



# The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD  
 Secular Franciscan Order – July 2019  
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The Porter deadline for the August issue is August 7. **Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting things** that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email (address above).

 <b>Fraternity Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, July 20, 2019</b> <b>St. John the Evangelist, 607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146</b> <b>8:30 Mass – Church. Meeting 9:15 – Youth Room</b>		
 <b>Refreshments</b>	Annapolis/Eastern Shore. Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary. <i>Please remember to bring your own cup!</i>		
<b>Liturgy</b>	Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park: Saturday of the 15th week of Ordinary Time		
<b>Formation</b>	Living a Gospel Life. Fraternity members will present brief report on their saint extracted in January (all were secular). How did your saint live the rule in their time (compared to our time)?		
 <b>Prayer Requests</b>	<i>For the soul of:</i> Laura Benson's sister, Velma and her family <i>For our sick and/or homebound members:</i> (Please help us update this list) Marlane Peterson (president of Ixcan Ministries), Mary Henry, Ruth Shea's daughter Anne (kidney tumor removed on May 20), Audrey Donnelly, Joan's husband Bill Kvetkas, Pat Troup, Brigid Cobb, Joe McHugh's brother John, Mary Henry's daughter-in-law Katherine, Evelyn Jones' niece, Genny Wilbourne's granddaughter Jessica, Kathleen Sievers' niece Mandy and her son Michael.		
<b>Profession Anniversaries</b>	Brigid Cobb – 8/3/1983		
<b>Birthdays</b>	Pat Tyrrell – 7/24 Teresa Shenk – 7/25 Kathy Brady – 7/28 Sandy Horvath – 7/29	Jude Dodge – 7/29 Toby Harkleroad – 7/30 Sarita Palmer – 8/10	
<b>Treasury</b>	Current balance: \$ 1,327.28.		

<b>Outreach</b>	<p><b>Lighthouse Shelter Lunches:</b> Thursday, July 25, 9:30 a.m. at home of Catherine Gonzalez.</p> <p><b>NOTE: The lunch group will increase their output from 50 to 100 lunches in June thru September. These lunches are used not only at the shelter but for other needy persons in the community, especially kids who no longer have the benefit of the school lunch program.</b></p> <p><b>Phoenix Academy “Backpacks”:</b> No backpacks until September; however, contributions are still needed for the Academy’s community outreach during the summer when they try to provide fresh food to the community.</p>
<b>Council Meeting</b>	Tuesday, August 6, 9:30 am at the Tyrrells’ home.
<b>Save the Date</b>	<p><b>August 17, Pittsburgh</b> -- Br Rigo will make his profession of final vows.</p> <p><b>September 7</b> -- Br. Rigo’s ordination to the Transitional Diaconate at the Shrine in DC.</p> <p><b>September 28</b> -- Br. Tage Danielson’s ordination to the Priesthood in Pittsburgh.</p> <p><b>October 19, Holy Family Parish, Davidsonville.</b> Archbishop Lori approved the canonical establishment of John XXIII Emerging Fraternity at Holy Family Parish in Davidsonville on May 22. Our fraternity is invited to attend the Mass and reception will take place October 19. <u>This event will take the place of our normal October fraternity meeting.</u></p>

## COMMUNITY



### **Minister’s Minute:**

It has been said that the Word of God comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. The saints’ lives should comfort and challenge us, too. All of us strive to be holy, and people become Saints because they find strength in the Holy Spirit to persevere—in prayer and action—looking at the cross, living the Gospel, and loving their neighbors. That’s just what we are called to do as Franciscans. Look at the cross, live our Rule, and love our neighbors. I hope we become more energized by this month’s continuing formation—hearing about our patrons for the year and how they lived out the Rule in their time.

Be a saint and run for office in our November 16<sup>th</sup> council election. The council “guides and animates” the fraternity. It is a joint effort by the members of the council, with the necessary help of the rest of the fraternity. It does not take a whole lot of time and it is very rewarding. I feel more connected to my vocation and the fraternity when I am on the council. I feel more responsible for living the Gospel life fully. Why don’t you take a leap of faith and run? Your gifts are needed.

In addition, do you know someone who you think would make a good servant-leader besides yourself? If so, tell that person and/or mark their name on the straw poll at our July meeting. And, most of all, pray for the election. Pray, too, as we enter an exciting few months in our fraternity life with permanent professions of the Three Amigos: Joe McHugh, Toby Harkleroad, and Chris Grubach on September 21; the canonical establishment Mass for St. Pope John XIII Secular Franciscan Fraternity on October 19, and the election on November 16.

Finally, be a saint and consider how the fraternity might raise part or all of the \$20,000 that it would take to build a house for our new family in India, Rejani Roy Puthuval and her daughters Sandra and Santhwana. We hope to show you a short video about them and their current situation at our meeting this month, then hear any suggestions you have for fund-raising.

