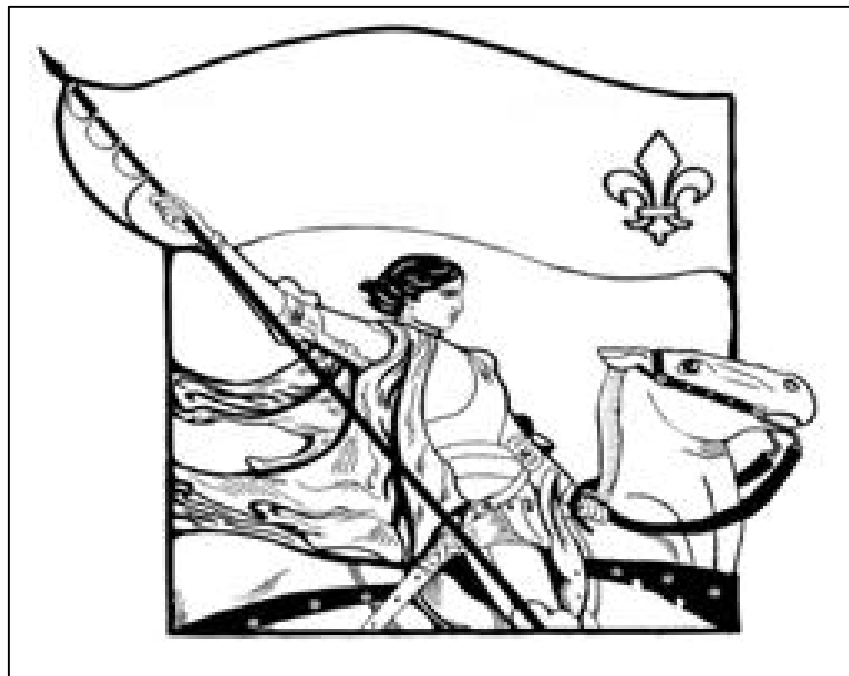


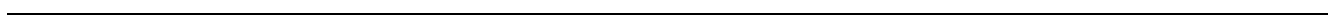
MANUAL EXPLAINING THE RULES AND CONDUCT OF A
SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY

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JOAN OF ARC SOCIETY

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Society Manual

For Society Sisters

MAIDS OF THE FLEUR DE LEI

*Young women ages 13 & 14.
Girls within 6 months of 13
are encouraged to come as
initiate's.*

MAIDS OF THE CRUSADE

Young women ages 15-17.

Explaining the society to
it's members to
encourage the success of
the organization.

Author: Christina King

*Dedicated through St. Joan of
Arc and the Blessed Mother
Mary to the Sacred Heart of
Jesus.*

MAIDS OF MARY

18+ discerning vocation.

WOMEN OF THE CROSS

18+ living their vocation.

THE ORIGIN OF THE SOCIETY

“The mission of the Society is to re-crown Christ as rightful King and heir to the throne.”

The Joan of Arc Society was the vision of a man who was baptized on the feast day of Joan of Arc, which is celebrated on May 30th. The love of God and the love of virtue were the prompting for him to act on the vision he carried for many years. The need for young people to have an environment as well as connection to faith filled friendships is one of reasons this Society was formed.

The Joan of Arc Society is in its infancy. The success of the Society will be born on the shoulders of each Society Sister. We open the group to young women of our society seeking out her own power through femininity that Joan of Arc epitomized.

To some the city of Green Bay Wisconsin may seem like an unlikely place for a Society of Young Women to develop. It may have seemed to Joan of Arc that Dhomey was not a prestigious enough location for a young maiden to be called. We can know see in historical proof that this thinking was illogical as many times God chooses the smallest or the least to lead His armies. The fact that a small hometown located in the middle of the dairy state is another validation to all that God uses the inexperienced or to some would seem the least qualified. Joan of Arc was a small country girl who was called to holiness and to say, “yes” to God. The members of this Society are called to give their yes, thus becoming the charter members of this Society.

The Holy Spirit reached out and touched a few of His disciples and it was through their “yes” that this Society finds its way to us now.

PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

St. Joan of Arc began her mission an unknown poor, unschooled village girl. Yet, she listened attentively and received great wisdom from God. She learned to be brave in battle by first surrendering her will to God. When she rescued her earthly king from a life of futility, she was offered great rewards, but refused them all. Instead, she lovingly gave her entire self to God, and He, in return, gave her a magnificent reward in heaven and, a place of honor in the history of our world.

