



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – June 2022
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for the next issue is July 9. 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 jd6bouv@verizon.net.



Fraternity Meeting

 **CELEBRATION – 50TH ANNIVERSARY** 
 **OF ST. CONRAD FRATERNITY** 

Saturday, June 18, 2022 – 10:30 am
Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church
1070 Cecil Avenue, South Millersville, MD

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10:30 Mass celebrated by Fr. James Watson, OFM Cap.
Followed by Renewal of Our Secular Franciscan Commitment
Welcome, Lunch, and a Program in the Hall

If you are ill, have been exposed to COVID, or have other concerns you can attend via a ZOOM LINK that will be sent out. You are welcome to wear a mask since there is a high level of COVID in AA County. You can take a plate home if you'd prefer not to eat in public.

Refreshments



Of Course! If you forgot what you signed up to bring, contact Catherine at 410-849-2343 or cmgonzalez59@outlook.com

Prayer Requests



For physical and spiritual healing of: Mike Huether (Regional Vice Minister, hospitalized with aspiration pneumonia), Judge Dodge, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jeanne Wilbourne, Ed Wilbourne (rehabilitation), Jackie Chaplin (sister of Kathleen Sievers), Audrey's daughter Diane (COVID), Encarnacion del Pozo Martínez (former Minister General of the OFS, hospitalized due to a stroke), Joan Kvetkas, Gertrude Shelton (Marie's mom), Ed Sievers (Kathleen's husband), Evelyn Jones, Tessie Chitty, Jan Parker (National Minister), Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne, Gerard Malka (brother of Genny Wilbourne), Carolyn Malka (sister-in-law of Genny Wilbourne)
(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions to jd6bouv@verizon.net)

Birthdays

Mary Anne Novak – 6/18
Lita Millan – 6/22

Profession Anniversaries

Mary Anne Novak – 7/8/2006
Susan Burns – 7/13/2013
Judith Tyrrell – 7/14/1991

Save the Date	August 3-7, 2022: 20th Quinquennial Congress in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information: https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/upcoming-events/ . Click on the 20 th Quinquennial Congress icon to download all four pages of information.
Council Meeting	Friday, July 1 at 7:00pm via Zoom



Minister's Minute

Our June fraternity meeting will be the 50th anniversary of our fraternity. Technically the date is November 7th but since our November meeting will be our elections we are moving the date up a bit. Actually, the formal creation of fraternity requires two significant approval steps: (1) by a first order province and (2) by the bishop. In our case, both of the following dates are significant to our fraternity:

- June 1, 1971 – The Province of Saint Augustine (Capuchin) – recognizes the “Third Order Fraternity at Saint Conrad Friary.”
- November 7, 1972 – The Archdiocese of Baltimore approves the establishment of a “small fraternity of the Third Order of Saint Francis at St. Conrad Friary.”

Our fraternity has seen a lot of changes in our 50 years. Most important was the rewriting of our Rule which started in 1965. The new rule was finally finished and approved by Pope Paul in 1978. I am not knowledgeable about the history of the secular order. (Denise will need to give me a refresher course.) Since I was admitted to the order 1990, the structure of the order has gone from a group of lay persons meeting under the direction of the first order, typically at their friary (OFM, OFM Cap, OFM Conv, or TOR), to an international organization as reflected in our General Constitutions written in 2000. This was soon to be followed by the publication of National Statutes for the US, the process of combining all secular fraternities within the US, and the establishment of geographic regions.

I hope everyone can attend our 50th Anniversary, even if you didn't RSVP, or your plans to be elsewhere change at the last minute. We will have lots of pictures from our history and have a chance to reminisce.

Book Collection: Katie Miente will be teaching kindergarten next year. If you or your children or grandchildren have any books suitable for 5 year olds, Katie would appreciate any donations.

Reminder: Nominations for election to the National Secular Franciscan Council close on June 30, 2022. Elections will take place, on October 20th. You may nominate yourself. (If you chose to nominate another person, please contact the person first to see if they will accept the nomination.) Please nominate only well-qualified, permanently professed Secular Franciscans to serve. You may nominate a person for more than one position. Please send your nomination (NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, EMAIL ADDRESS) either via electronic e-mail, or via snail-mail to **both**:

Kate Kleinert, OFS
408 Custer Ave
Glenolden, PA 19036
E-mail: kkleinert@msn.com

Emma Lozowsky, OFS
6817 White Oak Court,
Edwardsville, IL 62026
E-mail: ofs.minister.prairie@gmail.com

You must send your nomination to **both** co-chairs to avoid the possibility of any nomination being lost in the mail/e-mail.

Annual H2O Project

And just a reminder: It is never too late to contribute to the H2O Project. Yes, Lent may be over, but the need for clean, drinkable water will always be with us. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, one thing remains certain – the need for clean water. Consider donating to the H2O Project individually or collectively with your family or fraternity. Donations can be sent to our National Treasurer, Claudia Kauzlarich, 2007 Maverick Trail, Harrisonville, MO 64701-1545. Make the check payable to OFS-USA – with H2O Project in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity

Below is the Treasurer's Report as of June 3

Balance May 6, 2022		\$2,039.02
FFA Stipend	\$100.00	\$1,939.02
SA Stipend	\$100.00	\$1,839.02
Abbot Joseph	\$200.00	\$1,639.02
Fr. Gardner	\$ 50.00	\$1,589.02
June Deposit	\$375.00	\$1,964.02
FFA Stipend	\$100.00	\$1,864.02
SA Stipend	\$100.00	\$1,764.02
Formator Retreat	\$240.00	\$1,524.02
Denise-Phoenix	\$360.00	\$1,164.02
Denise-Bus Tokens	\$185.00	\$ 979.02

Fraternity contributions can be mailed to:

*Joe McHugh
1740 Tedbury St
Crofton, MD 21114*

Remember, when making your donation to the fraternity, 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

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – DENISE MIANTE

Phoenix Academy "Backpacks" – Food Bags were filled on May 18th. This was the last backpack filling for the school year. Backpacks filling usually resumes in October. For more information contact Denise at rubob903@gmail.com.

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: The sandwich making crew meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30am. June 23th will be the next meeting. The group voted to increase the number of sandwiches made to **100** during the summer because children are out of school and probably in need of lunch. Catherine will host the group. For additional informaton, contact Catherine at cmgonzalez59@outlook.com.

THOMAS MERTON'S PRAYER

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



20th Quinquennial Congress

3-7 August 2022

REGISTRATION & GENERAL INFORMATION



Please read all 4 pages below before registering

Registration opens August 1, 2021

Q Registration Cost:

Full "Early bird" *	\$ 175	August 01- Dec. 31, 2021
Full Regular *	\$ 205	January 01 - May 27, 2022
Full "Late Owl" *	\$ 250	May 28 - July 1, 2022
One day only "Early bird" **	\$ 83	August 01 - Dec. 31, 2021
One day only **	\$ 100	January 01 - July 01, 2022

Young adults (Age 18-35) Scholarships available, please email:
ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com

* Includes meal plan: 4 dinners, 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches, beginning with dinner on Wed. Aug.3

** Includes 1 lunch and 1 dinner

Meals on your own Sunday, Aug.7

Registration closes July 1, 2022. We cannot accommodate walk-ins

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