In Christ & St. Francis,

Pat

**St. Conrad Fraternity Straw Poll for the Nov 16, 2019 Council Election**

In order to develop interest in running for office and to develop a slate of candidates for our council election, please select one person from the list below for Minister by placing an M in front of his or her name; choose a Vice-Minister candidate with a V; and four council members with Cs. The list contains names of permanently professed, active members, who are not part of John XXIII Emerging fraternity, and includes our Three Amigos who will be professed in September.

After all votes are in (including the ones received from absent members), we will tally the votes and distribute the list to the fraternity and then poll ask the highest vote getters to make sure they are willing to run for the various offices. We will send out a slate at least a month before the election so you can pray about whom to vote for on November 16.

On the day of the election, we will also take nominations from the floor.

Mark one name with an M for minister; one name with a VM for vice-minister; and 4 names with a C for council. NOTE: Chris, Toby, and Joe will be eligible to serve, but not as Minister

Tessie Chitty  
Mary Cicero  
Jude Dodge  
Audrey Donnelly  
Joan Faltot  
Jean Gaes  
Catherine Gonzalez  
Susan Greif  
\*Chris Grubach (cannot be M)  
\*Toby Harkleroad (cannot be M)  
Mary Henry  
Margaret Jackson  
Mary Jo Johnson  
Joan Kvetkas  
Santa Matarazzo

Emily McGeady  
\*Joe McHugh (cannot be M)  
Denise Miante  
Lita Millan  
Sarita Palmer  
George Ryan  
Louise Ryan  
Marie Shelton  
Kathleen Sievers  
Judith Tyrrell  
Pat Tyrrell  
Ed Wilbourne  
Jeanne Wilbourne  
Genny Wilbourne

Please turn your ballot in at the June meeting if you attend the meeting or mail it or email it to Pat & Judith at 1732 Tarrytown Ave, Crofton 21114 or [jpatricktsfo@gmail.com](mailto:jpatricktsfo@gmail.com) and [judithtyrrellofs@gmail.com](mailto:judithtyrrellofs@gmail.com), either before or after the meeting, if you will not be attending.

May the Lord bless us and keep us; may he look upon us with kindness and give us His Peace,

The Council

## JPIC -- JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION, ANIMATOR JUDITH TYRRELL, OFS

Today on this feast of St. Bonaventure we read here his words: In beautiful things he (Francis) contemplated Beauty itself and through footprints impressed he followed his Beloved everywhere, out of them all making for himself a ladder through which he could climb up to lay hold of him who is utterly desirable. With an intensity of unheard devotion he savored in each creature-as in so many rivulets-that fount of Goodness.

My husband and I have just had an overdose of the Beauty of Creation lifting our hearts to God in praise for all of His wonderful majestic works in visiting Hawaii in our 50<sup>th</sup> year of marriage. There are no words (or mine fall very short) to speak of the beauty of the tropical plants and flowers, the green mountains and the rushing waves of clear aqua water, the glistening black sands, the fall colors of the dormant crater of Haleakala, the gleaming white of the egrets, the roosters and doves everywhere (airports, restaurants, parking lots etc) the endangered birds on the natural wildlife reserves like the coot and stilt bird and the nene in the mountains and the Honolulu zoo, the absolutely crayola colors of the fish in the Maui and Waikiki aquariums and sharing the delight of a little girl and her mom as we watched the birthing of literally hundreds of tiny seahorses. Did you know the male gives birth????

But Bonaventure unites the love of Creation with humans as well and we delighted in so many rich encounters with Christ in the people we met along the way of our travels from Cara a young adult heading to be a counselor supervising 700 Young Americans happy to know I would be praying, or Aaron, a homeless man in Kihei who talked about the TAU we were wearing, the Mindful theology he has embraced and although he doesn't like church he is grateful to the sisters at St. Theresas down the street who help and feed him. Then there was Bruce, a Ranger at the Kealia Wildlife reserve who happened to be an ex teacher who had taken his students to U. of Maryland! He was grateful for the Franciscan prayer card I shared with him. There was sweet girl Anna from Minnesota at the Farmers Market who sold us the mango from the farm where she is working through a "workaday" program. A girl named Parker in a photography shop in Paia asked about the TAU just as I walked in and I shared with her about it and she too wasn't happy with church organization but was open to hear about growing closer to God when I shared with her the Franciscan card with ways to get closer to Him (I have been praying for her ever since) There was Rob on the pier in Waikiki who just up and left Oregon when he realized he would rather be in Hawaii permanently sharing with us about all the fish that he has come to know in this small area of beach including an octopus, huge crab, and tilapia pointing out the ones at our feet. And the list goes on but the most special encounters for us were with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities on the island of Molokai.

Pat and I had met Sisters from this Order when we were on the pilgrimage to Prague studying the letters of Clare to Agnes. They were actually headed to the Canonization of Mother Marianne Cope one of their Order, the same one who served the lepers on Molokai. We had a local guide on Molokai, Kahi, who claims to have been healed of a stroke through her intercession. He had an awesome voice that filled the rafters of St. Philomenas church where Fr. Damien had ministered and where he is buried. We rode the bus with him to meet up with the Sisters, Alicia Damien, Barbara Jean and Barbara. The last two rode with us to various sites on the island including the original burial place of St. Marianne Cope and the Bishop Home (local name) with cottages where she had cared for the women and girls and the St. Elizabeth of Hungary chapel where we prayed for our Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters.

