johnstown, Lancaster, McKeesport, and Monroeville. These are joyful occasions and it is wonderful to meet so many of our dedicated members working to keep their Courts active. It is good for them to come to an anniversary celebration and share good memories with their sister members.

I would encourage you to visit our Website at www.cdapa.com. Our Web Designer, Pattie, is putting new things on that you should check out. This is a very informative site on Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters. You are missing out on good things, if you don't visit it. Ask your grandchildren to help you!

We are happy to announce that we are planning to have a CDA Choir at the 2013 State Convention. Please watch for further announcements on this. We hope that all those with “angel like voices” will volunteer for our Choir.

I look forward to seeing and meeting more of our members in the coming months. Your State Board is working diligently to organize the State Workshop being held September 28 and 29, 2012 (please, note the change of dates.) Please, bring as many of your members as possible, for this educational workshop. You and they will come home with more knowledge of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

May Mary, our Patroness, enfold you with happiness and peace,
Margaret

MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

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QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONS

Fall: September / November
Winter: December / February
Spring: March / May
Summer: June / August

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Fall: August 1
Winter: November 1
Spring: February 1
Summer: May 1

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NEWS FROM REV. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME COURT PRINCE GALLITZIN #2625, CHAPLAIN STATE CLERGY CONSULTANT

As we go through the seasons, we face some celebrations both religious and secular, that have us think about our mortality and what is beyond this life. We live in this world for a time and we are to use our time well and use it to promote the values of Christ and the Kingdom of God. Further, we recognize that death does not separate us from the love of Christ and we are all spiritually united in the Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints.

In our season of Advent, Catholics and Catholic Daughters are given the opportunity to grow in a deeper understanding of our common worship. The newly translated and approved Roman Missal has been implemented. As we prepare for Christmas and welcoming Christ into our world and our lives once again, we may also prepare ourselves to re-connect with our liturgical heritage with translations that are a formal equivalence of the original and official Latin. We also draw closer to all Catholics throughout the world, whose vernacular translations closely reflect our Latin heritage. Thus, we proclaim that we are a one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Finally, before Christmas, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th.) We honor Mary as one of two people whose "conception" is celebrated in the Liturgical calendar. On September 8th we celebrated Mary's birth. The other person we celebrate is Christ Himself, conceived of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25th) and born of the Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Nativity (Christmas, December 25th.) As a preparation for the "March for Life" in January, isn't it interesting that the Church has known that there are nine months from conception to birth, yet medical science isn't sure when human life begins. Let us honor the person and life of Mary, on the celebration of her conception, by praying for all life beginning at conception. Respect life and together we can raise the level of human dignity which is made in the image and likeness of God.

STATE NEWSLETTER NOTES

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Once each quarter State Officers, Chairmen, Regents, Clergy, and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles and/or pictures, to our Worthy State Regent, for possible publication in our State Newsletter.

To the left of this article is the Newsletter Schedule and Information. Please note, the submission deadline is 30 days prior to the actual publication. This will be important to you, as you write your article; by keeping in mind the actual publication month, you will be able to keep your article as current as possible. As an example, the next submission deadline is February 1st and the next publication will be in March. Writing about future plans for Valentine's Day or the beginning of Lent, wouldn't be prudent, because by the time the article is published, those events will have passed. It's not that you can't write about them, just do so in the proper tense/time-frame.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

COME ONE ... COME ALL TO THE
2013 STATE CONVENTION!

54TH BIENNIAL
NATIONAL CONVENTION

Your State Board is happy to announce that our 50th Biennial State Convention will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College (the home of Penn State University) from April 26 through April 30, 2013. Come and you might even get a chance to taste the famous Penn State Creamery ice cream. Penn State has been teaching how to make ice cream since 1892! Start your fund raisers now, so you can send even more members to this Convention. We were happy to see that all eight Dioceses were represented at the 49th Biennial Convention this year. Let's make this happen again in 2013!! More information will follow as 2013 approaches.

When doing your planning for 2012, please mark your calendars for the 54th Biennial National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, July 18 – 22, 2012!