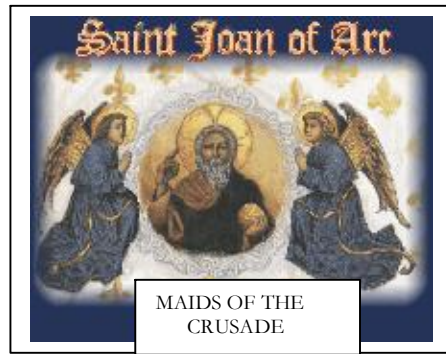
Young women of the 21st century are living in a culture that is not conducive to the message of faith, virtue or a journey to holiness. Does this mean we should lower our expectations of ourselves?



This Society has been established to answer these needs This Society will be dedicated to following the example of Joan of Arc. The mission statement is simple, to prepare and train spiritual warriors to lead the crusade to crown Christ as King as well as establish life long friendships that will empower members for years to come.

This “Army” under patronage of St. Joan of Arc is aimed at edifying its members in the Faith, to grow and to develop spiritual friendships as a visible society of the Church.

Each member of the Society will bear witness to the strength, privilege and unique call that it is to be a woman. The spiritual warfare requires a spiritual army of warriors and who better to lead the Crusade to crown Christ as King, than Joan of Arc herself. This Society will be the spiritual “boot camp” feeding the body and soul of its members to prepare them for the battle.



GENERAL STRUCTURE

The Joan of Arc Society is structured to allow each of its dedicated members the ability to grow within the society as they grow in “ranks” of God’s army. Although each group of Maid’s will be equal to the next, there is a hierarchy built in which allows for each member to grow in proportion to her state in life.

Maid’s of The Fleur De Lei

This group of young ladies is ages 13 to 14. They will be assigned the white banner with the gold fleur de lei that was the symbol of Joan of Arc. These young ladies are the bases of the Society as they are whom our other Maid’s will mentor through written correspondence (defined in Duties of the Maids).

These Maid’s are much like a “private” in the armies of today. She will be new to the Society and will be the responsibility of the other Maid’s to bring her up in the ranks.

Maid’s of The Crusade

This group of young ladies is ages 15, 16 & 17. They will be assigned the Standard Battle Banner that Joan of Arc herself carried into battle. This age group is the age Joan was when she fought against the forces of evil and led the charge to re-crown Charles (Dauphin) as rightful king and ruler. The Maids of the Crusade, who are fighting amidst the enemy, (The world, the Devil and The Flesh) are our warriors on the front lines of the battle. The world, through the deception of the enemy, is telling our young Maids that their desires must be fulfilled. The Maids of the Crusade pull their sword of truth from their side, girded in armor and holding onto the shield of protection, which is the graces showered by means of the sacraments, they will empowered to charge forth into the battlefield and to emerge victorious.

Maid’s of Mary

This group of young ladies are ages 18+ discerning their vocation or “yes” to God. They will be assigned the Annunciation banner. Just as Joan of Arc was successful in battle by first surrendering her will to God, the Maids of Mary are entering into another aspect of the battle to crown Christ as King. Joan of Arc held special devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary and it is

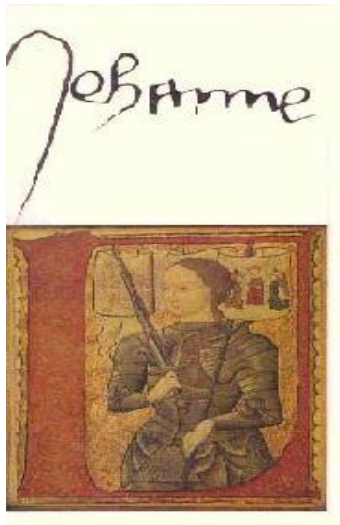
because of Mary's courage to say "I am a handmaid of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to thy word" that she too found the courage to give her "yes".

Women of The Cross

This group of Women is ages 18+ living their "yes" through their chosen vocation of married life, consecrated single life or religious vows. They will be assigned the Crucifixion banner that was reserved for Clergy to carry in the battlefield. The Women of The Cross have given their "yes" and are in the midst of carrying the cross that can be the challenges of daily life.

The battle continues to need soldiers to re-crown Christ as rightful King and heir to the throne. The only way to truly bring about this task is by each Society member crowning Christ as King of themselves, their lives, future vocations and ultimately the world through living their "yes" by the example they show to others. The Women of The Cross have given their "yes" and are in the midst of carrying the cross that can be the challenges of daily life. They will be responsible for the continued training of God's Holy Army.

The Joan of Arc Society hopes to be part of the "heel" that crushes the serpent's head. Victory will be ours as we ensure the success of this Society of Women needing to prepare for the ultimate battle that will be won by "The Woman". Will you accept Joan of Arc's invitation?