You know I never saw a dirty stretch of beach or water all around Oahu and Maui.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/07/breaking-mississippi-closes-all-beaches-toxic-algae-bloom-blankets-states-coast/1668498001/> They have this huge environmental effort going on to have a GREEN HAWAII.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/trump-defends-environmental-record-that-critics-call-disastrous/2019/07/08/e46d390e-a193-11e9-bd56-eac6bb02d01d\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.bfb1f4863c9](https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/trump-defends-environmental-record-that-critics-call-disastrous/2019/07/08/e46d390e-a193-11e9-bd56-eac6bb02d01d_story.html?utm_term=.bfb1f4863c9) Did you know Hawaii comes from "waiwai"-water? I have been known to cry in Pat's backyard family home over the pollution in the stretch of water that goes out to Long Island Sound. He grew up swimming in it, fishing in it, and having fun with friends and family on the boat in it. Now you wouldn't think of it? I'll bet you all have similar stories. Let's take back our environment and have the earthly paradise that God created for us to enjoy—the animals, the birds, the fish, and the human beings—just like St. Francis enjoyed- Pray the Canticle of Creation today and praise the Lord along with him and St. Bonaventure. My journey to make this a Franciscan oriented visit to Hawaii began with KUMULIPO- a Hawaiian chant about Creation done by Queen Liliuokalani (who had helped the lepers on Molokai) and my journey ended with the same chant reflected on at the AHIHI-KINAU Natural Area Reserve on Maui on our last day where there are coral reefs which are threatened by our use of sunscreens containing zinc oxide and titanium oxide today.

## FRANCISCAN FAMILY APOSTOLATE

*In April, our fraternity changed its sponsorship to a new family in India:*

Name of family: Rejani Roy Puthuval

Details of family				
No	Name	Relationship	Age	Remarks
1	Rejani	Applicant	33yr	Widow Domestic Servant
2	Sandra	Daughter	17yr	Learning Computer Course
3	Santhwana	Daughter	15yr	10 <sup>th</sup> grade Student



Our fraternity has now received its first letter from Rejani Roy Puthuval . In addition FFA has sent a video clip on the family which will be viewed at our next fraternity meeting. During the meeting, Pat will take a photograph our members in attendance to send to the family in India.

June 2019

Dear Friends,

You may be wondering about me. I am your new beneficiary Rejani Roy Puthuval. I am writing this letter to express my deep felt gratitude to you for accepting my poor family for your kind assistance. God Almighty bless you in abundance for your wise decision.

I like to introduce my family to you. As you were informed I am a poor widow who suffered a lot in my life. I was really praying to God for a rescue from this deep pool of miseries. I believe that you are a God send Angel to my life as a reply for my prayers to Lord. At least I can share my problems and sorrows with you. I am praising good Lord for the gift of you to our life. You will be always in my prayers. My daughters Sandra and Santhwana send their special regards and love to you.

I acknowledge with many thanks your kind assistance. It gave me much joy and relief which I cannot express through words. It is a blessing for our daily living, daughters study needs and keep aside something for our future. Once again thanking you for your great generosity. We like to know more about your family. If don't mind drop us a few words when you get time. Keep us in your prayers. You too will be always in our thoughts and prayers. It is the only thing we have for you in return for your kind concern towards us. Extend our love to each and everyone of your family members.

Yours sincerely  
Regani Roy





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# Light House

A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

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June 11, 2019

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Dear Friends of The Light House,

Thank you for the donation of bus passes to The Light House. This gift supports our mission of rebuilding lives with compassion as we strive to break the cycle of homelessness. Our overarching goal is to make homelessness brief and rare in our community.

At The Light House, we provide a place of belonging, coupled with life changing programs and a broad continuum of services tailored to each individual client to set them on a path of self-sufficiency. The process works: 79% of our residential clients leave with a housing solution, increased income and improved life skills. Through both our residential program and our homelessness prevention and support programs, we serve an average of 2,000 clients each year.

In 2018, our staff, with the help of 2,200 volunteers who donated 15,000 hours of time, provided emergency shelter, food and other valuable services, as well as transitional and supportive housing apartments to 150 individuals and 18 families, including 24 children. Last year we served more than 40,000 hot meals, distributed thousands of bagged lunches and over 100,000 pounds of groceries, as well as provided hot showers, laundry services and hundreds of articles of clothing to residents and community members in need.

We are committed to our mission of serving the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless and are grateful for the generosity and continued support of donors like you.

Thank you for joining us in making positive and lasting change in the lives of our neighbors.

  
Kait Dawson  
Volunteer Manager

*your continued support is so appreciated. Thank you so much for all you do!*

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