There was a large representation of Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters at the National Convention in Buffalo, New York in 2010. It would be wonderful to see many of you attend the Convention in Omaha as well. Please put it in your calendar. Come and see the goodness of the Lord through *Unity and Charity*.

NOTE TO REGENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH
MEMBERS OF YOUR COURT, IS SET INSIDE A DOTTED BORDER.

EDUCATE YOUR MEMBERS AT THE 2012 STATE WORKSHOP

Court Officers and *all members* are invited to the 2012 State Workshop. Expect some changes; look forward to different sessions; and, even a few games, which we learned at the State Officers Conference in July, at Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois.

When: September 28 and 29, 2012.

(Please, note the change of dates, originally scheduled for September 15 and 16, 2012.)

Where: The Penn Stater Conference Center, State College.

Why: To inform and educate our members about CDA.

What: Enjoy two days full of challenging sessions; innovative ideas; and, fun and fellowship.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

MARGARET P. NOVAK

COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645

STATE REGENT

Remember that local Court officer elections will be held in May of 2012. Start now to check with your members to see who might be willing to take an office. They could talk with the current officer and see exactly what her job entails. If your Court does not have a full slate of officers, the current officer will continue in that office, until a new officer is elected (Bylaws, Page 51, Elections, Section C.)

At each monthly meeting following elections, the Regent should state that the office is open and ask for nominations from the floor. If the Court cannot get a member to step up and take the office, the Court will eventually be disbanded.

NEWS FROM LETTY M. CALVETTI
COURT SAINT BERNARD #339
SECOND VICE NATIONAL REGENT

As I am writing this message to you, I look back over the many years we have worked together to further the goals and ideals of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. How good it is that I was drawn to join this organization, where one is surrounded with women of faith and fidelity to our God, the Catholic Church, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. On All Souls Day we gave thanks for all the souls who touched each of our lives as we sought to serve, so many have gone before and for the living who continue to surround us.

The Pennsylvania State Court is celebrating one hundred years of working together to reach out to those in need within our communities, our nation, and throughout the world. Just stop and think how you, holding membership in your local Court, have helped to make and keep Pennsylvania a force for good in the Catholic Daughters.

You have been open to change. You have embraced the Catholic Daughters programs and you have helped develop leaders, who keep our local Courts growing and enthusiastic. Records attest to the commitment of Pennsylvania members from the very beginning and the support you show the leaders. Keep up the positive, “we can do” attitude, to help our State Court continue to grow. Seek out new members within your area, be it one or many, to give new life and vitality that each local Court needs to stay active.

I am honored to have been appointed as Pennsylvania’s National Representative and look forward to continuing to work together, for the good of our Order.

May Mary, Blessed Mother, be our guide as we serve.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

MARY IMPELLIZERI

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, NATIONAL OFFICE

SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK

COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645

STATE REGENT

The National Office of CDA wants to extend their “sincerest gratitude to the Catholic Daughters in the State of Pennsylvania for their unselfish generosity and caring. You are all a credit to our wonderful organization and a great help to us in continuing this much-needed support.” says Mary Impellizeri, Administrative Assistant to Peggy O’Brien, Executive Director.

The following contributions, totaling \$3,692.83, were made by our Pennsylvania Courts for the three month period: June 1, 2011 – August 31, 2011.

STATE

Pro-Life Total: \$998.73

General Fund: \$453.26; Advertising Fund: \$211.30; Haiti Birthing Center: \$273.48; and, Mustard Seed: \$60.69.

NATIONAL PROJECTS

Projects Total: \$594.10

Disaster Relief: \$125.00; Habitat for Humanity: \$80.00; Holy Cross Family Ministries: \$70.00; Smile Train: \$85.00; and, SOAR: \$234.10.

NATIONAL CHARITIES

Charities Total: \$2,100.00

Apostleship of the Sea: \$80.00; Covenant House: \$65.00; Catholic Relief Services: \$110.00; Morality in Media: \$130.00; Mother Teresa: \$95.00; N American College: \$50.00; Project Handclasp: \$90.00; Tutwiler Clinic: \$75.00; Catholic Relief Services – Japan Hurricane: \$1,405.00.

