



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Court of Nebraska

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## Mission Statement

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

### Greetings from Our State Regent

*A Big thank you to all for the prayers, cards and thoughts for my husband Roger, he is doing great, back surgery went well and is able to walk farther than he has for a long time and have no pain. He is still restricted on what he can do but he is listening to what the Doctor says.*

*Well by the time you receive this Halloween and Thanksgiving will be over and we will be in the start of the Holiday season, remember to enjoy your family but also remember what the Christmas Season is all about and why we celebrate this very special time of year.*

*Remember to be thinking about attending National Convention in Buffalo N.Y. in July, you will have received an agenda and I ask that you keep that and make sure it is handed over to the next new Regent . This was the agenda last convention and so I am thinking it will be somewhat the same the year of the 2012*

*convention in Omaha, so the next slate of officers will have an idea of what to expect. We will be putting on a skit to entice those members to come to our state for the National convention, so we will be needed plenty of our Catholic Daughters to help with this.*

*Ruth Krumbach  
State Regent*

*We would like to wish you a very Merry Blest Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent Rosemary Shald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent Nancy Brown, State Secretary Elaine Boyce and State Treasurer Barb Jensen and your State Chairs and Districts Deputies. Thanks to each of you who help make our organization strong.*

*Ruth, RoseMary, Nancy, Barb and Elaine*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!**

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Convention

**The 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National convention of the Order will be held in Buffalo, New York July 14-17, 2010. The headquarters for the convention will be: Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, NY 14202. Call for toll free reservation: 1-800-444-2326.**

### Election of Delegates to National Convention

In accordance with Article XIV Section 13-B-1-2, each Local Court shall be entitled to elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention on the following basis:

1. Local Courts shall elect delegates to the National Convention at a business meeting preceding the deadline for submitting delegate registration to the National office **(Postmark Deadline - March 15, 2010)**
2. The number of delegates shall be determined by dues billed by the National office as of November 15 of the preceding year.
  - (a) Representative shall be:
    - 1 One Delegate, **the Regent** if she attends.\*
    - 2 And an additional delegate fore each seven-five (75) members or major fraction thereof.

**\*Please note that it is the Regent at the time of the national convention that is the automatic delegate and should be listed as the first delegate if she is attending.**

### Alternates

Article XIV Sec. 13 B-3

3. The Local Court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates for elected delegates.

Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) states: "Alternates normally are elected with a designated order in which they will be called to serve; if available, as vacancies arise in the delegation of their constituent

unit. When a unit has more than one delegate, an elected alternate is not associated with any particular delegate. The vacancy that occurs first in point of time is filled by the first elected alternate or the ranking one available, and so on."

### Candidates for National Office

The National Nominating Committee (elected at the 2008 National Convention) shall consider the qualifications of all candidates proposed by State Boards for the National Board of the ORDER which shall consist of five (5) Officers and nine (9) Directors. (Bylaws, Article XII, Section 2).

Names submitted for the consideration by the Nominating Committee must be accompanied by:

- ❖ Statement of qualification
- ❖ A current photograph
- ❖ A statement of endorsement by the State Board of the candidate
- ❖ As well as consent to serve by the candidate

Seven (7) copies of each shall be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman **no later than March 1, 2010** of the convention year.

Theresa Duran, Chair  
31 Triangle Place  
Freeport, NY 11520

**REMEMBER THAT CAMPAIGNING FOR A CANDIDATE OR SOLICITING VOTES OR SUPPORT IN ANY WAY IS GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE!!!!**

## Proposals to Amend the Bylaws

Proposals to amend the Bylaws and rationale for the amendments should be mailed directly to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee:

Mrs. Anne Nelson, National Chairman of Bylaws  
6420 Wilben Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

**Five (5) copies of each proposal and rationale (one on each page) MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 15, 2010.**

Example of proposed amendment:

Present Wording

Article \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

Then state the paragraph as it is currently in the Bylaws

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and No. of Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Meeting in which the proposed amendment passed

### National Convention Registration Fees

	<u>Advanced Registration</u> (Prior to June 1, 2010)	<u>Late Registration</u> (After June 1, 2010)
Delegates	\$90.00	\$125.00
Non-Delegates	\$80.00	\$110.00
Chaplains	No charge	No charge

Daily Registration - all one day registrants are non-voting \$40.00 paid daily on site only

Any courts sending registration post-marked later than June 1, 2010 will be subject to late registration fees as shown above. **Do Not send registration fees until delegate cards and credential are sent to you.**

See state website [www.cdanebraska.org](http://www.cdanebraska.org) for additional information on national convention under Newsletters.