DUTIES OF THE MAIDS

The duties of the Maids will depend on the intention of the Maids for their particular charter. It is proposed that the following guidelines be used by each society to ensure their own success.

1. **Company Clerks:** This committee would ensure that a quarterly newsletter is mailed informing members of upcoming events, next meetings, background on speakers that are scheduled and other material pertinent to the faith. They would also make sure that the postcards with the next meeting date; time and location are mailed out two weeks prior to the date. This committee would also need to keep in touch with the Women of The Cross to keep the records updated for address of new members.
2. **Ground patrol:** This committee would be in charge of booking and securing the next meeting's room or location, the meal preparations and the secure them. They also will need to make sure that the meeting information is relayed to the newsletter committee so that the dates are in the mailings.
3. **Military Intelligence:** This committee would be in charge planning and coordinating our pilgrimages. Although this committee would be working in close contact with the Women of The Cross, they would be responsible for facilitating the following:
 - a. Contacting the location and requesting materials.
 - b. Procuring the specifics on costs involved and requirements of each society member to participate and then conveying this to the society at meetings.
 - c. If the prospective pilgrimage requires reservations for travel on bus, plane, train or car, then it is the duty of this committee to research the cost effectiveness of each and submit their findings for the society.
 - d. The pilgrimages that require extensive planning will be overseen by the Madam of The Cross (The Ambassador of The Women of The Cross).
4. **Speaker's Committee:** This committee is responsible for researching prospective speakers and bringing in the stipend information, availability dates, topics on available subjects of presentation and background and references to the Society for review.
 - a. Once a speaker is chosen this committee is responsible for final clearance through the Spiritual director.

- b. Once a speaker is cleared through the director, this committee is responsible for contacting the Finance committee to send the necessary stipend and paperwork for booking the engagement.
 - c. Speaker arrangements such as travel or accommodations will be overseen with a Woman of the Cross.
- 5. Clergy Committee: This committee is responsible for ensuring that the needs of our director are met. The responsibilities include the following:
 - a. Making sure the facility in which he will perform the Holy Sacrifice of the mass is equipped, available and suitable for him (coordinating with Event Assistants to ensure place for mass or other requests he may have are satisfied i.e. proper substance, room to vest, room for private confessions are available etc.).
 - b. Coordinating music with the readings for mass and having them approved by him as well as looking up readings and making available to the reader's for mass so they can prepare.
 - c. Following through on any suggestions he may make to ensure proper assistance at mass and securing the persons necessary for this upon his direction.
- 6. Finance Committee: This committee is responsible for keeping track of our expenses, budget and monies raised through fundraising and reporting at each meeting our balance and our budget needs for pilgrimages, meetings or speaker expenses.
 - a. This Committee is also in charge of working with Women of The Cross for fundraising efforts. They will assist in the delegation of tasks required to ensure our successful fundraisers and making contact with those society sister's to check on progress during and after fundraising events.
- 7. Moral Officers: This committee is responsible for keeping the spirits up during the trials that come. This task becomes more prudent while we travel as a group. This committee will need to use music, singing or other ways to unify the sister's during difficulties that may arise. Ideas or suggestions are: Provide music (i.e. quartet during dinner or harp) or singing during travel.

WOMEN OF THE CROSS

The Women of The Cross will be to the society what a hinge is to a door. The Women of The Cross will be overseen by the Madam of The Cross who would in theory be the 18 years or older woman living her vocation and responsible for overseeing the success of the society. Under the direction of the Madam of the Cross-, the Women of The Cross will be driving force. They will be assigned a Maid from the spiritual director in which they will mentor through at least on written letter, card or postcard a month just to say, "I am praying for you".



This friendship is not to replace a parent but to encourage the Maid to grow in holiness answer questions regarding the status of their duty list and be the contact within the Society. If a mother and daughter are in the society at the same time they will not be assigned to each other. It is in this manner that friendships and more sources of encouragement can be given.

The Women of The Cross will celebrate mass with the Maids and attend pilgrimages with the Maids. The Joan of Arc Society Meeting's will be of all members including the Women of the Cross however, during the speakers or other presentations (depending on the speaker and the interest) the Women of the Cross will meet in a separate room (this is not a firm guideline, as each charter will set their own preferences) and possibly have separate speakers according to their interest and state of life.

There will always be a representative from the Women of The Cross present at the Maid's functions.