It is with gratitude and thanks that we acknowledge your very generous contributions to the State Pro-Life, National Projects, and National Charities! You are a credit to our wonderful organization and a great help in continuing this much-needed support!

**Real integrity is doing the right thing,
knowing that nobody’s going to know
whether you did it or not!**

Author Unknown

NEWS FROM JANE McKENNA
COURT SAINT EPHREM #2230
EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

I want to thank State Regent Margaret for the honor of choosing me to be the State Education Chairman.

The 2012 National Education contest themes are: *“Planting Seeds of Faith”* and *“Inspiring Others to Grow.”* The themes selected this year, encourages lively imagination and freedom of thought, when students’ talent and application go hand in hand. Our contest is open to our community schools and CCD classes, to compete and strive for awards, while following certain guidelines. The choice of categories are: Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography.

I will do the best I can, however a few things are up to the local Courts. First, each local Court should make a supreme effort to sponsor the Education Contest. The local Court will decide the amount of the prize to be awarded to the top three winning entries, in each division, within each category. Once the panel of judges has picked the winners, plan a special event and invite the parents, teachers, and their principal. You could have an ice cream social or a pizza party. Take pictures. Write an article and send it into the local newspaper, showing the winners and their awards.

The most important thing to keep in mind are the *rules, which must be strictly adhered to, without exception*, as follows:

1. Essay – is not to exceed 500 words.
2. Poetry – must not exceed eight (8) lines.
3. Art – is to be 12" x 18" with no lettering.
4. Computer Art – is to be 8½" x 11" with no lettering.
5. Music – must be the contestant’s own creation, in only cassette or CD format. If you are using a cassette format, please make sure to punch out the tabs on the cassette, to prevent accidental erasure.
6. Photography – is to be an 8" x 10" picture depicting the theme. It can be color or black and white. No collage’s.
7. Due Date – entries must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012 and sent to Jane McKenna, Education Chairman.

I wish everyone will enter and I wish all of you the best of good luck.

... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

NEWS FROM SARAH MASTRULL
COURT SAINT MARK #1097, REGENT
NEWSLETTER CONTEST CHAIRMAN

My name is Sarah Mastrull and I am the Regent of Court Saint Mark #1097 in Bristol. I will be serving as your Newsletter Contest Chairman for the period of 2011 – 2013. I was thrilled when our new State Regent, Margaret Novak, asked me to serve as Newsletter Contest Chairman. It gives me the opportunity to read all about the wonderful things that are happening in our local Courts.

As Newsletter Contest Chairman, I encourage all Courts to write newsletters for your members, whether you enter the contest or not. It is important to keep your members informed of National, State, and Local Catholic Daughters events. These newsletters are important for spreading the word to all members, especially those who are not able to attend meetings regularly. I suggest writing either a monthly or a quarterly newsletter for your members. Don’t forget to send a copy to your District Deputy, State Regent, Chaplain, and me. Please consider submitting your newsletters for the contests which are held each spring, so your hard work can be recognized! Check the National Website, www.catholicdaughters.org/documents/Local_Court_Newsletter_Contest.pdf, for the instructions and deadlines for submitting your entries.

When submitting your Court newsletter to me, you can either mail it or send it via email. I look forward to reading all about your Court’s charitable works, meetings, events, and fun!

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Do you receive the *Share* magazine or receive mailings from the National Office?

If you are moving or are a “snowbird,” someone who spends their time in warmer climates, away from home during the winter months, Catholic Daughters of the Americas would appreciate it if you would let them know of any address change.

Collectively, if everyone notified the National Office of their change of address, CDA could save thousands of dollars annually!

Please, remember to notify your Local and State Courts too!



