



The Porter

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

The Porter deadline for the next issue is August 12. 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	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, July 16, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass at 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715 Meeting at 9:00 – noon *** Whitmarsh Hall (on the hill)</p> <p>Masks are no longer required, but feel free to wear one if you wish. Bring your Liturgy of the Hours</p>				
Refreshments 	<p>Annapolis/Eastern Shore is responsible for the refreshments. <i>Please remember to bring your coffee cup.</i></p> <p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park has the supplies so please bring them this Saturday... and take them home again since you have refreshments next month. [Don't complain... Glen Burnie had the supplies for almost a year in my dining room during COVID]</p>				
Liturgy	<p>Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park: Morning Prayer, Saturday, 15th week of Ordinary Time Psalter – Saturday, Psalter Week 3</p>				
Prayer Requests 	<p>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)</p> <p><i>(Please help update this list by sending changes/additions to jd6bouv@verizon.net)</i></p>				
Birthdays	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Santa Matarazza – 7/20</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Jude Dodge – 7/29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pat Tyrrell -- 7/24</td> <td>Toby Harkleroad – 7/30</td> </tr> </table>	Santa Matarazza – 7/20	Jude Dodge – 7/29	Pat Tyrrell -- 7/24	Toby Harkleroad – 7/30
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Profession Anniversaries	<p>Brigid Cobb – 8/3/1983</p>				
Council Meeting	<p>Friday, August 5 at 7:00pm via Zoom</p>				



Minister's Minute

I'm sure we were all disappointed that the council chose to postpone our 50th Anniversary Celebration until September 17. Unfortunately COVID cases had a sudden peak in June which took aim at the council as half of the council either had symptoms or were in quarantine due to possible exposure. Start praying now that COVID B4 & B5 cases will suddenly drop in September.

This month our fraternity meeting will have three guests if things go according to plan. Sarah Ryan from the Lighthouse shelter in Annapolis will speak about the work that is done there and the support our fraternity has been providing in the form of both sandwiches once a month and all-day bus passes quarterly.

Our other two visitors will be from the region: Bob Longo, the regional minister and Mary Badjo, the regional councilor for Maryland. They will be making their regional visitation. Our Constitution states:

Article 92 Rule 26. The purpose of both the pastoral and fraternal visits is to revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit, to assure fidelity to the charism and to the Rule, to offer help to fraternity life, to reinforce the bond of the unity of the Order, and to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church.

Article 94 – The Fraternal Visit

1. The fraternal visit is a moment of communion, an expression of the service and concrete interest of the secular leaders at the various levels, so that the fraternity may grow and be faithful to its vocation .

2. Among the various initiatives to achieve the purpose of the visit, the visitor will give special attention: -- to the validity of the formation, both initial and permanent; -- to the relations entertained with other fraternities at the different levels, with Franciscan youth, and with the entire Franciscan family. -- to the observance of the directives and of the guidelines of the International Council of the SFO and of the other councils; -- to the presence in the local Church.

3. The visitor will check the report of the previous audit or verification of the financial and property management of the Council, the register of the accounts and every document pertaining to the property of the fraternity and, if applicable, the condition of the juridical personality in the civil order, including the fiscal aspects. In absence of the required audit of the financial and property management of the council, the visitor can commission such an audit, to be paid by the visited fraternity, to an expert who is not a member of the council concerned. Wherever he or she deems it opportune, the visitor will obtain the assistance of a competent person in these aspects.

4. The visitor will check the records of the election of the council. He or she will evaluate the quality of the service offered to the fraternity by the minister and by the other leaders and will study with them the solution to problems which may arise.

If, for whatever reason, he or she should find that their service does not meet the needs of the fraternity, the visitor will promote appropriate initiatives, taking into account also the provisions concerning resignation and removal from office, given special circumstances .

5. The visitor may not carry out the visit of his or her own local fraternity, nor of the council of another level of which he or she is a member.

