



The Porter

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

The Porter deadline for December is the 4th. 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

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Mass- 8:30 AM at the Chapel on the Hill

Sacred Heart, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715

Meeting at 9:00 – noon-ish * Whitmarsh Hall (across from chapel)**

Schedule: 9:00-9:45 – Refreshments

9:45-10:15 – Prayer

10:00 – FRATERNITY ELECTION – please arrive by 10:00 am. Election will start at 10:15.

If you are not present when the election starts, you will not be allowed to vote.

If you are ill or have recently been exposed to COVID please do not attend

Zoom information will be sent Friday evening.

Only those physically present and on time will be allowed to vote.

Refreshments



Bowie/Crofton/Severna Park is responsible for the refreshments.

Please remember to bring your coffee cup.

Glen Burnie/Pasadena/Odenton will be next, so please arrange to take the supplies home and restock if necessary.

Liturgy

Glen Burnie/Pasadena/Odenton -- Morning Prayer- Office for the Dead Christian Prayer (1-vol: p.1486; 4-vol: p.1906)

Prayer Requests



For physical and spiritual healing of: Joan Faltot, Bill Chitty, John Corbis, Jerry Miente, Kathleen Sievers, Judge Dodge, Carole Marsh's sister, Harry Thompson, Jeanne Wilbourne, Ed Wilbourne, 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/deletions to jd6bouv@verizon.net)

Birthdays

Jeanne Wilbourne – 11/22
Genny Wilbourne – 12/05

Dennis Mallon 12/17
Marie Shelton 12/26

Profession Anniversaries

Susan Greif – 11/16/1997
Jude Dodge – 11/18/2017

Santa Ragot – 12/14/1980

Council Meeting

TBD



Minister's Minutes

As is our custom in November, we will take time to remember those who have met with Sister Death by praying the Office for the Dead from the Liturgy of the Hours. Before that, we will not neglect to have some time for refreshments and social gathering. At 10:15AM, we'll move on to the important business of our triannual council elections. **The rules for the election are very precise. We must**

have a quorum of 50% of all active professed members + 1 in order to hold the election. All active professed members are obligated to make this important meeting unless they are currently ill. And you must be on time! Only those in attendance when the election starts will be allowed to vote. If all goes according to plan, the election will start at 10:15am. At that time, our regional minister, Bob Longo will oversee the election with Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap. serving as friar witness. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify one of our current council members before Saturday.

And many thanks to those who have served our fraternity during the past three years:

Minister	Joan Faltot	jd6bouv@verizon.net	(301) 655-3876
Vice Minister	Catherine Gonzalez	cmgonzalez59@outlook.com	(410) 849-2343
Secretary	Jean Gaes	jrgofs@gmail.com	(240) 495-5513
Treasurer	Joe McHugh	joe4joan@verizon.net	(410) 721-3207
Formation Director	Denise Miente	rubob903@gmail.com	(410) 253-5555
Councilor 1	Genny Wilbourne	gmawjmj@verizon.net	(410) 255-8839
Councilor 2	(vacant)		

Members on the Mend

- Jerry Miente is on the road to recovery at home and starting to resume activities.
- Joan Faltot recovering at home from knee revision surgery.

Please keep them both in your prayers along with everyone else on our prayer list.

Nominations Based on the Straw Poll Taken at the October Fraternity Meeting

Minister	Joan Faltot Judith Tyrrell	Joe McHugh Pat Tyrrell
Vice Minister	Mary Anne Novak Judith Tyrrell	Ruth Shea
Secretary	Joan Faltot Mary Anne Novak	Jean Gaes Ruth Shea
Treasurer	Tessie Chitty Katherine Sievers	Joe McHugh Pat Tyrrell
Formation Director	Denise Miente Judith Tyrrell	Ruth Shea
Councilor (2 positions)	Jean Gaes Mary Anne Novak Genny Wilbourne	Catherine Gonzalez Judith Tyrrell

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor during the election. You can nominate yourself as well. Please give prayerful discernment this week on how you serve your fellow fraternity members. Vibrant fraternity life is dependent on the Holy Spirit, and the presence of fraternity members willing to serve each other.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joe McHugh

Thank you for your continuing generosity !!!

Below is the Treasurer’s Report as of October 7, 2022. .

September Balance		\$3,252.90
Chapter of Ministers	(\$125.00)	\$3,127.90
FFA Stipend	(\$100.00)	\$3,027.90
SA Stipend	(\$100.00)	\$2,927.90
Oct. Deposit/Balance	\$1,160.00	\$4,087.90
<i>Council approved:</i>		
Stipend: Bob Longo	(\$100.00)	
Stipend: Br. Michael Meza	(\$100.00)	\$3,887.90

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES – Denise Miante

Shelter Lunches -- Fraternity members made and delivered 60 sandwiches (plus other goodies) on October 27th. We were hosted at Catherine’s home. In November, we will not make sandwiches because of the holiday. However, during that week Jerry and Denise will go to Sam’s for water and other supplies which they will deliver to the shelter.