NEWS FROM PEGGY GUCKIN

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FIRST VICE STATE REGENT

YOUTH/JCDA/CAMPUS COURT CHAIRMAN

I have heard from three Courts in the last few months who would like to have a JCDA Court in their area. Two of the guidelines which are very important are: anyone who would like to start a JCDA Court must have the approval and support of a Senior CDA Court. Second, all leaders who will be working with the girls, must take the class “*Protecting God’s Children*” and have a police background check.

If you are interested in having a JCDA Court or want to know what it entails, please contact me.

Also, anyone who has a college age daughter or grandchildren, could see if they might be interested in starting a CDA Campus Court at their school.

May the Child Jesus and His Sacred Heart help us to grow in this area again and watch over us.

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Our State Website has been up and running since September 12, 2011. Thank you very much for the kudos which were sent or shared personally, expressing your happiness with our State Website, www.cdapa.com!

Since September 12th our State Regent, Margaret Novak, has been very busy submitting changes, additions, and updates which include: a date change for the State Workshop in 2012; Charitable Contribution figures from June 1 through August 31, 2011; Court McKeesport #221, 98th Anniversary Photo; Ten-Week Raffle explanation and Winners List; the Circle of Love Local Court Reporting Form; and, an updated Donation Form (from Shirley Hall.)

Too, a print version of our State Newsletter is now available online. This version has the background removed, for cost-efficient printing. If you are having trouble viewing the Newsletter or any other document, please visit our “Help” page: www.cdapa.com/help.html.

As there were no entries for our Website and Newsletter Naming Contest, we’ll let our Worthy State Regent name each.

If you’re looking for something and can’t find it, let us know; we’ll do our best to help you. Contact information can be found under “About Us.”

If any Court has a Website, please let us know. Send us the link and we’ll post it on the “Courts Listing” page, found under “About Us.”

If any Diocese or Court would like the State Website to promote an event or topic of interest, just let us know; we’d be happy to assist.

Remember to visit www.cdapa.com often, to see what is available to help you, help others!

Today

Outside my window, a new day I see,

And only I can determine what kind of day it will be.

It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay,

Or boring and cold, unhappy and grey.

My own state of mind is the determining key,

For I am only the person I let myself be.

I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,

Or be selfish and think just of myself.

I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun,

Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.

I can be patient with those who may not understand,

Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.

But I have faith in myself, and believe what I say,

And I personally intend to make this a great day!

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...whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40

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98TH ANNIVERSARY OF COURT MCKEESPORT #221

McKEESPORT, PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

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Pictured Left to Right: Catherine Macey, Treasurer; Dolly Tauber, Financial Secretary; Ruth Ann Link, Recording Secretary; Bernadette Bonnet, Regent; Father Steven Chervenak, past Chaplain; Margaret P. Novak, State Regent; Rev. Vincent Velas, Court Chaplain, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church; Mary Jane Brabender, Vice Regent; and, Marlene Yurkovich, Regent Court Miriam #1315 and District Deputy

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MARGARET P. NOVAK

COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645

STATE REGENT

“Send, O Lord, Workers into the Vineyard” Matthew 20:16

The State Membership Team has been working for the benefit of the Pennsylvania CDA. They have held meetings with people from Somerset and Philadelphia to start new Courts there. The pastors have asked them to wait until Spring to proceed with meetings. Please pray that these meetings will produce new Courts in our state. If you have a suggestion for a new Court site, please contact State Membership Chairman, Janet Oesterling, oest43@verizon.net or 814-355-7730.






The State Membership Team has also been helping local Courts with their Membership Drives. Remember, if you ask your Diocesan Membership Team or the State Membership Team to come to help with your Membership Drive, you should offer them mileage, to cover their travel costs.

Membership Drives are necessary to keep our Courts alive. Please, don't wait until your Court members are all 85 or older, to ask for help with a Membership Drive. Your Diocesan Membership Chairman, as well as your District Deputy, have all the materials needed to run a Membership Drive. Ask for their help with this project. **If you want to celebrate another anniversary, now is the time to act!** When approaching prospective members, emphasize the positive, tell about the good that we do, e.g., support the food banks, seminarians, Morality in Media, our veterans, etc. **Our three-fold programs are Charity, Spirituality, and Education.** Give them a good reason to join us!