## About NEA's Read Across America

The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its fourteenth year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.



NEA's Read Across America Day, NEA's national reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and you can too!

**On March 2, the National Education Association calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult.**

Taken from <http://www.nea.org/readacross/>

### State Fundraiser - Calendar

Each court has been sent a calendar for the month of February. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00. Each day during the month of February a name will be drawn. You could win \$20.00 except for February 15<sup>th</sup> the amount of the daily drawing is \$100.00!! If your name is drawn it is again put back in and you could win for another day as well.

A \$1.00 from the sale of each calendar will be returned to your court for their efforts. The more you sell the more dollars your court gets back. The calendar's make great Christmas gifts as well. Be sure to return the money you collect to RoseMary Shald, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent by January 24, 2010.



### Election of Nominating Committee at March 2010 Meeting

At the March meeting all courts must election a nominating committee. According to the Bylaws, Article XIV Local Courts  
Section 10 Nominations

B. The three (3) or five (5) candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The remaining candidates shall serve as alternates according to their rank. The committee member receiving the most votes MAY serve as Chairman or the committee itself may select its chairman from amount the three (3) or five (5) elected members.

After the election of the Nominating Committee in March, the chairman will call the committee together as soon as possible. The committee must remember that only members in good standing are eligible to hold any office. The court Regent nor chaplain are a member of this committee and should not be notified when the committee meeting will take place. Election of officers will be the first order of new business at the May meeting.



## Spot Light on Courts



**Court Emmanuel #1122, Nebraska City** - Grant Welsh, son of Skip and Monica, and Laura Box, daughter of Daren and Beth, won first place at state and third place at national for poetry entries in their respective divisions in the education contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of Americas (CDA). They are both students of Lourdes Central Catholic Schools. These are the poetry entries:

### God Bestowed Upon Me (by Grant Welsh)

God bestowed upon my life  
My first breath so I could live with His praise  
My first steps so I could walk in His steps  
My first words so I could speak His word  
My education so I could fully understand His teachings  
My parents so I could be led in the faith  
My friends so I could have someone to rely on  
Church to worship in so I could praise Him with others.

### The Gifts God Gives to Me (by Laura Box)

The mountains so tall  
Children so small  
The bright yellow sun bringer of day  
The moon and the stars that light up the way  
Animals and creatures  
Plants with wonderful features  
But the best gift that we recall.  
His life for us all!



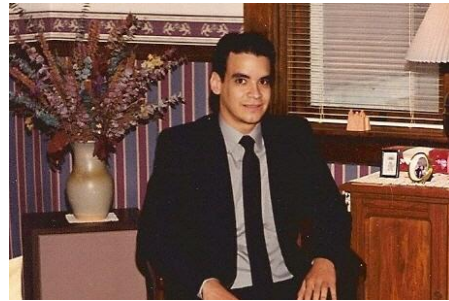
**Court Columbia #401, Omaha** - celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass was celebrated by court chaplain, Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick. Following mass was a luncheon. Guests were RoseMary Shald, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent, Elaine Boyce, State Secretary, Barb Kuchel, District Deputy, and Kim Spicka, Past State Regent and past National Director.



**Court St. James #2007, Kearney** – celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary October 18, 2009. Members attended Mass as a group followed by a potluck luncheon for members and guests. Three charter members and four past Regents were in attendance. Second Vice State Regent, Nancy Brown, State Treasurer, Barb Jensen, and District Deputy, Shirley Chramosta, as well as members of Courts from Hastings, and Broken Bow were

special guests. Elaine Sluti, past Regent was the MC of the program during which Margaret Ryan, state membership co-chair, recalled how she helped organize the court. Some robes and mortar boards, worn in the past, were modeled and a history of changes in CDA over the past 40 years was told.

**Who is this young man, now a priest?**



### **A Sweet Christmas Story**

The story goes that some time ago, a man punished his 3 year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Never less, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, “This is for you, Daddy.” He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box was empty. He yelled at her, “Don’t you know that when you give someone a present, there’s supposed to be something inside of it?”

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, “Oh Daddy, it is not empty. I blew kisses into the box, all for you, Daddy.” The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her for forgiveness.

It is told that the man kept that gold box by his bed for years and whenever he was discourage, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.



In a very real sense, each of us as humans have been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, friends, family or God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Author Unknown