Unfortunately we will not have our pastoral visit until a later date. We had hoped to have both the fraternal and pastoral visits at the same time.

In practical terms, it means the council will meet with the regional visitors after they have observed our fraternity meeting. So if the council members look a bit rushed in the cleanup or disappear to the other room leaving you to handle the cleanup, please realize that we will be reviewing the fraternity records with the visitors for the next hour or more after the meeting. Due to COVID we are actually 22 months overdue for our visit.... So the visitors might look a bit frazzled as well since they are trying to catch up on a lot of overdue visits.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

Below is the Treasurer's Report as of July 1st

June ending balance		\$979.02
Lost check	+\$25.00	\$1,004.02
July Deposit	+\$1,450.00	\$2,454.02
FFA	(\$100.00)	\$2,354.02
SA Stipend	(\$100.00)	\$2,254.02
50th Ann. Supplies	(\$158.12)	\$2,095.90

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 (money collected will be held until program restarts in October).

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – DENISE MIANTE

Phoenix Academy "Backpacks" – Backpacks will resume in October. For information contact Denise.

Lighthouse Bus Tokens – Denise made our quarterly 150 all-day bus passes on June 9th

Lighthouse Shelter Lunches: Due to COVID outbreak, no lunches were made in June. A financial donation was sent in lieu of sandwiches... which were matched and became \$1000 for the shelter. The sandwich making crew will meet on July 28th at 9:30. Catherine will host the group. For additional information, contact Catherine at cmgonzalez59@outlook.com.

Franciscan Action Network: Responds to Supreme Court Decision on Roe v. Wade

Jun 27, 2022 | Consistent Ethic of Life, Issues, Press Releases June 27, 2022

<https://franciscanaction.org/press-release-franciscan-action-network-responds-to-supreme-court-decision-on-roe-v-wade/>

Washington, D.C. – As Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted people, we support a consistent ethic of life from the moment of conception to a natural death; we believe all human life is sacred and should be protected by law. Following the recent Supreme Court decision on abortion, we pray for laws and policies that will show equal regard for the life and wellbeing of children and of women. Efforts to end abortion will be successful only if women who are pregnant find the health, social, and economic support they need.

We want a child born, a child fed, a child educated, a child housed and raised in a healthy, life-supporting environment. We want to see women surrounded by compassion and provided with options that enable pro-life decisions. We will continue to advocate for measures that support women in crisis pregnancies and that provide the healthcare, education, and economic opportunities which would allow them, their families, and all children to thrive. Urgently-needed measures include improved maternal health care, rights for pregnant workers, generous parental leave policies, consistent child tax credits, childcare subsidies, and universal prekindergarten education. The Franciscan Action Network looks forward to working with organizations and individuals similarly motivated by care for women and children.

Update on St. John the Evangelist Church Renovations

Thank you, Kathleen, for keeping us up to date on the status of the renovations !

Here are the parts of the plan that apply to us:

New Parish Offices

The renovation of the former convent is nearing completion and all the parish offices will move into the new space this July. The new space will host all the parish offices in one location, plus provide meeting space for parish groups and ministries.

New Kindergarten Classrooms

The former Faith Formation offices, located in the school, will be converted into new kindergarten classrooms for our school this summer. The new classrooms will be ready for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

[Yes, this is the Youth Room where we previously met.]

New Adult Meeting Space

The modular unit that has served as two of our kindergarten classes will be used for adult meeting space once the kindergarten classes have moved into the school. This will provide the parish with two additional medium-size meeting areas. [This is probably where we will be meeting.]

So it appears that we would be meeting in the trailer near the old convent. With luck we may be back to our old location by October. I am concerned that the space may be smaller. But assuming that the sofa & chairs and the kitchen are not moving into the trailer, we may have the same amount of room.

Gee, there is a big white space here.

Maybe you could think of something interesting that might go here.

Think about it... then send it to Joan Faltot
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for the next newsletter.