The distressing part of membership is going to visit Courts that can no longer walk on the CDA path and must disband. Six months into our term, Court Agatha #1317, Bridgeville and Court Woodlawn #565, Aliquippa voted to disband. Court Chartiers #508 is having a Membership Drive to keep from going this in direction. Please keep them in your prayers.

ITEMS TO PURCHASE

We had an enthusiastic response to items we sold at the 2011 State Convention, so we are making the following items available to your Court members. Postage will be added to your bill, when your order is shipped.

ITEM	IMAGE	COST
PENS Catholic Daughters of the Americas 1911 – 2011		\$1.25
MAGNETS 5 ½" Round Celebrating our 100 Years. This is impressive looking on the back of our cars.		\$5.00
PENNSYLVANIA CDA BADGE HOLDER Great item to carry your keys and money under your robe. Also good for money when traveling; wear inside your blouse.		\$2.00
YELLOW T-SHIRT Sizes: Large, XLG, XXLG. Very comfortable; nice to be able to identify other members from Pennsylvania when traveling.		\$20.00
LOCAL COURT OFFICER ROBES We have used robes in good condition for the Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer.		\$5.00

PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDERS TO:

CDA; Margaret P. Novak, State Regent; 1187 Oak Grove Road; Breezewood, PA 15533.

AN INVOICE WILL BE IN YOUR PACKAGE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE SHIPPING.

A COURT CHECK (WITH TWO (2) SIGNATURES) SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO CDA AND SENT TO:

CDA; Shirley Hall, State Secretary; 901 West 15th Street; Tyrone, PA 16686.

SPIRITUAL INTENTION CARDS FOR PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

MARGARET P. NOVAK

COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645

STATE REGENT

Your State Board is now offering Spiritual Intention Cards to our members. Our State Clergy Consultant, Father Grimme, at Saint Therese the Child of Jesus, Altoona, PA, will offer up our Spiritual Intentions on the third Sunday of the month beginning in 2012, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass.

If you'd like to participate, please complete the Spiritual Intention Request form, which is included as an attachment to this edition. You can also download additional copies by visiting: www.cdapa.com/forms/spiritual-intentions.pdf

If you'd like, a special Intention Card will be sent to you, so you can pass it on to the person you are praying for; simply select "Yes" or "No" on the Spiritual Intention Request form.

Donations received from these intentions, will be sent to the North American College in Rome, to help our Seminarians studying there.

You may send any donation amount you wish, with a check made payable to CDA. A personal check will be accepted for these Spiritual Intentions. The Spiritual Intention form and your check or money order should be sent to: Peggy Guckin, First Vice State Regent.

If you have any questions concerning these Spiritual Intention Cards, please contact Margaret Novak, State Regent.

NATIONAL NEWS
SUBMITTED BY: MARGARET P. NOVAK
COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645
STATE REGENT

STATE AND LOCAL COURT TREASURERS

Please, be sure to write all checks payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas or CDA. You must also be sure to have two signatures on each check. No personal checks are accepted at the National Office.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Please discard the old Membership Addition Report #104. Only the completed Membership Application, Renewal Form, or Transfer Form is accepted. If you download the form from the Website, please be sure to print it out on one page. We cannot accept two pages. Please be sure to review your Court Roster each year, to be sure you have the proper members listed. Do not wait until you have your Financial Review. Call (National Office, 212-877-3041,) write (National Office, CDA 10 West 71st Street New York, NY 10023,) or email (to cdaroster@aol.com) for your updated listing of members. Remember, you are billed National and State dues on the number of members listed with National. Get a new roster 30 days before each Financial Review, to make sure the number National has is accurate.

