



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – November 2021
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The Porter deadline for the next issue is December 8. Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting items that you think other members may enjoy to: Joan Faltot, 8217 Grainfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144, or send by email to jd6bouu@verizon.net.

 Fraternity Meeting	Saturday, November 20, 2021 Mass at 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715 Meeting at 9:00 – noon *** Whitemarsh Hall (on the hill) Bring your mask (required in the Chapel and during the meeting).
Refreshments 	Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park. Glen Burnie/Pasadena will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary. <i>Please remember to bring your own cup!</i>
Liturgy	Glen Burnie/Pasadena: Prayer for deceased members of our fraternity.
Prayer Requests 	For physical and spiritual healing of: Susan Greif, Judith Tyrrell, Gertrude Shelton (Marie's mom), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Evelyn Jones, Tessie Chitty, Jan Parker (National Minister), Ed Wilbourne, Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Joe McGeady, John McHugh (brother of Joe), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne (son of Genny), Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Melka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne) <i>(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions to jd6bouu@verizon.net)</i>
Birthdays	Jeanne Wilbourne – 11/22 Dennis Mallon – 12/17 Genny Wilbourne – 11/29
Profession Anniversaries	Santa Ragot – 12/14/1980
Save the Date	20th Quinquennial Congress on August 3 – 7, 2022 in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information: https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/1-General-Information.pdf
Council Meeting	Friday, December 3 via Zoom



From the Desk of Fr. Patrick Monahan, our Spiritual Assistant

To the St. Conrad Fraternity: As the saying goes, 'what goes around, comes around.' Your fraternity welcomed me with open arms in 2009 and once again, now in 2021, I have been welcomed back with open arms. It's been a joy to come back home after my sojourns in the South Pacific. I look forward to accompanying you at this time when all of us have lived through Covid, quarantines, and lockdowns.

More than ever, we need the support of our faith and community to live out our Franciscan vocations boldly in the world. Let us pray for one another.



Minister's Minute

Many thanks to all fraternity members who attended our last meeting. Change is hard, and I appreciate everyone's efforts to be flexible during the many changes we have endured during COVID, and during the renovations at St. John the Evangelist Church. Friends ask me sometimes if I am doing anything interesting or exciting. I answer, "No." I like boredom, things following a routine, no surprises. Nevertheless, COVID threw us a real curve ball in the spring of 2020. Now, with the invasion of winter, we can expect a rise in COVID- plus the flu season. So please, I ask everyone to remain flexible.

Thank you for adapting to changes! **Our meeting will start earlier this month with a Mass at 8:30 AM in the Chapel on the Hill, celebrated by our own Fr. Patrick Monahan, OFM Cap.** Our meeting in October was very short because the Mass in the Church begins late (9:30), so Joe has gotten us permission to use the chapel next to the hall where we meet. This month religious education is in session for grades K-4 from 9:00-10:15. The basement of Msgr. Hogan School for Religious Education is divided into 2 meeting rooms. Whitmarsh Hall, where we are meeting, is in the front of the building; the 2nd grade meets in the back of the building.

The council is planning a Christmas outreach at our December meeting. Jerry Miente is trying to contact Apostleship of the Sea to see how they are handling the Seafarers' collection this year. (In the past we filled "shoe boxes " but they may prefer we send items in bulk, or provide only monetary donations).

Our Fraternity Family: Keep up the prayers for:

Susan Greif for fast mending of her hip.

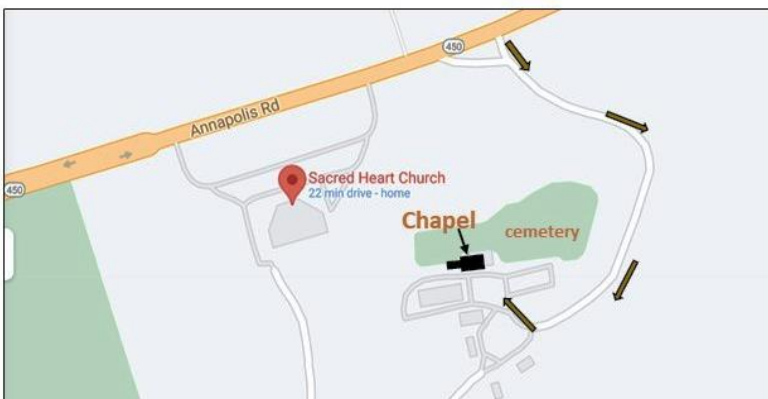
Fr. Paul Dressler, OFM Cap – although no longer our Spiritual Assistant, is still in need of our prayers. His sabbatical is lasting longer than originally thought. Pray that it is fruitful.

John Gemmell – A memorial Mass for John Gemmell will be held December 3 at 10:30am at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 14710 Annapolis Road (Route 450), Bowie. A luncheon reception will be held immediately after at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie (on the east side of northbound Route 3, about half a mile south of Route 450).