Bus Passes – Next purchase of 150 all-day bus passes for Light House clients will be in December.

Phoenix Academy – Mrs. Renee Beasley contacted Denise recently to let me know that everything is all ready to go for Wednesday, November 16th. Those wishing to help pack the food "backpacks" will meet at the school at 9:30 am, and Renee will have staff available to assist us. Catherine and Denise will shop on Tuesday, November 15th at 9:45 am We plan to pack our usual number which has been twenty-four.

FROM OUR FAMILY IN INDIA -- OCTOBER 2022

Dear friend,

First of all let me wish you A Very Happy Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. May the saint shower his blessings and graces on you is my prayer.

Here all three of us are keeping somewhat well. Since I am suffering from back pain; I am not able to go daily for work. Still whenever I feel better, I am trying to go for some odd works. My eldest daughter did not succeed to get all the papers of grade 2. So she I trying to *[unable to decipher]*. Second one passed Lab Technician course and is trying to get some job. It may take time since there are no vacancy at present. I hope and pray that she may get one job very soon.

I am counting very much on your timely help. It is really a great relief for me to meet my daily expenses and the medical needs. I thank you for your generous heart for helping me. I am praying for all of you. May God strengthen you to do more good works for the poor.

Lovingly,
Rajani

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

NEWS FROM THE CAPUCHIN PROVINCE – OCTOBER 2022

My dear friars, relatives, and friends,

I am glad to be able to send greetings to you as we draw close to the feast of St. Francis. As I pray before the Blessed Sacrament each day, I think of you and the gift God has given the Church in this most holy sacrament. In this holy sacrifice, we are brought together.

The Bishop's conference of the USA early this year issued a pastoral letter on the most holy Eucharist. This letter asks parishes, families, and individuals to reflect upon the Sacrament. There is hope that parishes will have a plan that will help this reflection. The letter is preparing all the faithful for a Eucharistic Congress to be held in Philadelphia PA in July 2024. See you there.

St Francis of Assisi, whose feast day we celebrate on the 4th of October, had a deep faith and great love for Jesus in the sacrament. This is shown in many ways, however, the fact that St. Francis, in his very first Admonition, speaks to the friars of this sacrament. The paragraph is entitled 'The Body of Christ.' Quoting St. John, we hear those wonderful words:

"This is my body and the blood of my new covenant which will be shed for many" Jn.6.55

On July 28 six Dominican friars came to Pittsburgh and stayed with us here at St. Augustine friary. They offered a free concert to the Pittsburgh area. On short notice, almost 400 people filled our hall for the two-hour concert. It was enjoyed immensely.

On September 2, we celebrated the funeral mass of Carol Eiler. Carol had served the brothers of our friary for quite a few years as receptionist, cook, mail woman, counselor, and greeter. A large number of friars and members of the faithful attended the Holy Mass.

On September 11, Papua New Guinea experienced a severe earthquake. None of the friars in our mission were killed or injured. However, the buildings at our seminary suffered damage. The rector, Br. Rosh, said that one of the miracles after the 7.5 earthquake was that although all the statues around the property were damaged, the statue of the BVM was unharmed, not a scratch. In the same letter, he shared the good news that they have accepted over 80 new students for the seminary. Our Lady is always a trusted helper!

In the early hours on September 17, the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, our Capuchin brother Jerome Dunn fell in his room. Shortly after his fall he succumbed to his injuries and died. May he rest in peace.

Recently, our newly ordained Capuchin priest, Br. Keon Tu, returned from China to the USA. He is back in the US to study Canon Law at the Catholic University of America. Br. Keon told me that plans for accepting candidates in China had to be postponed because of Covid. I ask for your prayers for the growth of the Catholic faith in China.

The Pennsylvania Province continue to be blessed with vocations. This year 2 men made their first profession, 3 final professions, and 2 friars were ordained to the priesthood. And this year we have 5 postulants and 5 novices. God is good!

I want to thank all of you who sent me birthday cards, which I celebrated on June 20. I received more birthday cards this year than any year prior. I turned 87 this year!

For each and every one of you whom I call friends and brothers, I pray that God bless you, and especially all those who are hard at work and prayerfully support the missions.

Sincerely yours,

Br. Brian Newman, OFM Cap

Please keep these brothers in prayer: for holiness of life and a clear path to serve God with generosity.

Newly Professed: Fr. Federico, Br. Pablo.

Perpetually professed: Br. Michael, Br. Luke, Br. Joe.

Newly Ordained priest-friars: Br. David, Br. Andrew