LABOURE SOCIETY FROM SEPTEMBER, 2011 NATIONAL UPDATE
A WAY TO SUPPORT OUR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

The Laboure Society encourages vocations to religious communities that are in communion with the Holy Father and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, through fidelity to the Holy Catholic Church's doctrines and dogmas in their community statements and the activities of the individual members. Saint Catherine Laboure is the patroness of the society. They help aspirants, who wish to enter a religious community, but are unable because of a financial impediment. The women must pay off student loans, before they can enter an Order. CDA has formed a partnership with the Laboure Society. Our donations will help to make their vocation become a reality by our support. This will be one of our charities of choice. Make your checks payable to CDA and send it to your State Secretary, Shirley Hall. At a time when the Church so desperately needs religious vocations, this seems to be the ideal charity to support.

NEWS FROM SHIRLEY HALL
COURT SAINT RITA #523
STATE SECRETARY

By the time this is printed we will have "fallen behind" with our clocks and the days are growing shorter.

However, the Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania have not "fallen behind" in sending in their financial reviews and other items, which are needed to be sent to the designated State Officers. So, my first request to you is to check that your dues have been paid and that your charitable donations, which you normally send in this time of year, have been mailed.

New dues notices will be mailed to Regents in the very near future and it is the hope of the State Officers that if you are a "snow bird," you will **make arrangements now with your officers**, to take care of bill paying while you are away.

When I open my mail for State business, I put each item together with checks or whatever else might be in the envelopes. However, I occasionally, have dropped something, and the particular check does not have a Court Name or Number on the top of the check. And so, the search begins, who sent me this money? So, you guessed it, my second request is for you to check to see if your Court checks have your Court Name and Number on the top. I realize that you cannot order new checks, but **please** write them on the top, before sending them to me.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention in these matters!

God's Blessings to you and yours in the coming winter season.

REMEMBER:
TWO SIGNATURES ON CHECKS

WHY MOTION?

- 1) Save time.
- 2) Make sure only one member is speaking at a time.
- 3) Make sure each member knows and understands, at the time the business item is on the floor for discussion or vote.
- 4) Provide an exact format for record keeping by the secretary.
- 5) Have our minutes and history in the exact wording we want it.
- 6) Assure an effective, streamlined meeting with business lasting less than an hour (hopefully.)

WHO CAN MAKE A MOTION?

- 1) Any member or officer (except the Regent, unless she vacates the Chair for that item of business.)

WHEN IS A MOTION MADE?

- 1) At any time a new item of business is proposed, mentioned, or suggested.
- 2) Regent will always ask the member to put the idea "in the form of a motion" (I move to or that...)

HOW A MOTION IS MADE—EIGHT ESSENTIAL STEPS.

The Member:

- 1) Rises and addresses the Chair, "Worthy Regent?"
- 2) Receives recognition from the Regent, "Yes, Mary (their name)?"
- 3) Introduces/States the motion, "Worthy Regent, I move to (or that) ..."
- (Add what you want to do or have done; no other format/wording should be used.)
- 4) Another member "Seconds" the motion.

Then, the Chair/Regent:

- 5) States the motion.
- 6) Asks for discussion, both pros and cons.
- 7) Takes the vote: Regent says, "All those in favor say Aye" and then, "All those opposed, say "No."
- 8) Announces the result of the vote: Either "the Ayes have it and the motion carries"; or, "The Nos have it, and the motion is lost."

A counted vote may be necessary at times.

A vote that is tied, is lost.

It is with great pleasure that I will be serving as your State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman. It is also a great honor, as I respect so much, the women who have held this post in the past.

I would like to encourage all Courts to think of ways we can utilize the most powerful tool we have, to ensure our Courts will flourish – the power of prayer! We are a unique women's organization, because of our identity as a Catholic organization. Our belief and love of God and Church underlie all our goals and good works. Here are some ways that we can incorporate prayer into our Courts.

1. Pray as a Court. This can include praying together at the beginning and end of our meetings. We also might include a prayer when committees meet, our audits are preformed, or at any activity. Attending Mass together as a body, such as a Communion Breakfast can be very powerful. Praying as a group, at the viewing or funeral of members, is a comfort to our membership and the member's family. Any Marian prayers, such as the rosary or the Litany of the Blessed Mother, where we invoke her help under so many of her beautiful titles, are so appropriate to pray as a group to our Patroness. May Crowning ceremonies are especially lovely tributes to Our Lady. Retreat days also provide group members the spiritual "pick me up."