AND SOME GOOD NEWS !!!



Brian Blick's has a new daughter !!! was born Blair Therese Blick was born 11/4/2021 at 6:00pm She weighed in at 10 pounds.



Directions to Sacred Heart Church in Bowie

The church is located on Route 450 west (Annapolis Rd) just west of Route 3 (Crain Highway). The church is visible from the road. If you see the church, then you have passed the driveway to go up the hill behind the church where we meet.

To reach the buildings on the Hill, turn left on lane **PRIOR** to the Church entrance/exit roads. If you miss it, use the church parking lot to make a U turn. Once back on Route 450 take the turn off on the right. There is parking by the chapel and cemetery. We will

meet in the chapel at 8:30AM. After the Mass we'll proceed to Whitmarsh Hall, the front room in the basement of the Hogan Center across from the chapel.

Treasurer's Report – from Joe McHugh

The treasurer's report for November is as follows:

September Balance		\$2,864.69
October deposit	\$ 545.00	\$3,369.69
Expenses		
Stipend Cap Col.	\$ 200.00	
Stipend Fr. Stacey	\$ 150.00	
FFA	\$ 100.00	
Profession items	\$ 363.79	
October Balance		\$2,555.90
November deposit	\$ 842.00	
Expenses thus far:		
FFA	\$ 100.00	
November Balance		\$3,297.90

A few expenses are still outstanding for Profession.

If you have a suggestion for a charity that the fraternity might support, please let one of the council members know and provide the full name of the charity and its address.

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to: Joe McHugh at 1740 Tedbury St, Crofton, MD 21114

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, you can use the memo line of your check to designate where you wish your contribution to be directed. There are three possible designations:

- COM - Common Fund (this covers fraternity operations and the Sabu family in India)
- BUS - bus tokens for the Light House shelter clients
- Phoenix – Phoenix Academy 'backpack' food program

November – Remembering fraternity members who have died

1983	Carolyn O'Neil	2013	Linda Coyn
1991	Ed Walcsak	2013	Herman Ellinghausen
1993	Joanne Patmore	2014	Joan Cornell Leckinger
1998	Nancy Holthaus	2014	Mary Jeanette Hannon
2002	Janet Kuebel	2015	Helen Bradford
2003	Dan Kuebel	2016	Mary L. Cooke
2005	Paul Ralph	2016	Anne Mercer
2006	Anne O'Donnell	2018	Barbara Elaine Petrisko
2008	Mary Ellen McGeehan	2018	Br. Saùl Soriano, our spiritual assistant at the time of his death
2008	Genevieve Welle		
2008	Pat Donahoe	2019	Jane Donohoe
2008	Sherry McGurk	2019	Mary "Rita" Rossi
2008	Marshall Love	2021	Mary Henry
2010	Marie Morris	2021	Joan Robinson
2012	Mary Ann Ellinghausen		

OUTREACH -- IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE PHOENIX ACADEMY:

As some of you may remember, one of the apostolates that our Fraternity supports is the Food Backpack Program at the Phoenix Academy in Annapolis.

We chose this school because it was deemed most in need of help by the AA County Board of Education.

This Academy, which is a transitional school, supports children of all ages K-12 from all over the county. Some of the students come from unstable homes where lack of food is a problem. Some have to endure bus trips of an hour or more, each way, to attend the school. There is no parental support, or PTA, to help. The school maintains a food bank, which the government does contribute to. However, the need is great, and the price of groceries continues to rise.

Monthly, a group from our Fraternity goes into the school to pack bags full of the food that we buy with your donations. The social workers at Phoenix Academy, with parental input, choose the children they feel are most in need. Fraternity members sort the items and pack a bag for each of these students. Every bag contains enough food to last a full weekend: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, several snacks, and other goodies. 😊 Because of the pandemic, we haven't been able to go to the school for over a year. However, now that the Phoenix Academy is open, the staff is asking us to continue our support for this vital program.

To help support this apostolate, please indicate in the "memo" section of your monthly donation to the Fraternity, whatever amount you can contribute. Of course, you can always volunteer to come to the school on the appointed day and help pack the supplies – It's quite an experience.

I'd like to thank you in advance for any help you can offer. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Peace, Joy and Every Good, Denise 410-253-5555 rubob903@gmail.com



SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY *(Feast Day - November 17)*

We remember St. Elizabeth of Hungary as a Patron Saint of the Secular Franciscan Order, a woman who joined the Seculars in 1228. She spent the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

Denise found this additional information in the book *"All Soul's Forget-me-not!"* by Rev Louis Gemminger

St. Elizabeth, daughter of King Andrew of Hungary and Queen Gertrude, had an extraordinary affection for the souls of the faithful departed. She frequently sewed with her own hands the shroud for the dead body or defrayed the funeral expenses of the poor; she also followed the funeral processions to the grave, praying fervently all the time, that the Lord might be a merciful Judge to His poor creatures. If any of her relations died, she redoubled her prayers and supplications. After the death of her mother, Queen Gertrude, she never ceased offering up her fervent prayers and good works for the repose of her soul. One night her dead mother appeared to her, with the most sorrowful expression of countenance, and said to her: 'My dear daughter, come to the assistance of thy poor suffering mother. Oh, help by the increase of thy prayers, for I am suffering frightful tortures, on account of the many sins for which I have not done penance. I implore thee, by all that I have ever done and suffered for thee, to do all thou canst to release me.'

