



# The Porter

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

The Porter deadline for the next issue is October 7. 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](mailto:jd6bouv@verizon.net).



## CELEBRATION – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CONRAD FRATERNITY

Saturday, September 17, 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. Patrick Monahan, 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 session. Zoom information will be sent Friday evening.

### Refreshments



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

### Prayer Requests



**For physical and spiritual healing of:** Bill Chitty, John Corbis, Jerry Miante, Kathleen Sievers, 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 Martinez (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](mailto:jd6bouv@verizon.net))*

### Birthdays

Evelyn Jones – 10/01                      Brigid Cobb – 10/08

### Profession Anniversaries

Joan Kvetkas -- 10/04/1979                      Denise Miante -- 09/18/2010  
Louise Ryan – 10/04/1982 (40 yrs !!)                      Mary Cicero – 10/10/1996  
Jean Gaes -- 09/17/1987 (35 yrs !!)                      Christopher Grubach -- 09/21/2019  
Pat Tyrrell – 10/10/1996                      Joseph McHugh -- 09/21/2019  
Patricia Troup – 10/10/1996                      Ruth Shea -- 09/18/2021  
Genny Wilbourne -- 09/18/2010

### Council Meeting

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom



## Minister's Minute

Our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Our Lady of the Fields Church** in Millersville has finally arrived. And I mean finally. Short of an earthquake or other disaster, we will celebrate on Saturday. Just in case some other virus invades, we have reserved the picnic pavilion in addition to the dining hall.

Family and friends are invited. We will begin with Mass at 10:30am celebrated by Fr. Patrick Monahan, followed by a Renewal of Our Secular Franciscan Commitment. Luncheon will follow. If you have forgotten what you signed up to bring, contact Catherine. Please arrive early enough to drop off the food in the dining hall between 10:00- 10:25am.

If you are still hungry when you wake up Sunday morning, **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity's picnic** will be held at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City this Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Local fraternities are invited. Attendees are requested to bring either a side dish or dessert. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon, followed by the picnic starting at 1:30pm.

Looking forward: November will be our **Fraternity Election**. The *Council Members Handbook* specifies that the description of the Offices in the Fraternity should be published or distributed to fraternity members two months before the Elections. Please reflect on the following, especially how your gifts and talents can best be used to serve your fraternity family.

## The Offices in the Fraternity

### Article 51

1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the council to animate and guide the fraternity, **the minister**, as the primary person responsible for the fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the council are put into practice and will keep the council informed about what he or she is doing.
2. **The minister** also has the following duties:
  - a. to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the fraternity and council; to convoke every three years the elective chapter of the fraternity, having heard the council on the formalities of the convocation;
  - b. to prepare the annual report to be sent to the council of the higher level after it has been approved by the council of the fraternity;
  - c. to represent the fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When the fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
  - d. to request, with the consent of the council, the pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
  - e. to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence.

### Article 52

1. **The vice-minister** has the following duties:
  - a. to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
  - b. to exercise the functions entrusted by the council and/or by the assembly or chapter;
  - c. to take the place of the minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;
  - d. to assume the functions of the minister when the office remains vacant;
2. **The secretary** has the following duties:

- a. to compile the official acts of the fraternity and of the council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;
  - b. to see to the updating and preservation of the records and the registers, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity;
  - c. to provide for the communication of the more important facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to provide for their dissemination through the mass media.
3. **The master of formation** has the following duties:
- a. to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the council, the formative activities of the fraternity;
  - b. to instruct and enliven the inquirers during the time of initiation, the candidates during the period of initiation formation, and the newly professed;
  - c. to inform the council of the fraternity prior to profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.
4. **The treasurer**, or bursar, has the following duties:
- a. to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the one from whom it was collected;
  - b. to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the fraternity council;
  - c. to render an account of his or her administration to the assembly and to the council of the fraternity according to the norms of the national statutes.
5. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the vice-minister, the secretary and the treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, to all levels.

And in addition to the officers described above, our fraternity elects 2 counselors as well.

Our October fraternity meeting will focus on the duties of the council, and the current council will answer questions you may have. We will also hold a straw poll, as we have done in the past to identify two nominees for each position. I hope we will also have time at the October meeting to discuss our fraternity's future: things we would like to improve on, new challenges to pursue, themes to explore for ongoing formation. As Fr. Patrick asked during our recent fraternal visitation: *"Will this fraternity exist 50 years from now?"*

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES** – DENISE MIANTE

*Thanks to all you contributed to our school supply drive last month for the Light House.*

**Shelter Lunches** -- Next sandwich-making is scheduled September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the home of Catherine Gonzales. For additional information, contact Catherine at [cmgonzalez59@outlook.com](mailto:cmgonzalez59@outlook.com).

**Bus Passes** – are purchased quarterly for the Light House. Our fraternity aims to purchase 150 bus passes this quarter. Remember to indicate on the memo line of your check if you wish part of your contribution to go toward purchase of bus passes.

**Phoenix Academy** – a new contact person is overseeing this and we do not have information yet. Food "backpacks" usually start in October. The school identifies the students most at risk and tries to provide them with nutritious food for the weekend. Our fraternity buys food and packs it in bags for individual students once a month. We need 5-6 fraternity members to volunteer to shop and pack.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

Below is the Treasurer's Report for August .

August 5th Balance		\$3,510.90
8/7 Sacred Heart	(\$500.00)	\$3,010.90
8/23 Deposit	\$678.00	\$3,688.90
Stipend FFA	(\$100.00)	\$3,588.90
SA Stipend	(\$100.00)	\$3,488.90
Month End Balance		\$3,488.90

*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.)

## Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

On the evening of October 3rd each year, Franciscans around the world celebrate the death of St. Francis—his death “transitus,” or “passing.” As of now, neither the Shrine of St. Anthony, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in DC, nor St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring list any events for October 3.

For those who have had 2 COVID vaccinations and booster shot, are welcome at the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement Washington Retreat House in DC on October 3 for a Transitus Prayer Service 5:30-6:30pm. The service is free. RSVP if you wish to be included in the additional supper for \$15. For more information see:

<https://washingtonretreathouse.org/event/transitus-prayer-service/>

If you see any notices of local Transitus celebrations, please email the information to me and I will forward it to the rest of the fraternity.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

September 28 through November 6, 2022

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN ANNAPOLIS!



**You can protect mothers and babies** by locally joining this worldwide prayer campaign to end abortion! Mothers entering abortion clinics respond to peaceful, prayerful vigil with positive signs offering help, hope, and life for their pre-born baby.

**With God's help**, 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer vigils, fasting, and community outreach saved 22,013 babies from abortion, encouraged 242 abortion workers to quit, and closed 120 abortion centers.

### How To Participate in 40 Days for Life In Our Community

- **Vigil location:** Planned Parenthood 929 West St., Annapolis
- **Vigil hours:** 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Daily
- **For more info:** [www.40daysforlife.com/annapolis](http://www.40daysforlife.com/annapolis)
- **Local contact:** Tony Martelli, 443-254-5433,  
[annapolis40daysforlife2@gmail.com](mailto:annapolis40daysforlife2@gmail.com),

**Pray Just 1 Hour Weekly For Mothers, Babies & Workers.**

**Be A Voice For The Voiceless And Save A Life!**