2. Encourage members to pray individually. We all can use reminders to pray three Hail Mary's daily for world peace. Courts may want to enlist some of our home bound members as special "prayer warriors," who are asked to lift up the Court and its needs. What Court couldn't use some of these valued members, dedicated to praying daily for new members, growth in unity, success in projects, wisdom in electing new leadership, etc.

3. Incorporate in our newsletters, yearbooks, and programs some of the beautiful prayers of our faith or inspirational thoughts of some of our Saints. I have found calendars that have a daily reflection or magazines, such as the *Catholic Digest*, which have many inspirational quotes. Two Websites you may find helpful for quotes are: www.angelfire.com/nb/defendthefait/quotes.html and www.gadel.info/2011/03/exclusive-catholic-quotes.html.

In summary, my prayer for all our Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters is that we have a firm grounding in the belief that we are held in the hands of a loving God, who in all our joys, sorrows, and challenges wants us to turn our hearts and souls heavenward, to find our inspiration and strength. If I can be of help, in any way with spiritual resources, please let me know. God Bless!

NEWS FROM PEG RAFFERTY
COURT SAINT RENE #1868
SECOND VICE STATE REGENT
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

I have had the opportunity to be aware of the many fine activities Courts have been doing to support their local communities.

As Publicity Chair for Pennsylvania, I have a few suggestions on how to submit an article to your local newspaper. These suggestions have been provided by Tom Panas, who is the Publicity Chairman for the National Office in New York.

When submitting photos identify, from left to right, the names and titles of all those in the picture and explain where she/they were and what she/they were doing. Example: "seated during one of the business conference sessions is *their name, title if any*; or "enjoying Saturday evening dinner are, left to right, *name of Regent along with the title Regent, name of chairman of the event and title of Chairman, etc.*)

1. List the date and your city and state at beginning of article.
2. List current positions held by members in the Court and all those who were present at the event including State and National officers.
3. Also list positions members have held in the past.
4. Mention how many years participants of been members of CDA and where they worship.
5. Include something personal about the event that you particularly enjoyed or made an impression.
6. Be sure to list contact information about how to join CDA.
7. Include information regarding your Court such as:
 - a.) Year Court was formed.
 - b.) Number of members.
 - c.) When and where the Court meets.
 - d.) Name of Parish Pastor.
 - e.) Name of Chaplain or Spiritual Advisor.
 - f.) Your Local and National Charities.
 - g.) Other Court activities.

Give a description of who the Catholic Daughters are (see next column above.)

ABOUT THE
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.

They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs, and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow, or sickness."

The CDA motto is "Unity and Charity."

The CDA, founded by the Knights of Columbus, was formed in 1903 and today numbers 80,000 dues-paying members in 1,250 Courts in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Catholic Daughters enjoy each other's company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities.

Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God, and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II, when he spoke of the necessity of "feminine genius" in today's world.

The program includes concerns of today's church and society, as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children.

The Legislative Program encourages interested members to learn about laws that may influence their faith and to contact their State Representatives to make their personal positions known through "Operation Morning Star." The Catholic Daughters of the Americas does not endorse political candidates.

Girls and young women, ages eight to 18, can join the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Young college women can become members of Campus Courts.

If you have any articles or photos of Court activities and events you wish to submit for publication, please send them to me with the above information. I will do my best to see they are included in your local and Diocesan newspapers, as well as possibly the *Share* magazine.

Keep up the great work!



God moves mountains, but, sometimes a shovel full at a time!

Author Unknown; Seen in the Court Saint Francis de Sales #2617 Newsletter

NEWS FROM MARY CATHERINE WYDRA
COURT OUR LADY OF VICTORY #588, REGENT
QUALITY OF LIFE CHAIRMAN

When our Worthy State Regent, Margaret Novak, asked me to serve as Quality of Life State Chairman, I dutifully went to work and tried to grasp the meaning of Quality of Life. I quickly realized the definition was huge and different for each person. Another thing I realized is that we sometimes confuse “quality of life” with “standard of living.” The material things we attain in life, are not the things that improve the quality of our life. A Priest once said in his Homily that he “never saw a hearse pulling a U-Haul.” So what will you take with you when you meet our Savior? You will certainly be accountable for the talents He gave you. Are you using these talents wisely or only when convenient; or, heaven forbid, are they buried?

