



THE FLYER

**Newsletter for the St. Joseph Cupertino
Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans USA**

June 22, 2025

Fourth SUNDAY

FIND HOPE.
BE HOPE.

UPCOMING: Elections on June 22.

- ◆ Meetings are third Sunday of the month at 2 pm. (See website for date changes and updates)
- ◆ Check out our website: <https://StJosephCupertino.SFOUSA.org/Welcome-To-Our-Fraternity's-Website>
- ◆ Check out our regional website: <https://SaintMargaretOfCortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website: <https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/>

Note from Brother Lawrence, OFM Conv.

Brother Lawrence is having computer issues. . A prayer for our fraternity council members:

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with gratitude for the faithful men and women who serve as members of our fraternity council. Thank You for their willingness to lead, serve, and make decisions that impact the life and mission of our church.

Lord, grant them wisdom that comes from above—pure, peace-loving, considerate, full of mercy and good fruit. Guide their discussions and decisions with Your Holy Spirit so that all they do may reflect Your will and bring glory to Your name.

Give them hearts of humility, ears that listen well, and voices that speak with grace and truth. Help them to lead with integrity, to serve with compassion, and to work together in unity and love.

Protect them from discouragement and division. Renew their strength when the work is heavy and give them joy in knowing they are part of something eternal.

May their leadership be rooted in prayer, their hearts anchored in Christ, and their purpose centered on building up Your church.

Amen.

Minister's Note

We will be voting on June 22 for a new council.

This past month we had a wonderful visit to the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. If it has been awhile since you have been, I highly encourage you to go and visit. The Shrine has opened a new welcome center in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's canonization. There is a new museum that showcases her life, and many personal objects that she used. The docent tour enlightened us how primitive the area was and how much Saint Elizabeth and her companions sacrificed moving from Baltimore out to the country.

Word of thanks

I want to take time to thank everyone for all their support these last three years. There has been a lot of growth in our fraternity. I hope that it one that continues.

Please remember to come and vote at the June meeting. We cannot do this without you.

Please keep all the nominations in your prayers.

Peace and love

Melissa

How to Nominate from the floor from Constitution

Nominations: It shall be the duty of the Nominations Committee to ensure that each candidate meets the qualifications for the office for which she or he is proposed, has reviewed the duties of that office, and is willing to serve if elected. (NS 11.3) The Presider will review all nominations, including those from the floor, to make sure they conform to the requirements outlined in the GC and NS. During the elective Chapter, the Presider will make three calls for nominations. Ideally, if the elective Chapter is held over a period of time, the first and second calls are made early on, and are calls for nominations to any position. If time is limited, all three calls can be made immediately prior to the vote for that position. In any case, a final call for nominations to a particular office must be done immediately before the vote is taken for that position.

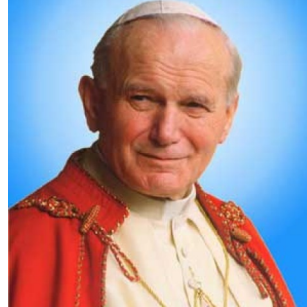
Only the voting members may make nominations from the floor. Candidates nominated from the floor must be present to accept the nomination, or alternatively a dated and signed letter from the nominee indicating both the willingness to run and acceptance of the election **if** elected, must be presented upon nomination. A phone call to the nominee to confirm acceptance of the nomination and a second phone call after the election to determine acceptance of election, is also acceptable.



Formation Thought of the Month:

“ I plead with you...never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”

St. John Paul II



Volunteer to help Little Portion Farm at <https://www.LittlePortionFarm.org>

Food grown helps those in need.

Help at the Shrine: Volunteer as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, especially before our gatherings. Help staff a table to invite interest in the Secular Franciscan Order. Email Melissa.

2022-2025 Council

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Bible quotes are from the Douay-Rheims translation, unless otherwise noted.



Treasurer's Report

May – 2025

<u>Beginning (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 2,983.16</u>
<u>Income:</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 210.00
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	100.00
Fr. Jude (May gathering)	100.00
Franciscan Education Fund	200.00
Annual Fair share to the Regional	1,235.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 1,735.00</u>
<u>Ending (running) Balance:</u>	<u>\$ 1,458.16</u>

If you are unable to attend the gatherings, you can send your contributions to the fraternity.

Contributions are tax deductible.

Direct Donation checks to: **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

Mail donations to:

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2812 Green Shade Court
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You may use your bank's BILL PAY. Direct payment to **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity** C/O the address above.

NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.

Pray for Deceased Members:

Happy Birthday!

*Remember those who have gone before us.
Grant them peace, Lord. May they reign in
paradise with you. Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

Jerry Cichowicz 6/10/2003
Donna Duncan 6/25/2015
Sheila Eberhardt 7/29/2024

This month:

David Garcia 6/3
Richard Lam 6/6

Coming Next Month:

Jeanne Kerins 7/11
Gerry Pinkas 7/18
Trudy Kerber 7/23

Book Share–

Thomas A'Kempis' classic Imitation of Christ.

First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!
Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
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PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

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