Grieved and horrified Elizabeth immediately arose from her couch and, with many tears and prayers, appealed to the mercy of God. After a time, she was overcome by sleep in this act of charity. Then, she had a second vision of her mother, but this time she was quite different to behold. She was overflowing with joy and happiness, and from her lips poured words of thanks and blessings upon her daughter, because her fervent prayers had opened for her the

gates of Heaven.

Even while still a child, St. Elizabeth had the habit of leading her little playmates to the churchyard saying: "Just think, one day we, too, shall be dust." Then she would lead them to the charnel-house, and say: "Those people once lived and breathed as we do, and are now dead. We, too, shall die. Therefore, we are to love God very much and constantly pray to Him." Then, she would make them kneel around her, and she would say, "O my God, in memory of Thy painful death, and for the love Thy Blessed Mother, deliver the souls of the departed from their sufferings. O God, deliver them for the sake of Thy Five Holy Wounds!"

Dedication for all the Faithful Departed

Some souls, Alas! In darkness lie,
afar from God and light- sad lot I
For them this little book must cry,
"Forget-me-not! Forget-me-not!"

Oh, read its pages o-er and o-er!
It urges thee to plead- to pray
for those dear friends thou seest no more
on earth, Alas! Alas, now where are they?

And wheresoever thou dost find
one prayerful soul that loves the dead,
then call this little book to mind,
and recommend it to be read.

All ye with loving hearts possess'd,
Remember them in every prayer.

To plead for their eternal rest
be it your first, your constant care.

Oh, may your love each day increase
for these poor souls, and brightly shine
that all their sufferings soon may cease,
assisted by this book of mine!

With loving fervor, therefore, take
this book, and keep it near at hand;
that its devotion may thee make
worthy thy holy Fatherland!

For blest are they who help the dead
by their unceasing prayers and love;
for all these prayers in pity said,
flow back as blessings from above!



Prayer of Blessed Bartolo Longo to St. Joseph

From Denise Miantte

Prostrate at your feet, O great saint, I venerate you as the Father of my Lord and my God. You are the Head of the Holy Family, and a cause of joy and delight to the Holy Trinity. What a glory for you to be the Father of a Son who is the Only Begotten of God! What a blessing to know that you are a father to us and that we are your children. Yes, we are your children because we are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who wanted to be called your Son.

As your children, we have a right to the tenderness and goodness of your paternal heart. Accept us therefore! Take us under your protection! Teach us to love patience, prudence, kindness, modesty and purity. Be our refuge and solace in all our pains, in all our needs both now and at the hour of our death.

NEWS FROM OUR FAMILY IN INDIA [Sorry but handwriting very hard to decipher this time]

October 2021

Dear friend,

May the blessings and joy of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi be with you in my prayer for you. May he shower his graces on you to do good always.

By the grace of God, all of us are safe from the virus. People are *** to meet their daily needs. All the work fields are very less and no work at all. Eight years ago, I lost my husband in an accident. From that day onward I was going for house hold work. Now I am having stomachache and back pain always. **** medicines also so I am not able to work every day. Even then *** I go for prawn picking work nearby. My eldest daughter is continuing her studies to pass 12th grade. Second one [daughter] after her 10th grade is doing ANM Nursing *** a two year course.

*** this condition your timely help was great indeed. I could meet the education and medical needs and daily needs of the house. I am very grateful to you your love and care for our family. May you be strengthened to do more good in the future. I appreciate your good heart.

As the feast of St. Francis of Assisi ** on 4th October, we are having a thanksgiving Mass on that day. All our sponsors will be remembered and prayed for on that day.

Let us be united in prayer always so that this corona virus may leave us and we may come to an ordinary life. Wishing you all the best. Rejani

20TH QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS IS COMING !!!

**IT'S OUR JUBILEE ... THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ORDER AND
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS
August 3 – 7, 2022 D Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
3rd Street Phoenix, AZ 85004**

So why all the hoopla now??? **Registration started August 1, 2021 & the early birds get discounts.**

A Special group room rate is \$89 plus tax, per night- but is only available until January 31, 2022;
a Quinquennial "early bird" registration is \$175 until December 31st ...
or wait until May 28, 2022 and pay the "late owl" rate of \$250

So check out the information at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/1-General-Information.pdf>