The above address and stationary source is encouraged so that the richness of our faith will be at each member's fingertips as they write to one another. Imagine the feeling of opening your mailbox to find a letter from your friend with our picture of Christ as King on the front along side of the immaculate heart of Mary.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

The spiritual director must be an ordained priest faithful to the teachings of the Holy Mother Church under the headship of Our Holy Father in Rome. His duties will include hearing confessions, offering mass for the society, praying for the holiness of the members in the Society, assist in the assigning of mentors, answering questions regarding faith matters and to serve as head and final authority. If it is agreed upon to bring a speaker in and all agree however, the spiritual director does not feel it is prudent his word is final and without argument. There must be one who will have this role as many can have persuasive arguments or have wants for the direction of the society however, not all can hold this position. It is therefore prudent to have one who can take under consideration and then give consent or denial for what is in his spiritual children's best interests and that is the role of our spiritual director.

Because of the awesome responsibility on the part of the spiritual director it is strongly suggested, if not assumed that each society member pray the following prayer every Thursday (or daily) for their spiritual director and his intentions;

KEEP HIM, I PRAY THEE, DEAREST LORD, KEEP HIM, FOR HE IS THINE THY PRIESTS WHOSE LIVES BURN OUT BEFORE THY CONSECRATED SHRINE. KEEP HIM, FOR HE IS IN THE WORLD, THOUGH FROM THE WORLD APART; WHEN EARTHLY PLEASURES TEMPT, ALLURE, SHELTER HIM IN THEY SACRED HEART. KEEP HIM AND COMFORT HIM IN HOURS OF LONLINESS AND PAIN, WHEN ALL HIS LIFE OF SACRIFICE FOR SOULS SEEM BUT IN VAIN. KEEP HIM, AND REMEMBER OH LORD HE HAS AVE NO ONE BUT THEE, YET HE HAS ONLY HUMAN HEARTS WITH HUMAN FRAILITY. KEEP HIM SPOTLESS AS THE HOST, THAT DAILY HE CARESSES; HIS EVERY THOUGHT AND WORD AND DEED, DEIGN, DEAR LORD TO BLESS. AMEN.



A PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. JOAN OF ARC

St. Joan of Arc, you began your mission unknown and without influence: a poor, unschooled village girl. yet you listened attentively and received great wisdom from God, the lover of your soul. You learned to be brave in battle by first surrendering your will to God, who strengthened you in all things. When you rescued your earthly king from a life of futility, and set a crown upon his head, you were offered great rewards, but you refused them all. Instead, you lovingly gave your entire self to God, and He, in return, gave you a magnificent reward in heaven and, a place of honor in the history of our world. Teach us also to listen, and surrender, so that, in our lives and in our world, Jesus Christ, the True King of Heaven and earth will be crowned once more.

Dear St. Joan of Arc, with confidence we ask you to help us to open our hearts, so we may receive from God the grace to live as you lived:

Leader: Where lying is common;
All: Help me to speak the truth at all times.

Leader: In an age of falsehoods;
All: Help me be honest and genuine.

Leader: In an age that is proud and arrogant
All: Help me be humble.

Leader: In a culture that glorifies impurity:
All: Help me be spotless in mind, body and action.

Leader: Where promises are broken;
All: Help me keep the promises I make.

Leader: Where minds waste themselves on petty worries or worldly ambitions;
All: Help me develop a great mind, filled with great thoughts, and

Dedicate it to a truly great and worthwhile purpose.

Leader: Where many are loud and coarse;

All: Help me be modest, fine and delicate.

Leader: Where cruelty is the rule;

All: Help me be gentle.

Leader: Where stability has vanished;

All: Help me remain steadfast.

Leader: When those around me believe in nothing and scoff at everything;

All: Help me be a rock of conviction.

Leader: Where honor is forgotten;

All: Help me remember the claims of duty.

Leader: Where chivalry is dying;

All: Help me revive it, by acting like a lady at all times, and insisting on being treated with dignity.

Leader: Where the bright flame of courage has dimmed in the hearts of many;

All: Help me to be a beacon of hope to all.

Leader: St. Joan of Arc, Soldier of Christ the King, intercede for us, that we May keep the promises we make today (tonight),

All: So we may become Holy, and live a life of true love and sacrifice, And thus merit the eternal reward of heaven, AMEN.

Society Member

Spiritual Director

A MAIDS PRAYER TO MARY

The Rosary is the Maids prayer to Mary for the intercession of the Blessed Mother. The Maids are encouraged to discover the beauty of the Rosary and how it can be a weapon in battle that they need to know how to wield.

Each member will receive a blessed rosary from the spiritual director upon signing the manual and will receive a pamphlet explaining how to say it.