Think about the parable of the master who gave coins (or talents) to three servants. The first two servants used the coins wisely and doubled the amount given to them. The third servant buried his coin. He dug it up and gave it back to the master upon his return. The master was pleased with the first two servants and rewarded them. He became angry with the third servant and called him wicked. He took the coin away from him and gave it to one of the other servants. What can we learn from this story? We need to use whatever “talent” God has given us. *Use what you have, do what you can.*

Most of us lead relatively quiet lives. While we might get our picture or name in the local newspaper now and then, the paparazzi doesn’t follow us around and we are not going to be on the next cover of *Newsweek*. But that certainly doesn’t mean we can’t make a difference ... and not just one day a year. Mother Teresa said “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” Do not underestimate the power of a smile or some small act of kindness. Your efforts do not have to be state, national, or world-wide. Start with your own neighborhood and parish. *Use what you have, do what you can.* As Catholic Daughters, we find ways to help people 365 days a year and we do not need a special invitation.

Being a Catholic Daughter is a full-time commitment – not just when attending a Court meeting or participating in one of the Court’s functions. Each and everyone one of us can make a difference in someone’s life, every day. You will find that the more you do to improve the quality of life of the people around you, the more your own quality of life will improve.

I welcome your feedback and Quality of Life ideas.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:15-18

NEWS FROM PEGGY GUCKIN
COURT ROSE CECILIA #1641
FIRST VICE STATE REGENT
PRO LIFE ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN

I would like to thank our State Regent, Margaret Novak, for giving me the opportunity to continue with the advertising end of our Pro life charity in your behalf. Your generous donations for this worthy cause, spreads the word of alternatives, while having our name in print, promoting a stand that *all life is precious*.

Your donations made it possible to continue with the bench outside of Philadelphia, for another year. Also, by December 1st we will have two posters (11" x 28") in 75 buses in the Harrisburg area through June.

The State Board attended Mass at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel on October 21st and we had the pleasure of meeting Hezekiah Phillips and his wife. They had the billboard with the baby and the American flag on display, advertising for Pro Life. Hezekiah produces the artwork on billboards and they are placed on land donated by the private sector. The Catholic Daughters have placed several billboards in Altoona-Johnstown Diocese in the last two years.

Also, please continue to use your baby bottles, for the collection of our Pro Life Activities.



OLD VERSUS NEW
MARGARET P. NOVAK
COURT OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS #2645
STATE REGENT

As I have traveled across our wonderful State of Pennsylvania, there are several recurring comments which I have heard. Here are a few: 1. A past Regent is always criticizing our present Regent. She even stands up at a meeting, to correct the way that something is being done. 2. I know that things are not being done correctly, because when I was in charge we did it a different way. 3. The new officers don't follow the rules, like we did when we were in office.

Do you see the recurring theme here? The people that held offices in the past, whether it has been five years or 20 years ago, feel that the current officers should do things as they were done in the past. As time has changed our lives, so has National also changed our procedures, to make them current and up to date. All members should realize that National has changed the way that some things are done and the current officers are following procedure. **If you have questions as to why something is done differently, speak privately to your Regent about the matter.** If your officers aren't following procedure, I'm sure they will be glad you brought the matter to their attention.

Remember, the old should listen to the new, just as the new needs to listen to the old. In other words: history changes and needs to be heeded, as modern should connect with history. In this way, we become stronger with past experiences, but we also need to have open minds to grow.

*From the State Regent, Officers, and Chairmen ...
We wish you a Prayerful and Peace-filled Advent;
a Very Merry Christmas; and, a Happy New Year!*



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Margaret P. Novak, State Regent
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Good Will to Men

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