



The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – November 2020
<http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>

The Porter deadline for the December issue is December 10. 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 jd6bouu@verizon.net.



Fraternity Meeting

Saturday, November 21, 2020 * 10:00 AM**
Via Zoom – Invitation will be sent on Friday, Nov 20th.
We will be remembering & praying for our deceased members and discussing end-of-life issues

Prayer Requests



(Please help us update this list. Send changes/additions to jd6bouu@verizon.net)
For physical and spiritual healing of:

John Gemmell (husband of Mary Cicero Gemmell), Kellie Eye (granddaughter of Susan Greif), Katherine Henry (daughter-in-law of Mary Henry), Mary Henry and her niece, Stephen (great-grandson of Mary Henry), Mary Jo Johnson, Joe McGeady, John McHugh (brother of Joe McHugh), Michelle (niece of Denise Miante), Bill Mulqueen, Ruth Shea's husband, Evelyn Jones' niece, Jimmy Wilbourne (son of Genny Wilbourne), Gerard Malak (brother of Genny Wilbourne)

Birthdays

Jeanne Wilbourne – 11/22
Genny Wilbourne – 12/05
Dennis Mallon – 12/17

Profession Anniversaries

Jude Dodge – 11/18/2017

Treasury

Current balance: \$2,572.28

Please consider mailing your monthly contribution to:

Joe McHugh at 1740 Tedbury St, Crofton, MD 21114

Because the fraternity has not been meeting in person, our expenses are lower than normal. Earlier this year, the council had decided to maintain a monthly balance of at least \$1,500 to meet extra expenses the fraternity may incur when we start meeting in person again. Since in-person meetings will probably not be realistic before next summer, the council has decided to make monthly donations to charity. Most of our donations will target local charities which are helping to feed and support those most in need during this pandemic. If you would like to suggest a charity, please email Joe McHugh at joe4joan@verizon.net

Council Meeting

Zoom meeting, December 4 & 18, 2020

Save the Date

March 21-23, 2021. Regional Retreat at The Loyola Retreat Center in Faulkner, MD. Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM from the Holy Land Monastery in Washington, DC will be our weekend facilitator



Minister's Minute

A lot has happened in our Fraternity in the past month . . .

Mary Cicero and John Gemmell were married on the same day as our last fraternity meeting, October 17. The council sent a gift card in the name of the fraternity for which the newlyweds have sent a thank you note to all. Prayers are needed for John who has problems with both his kidneys and his pancreas and is now facing dialysis.

On October 22, several fraternity members gathered on a beautiful, sunny day at Emily's pier to bid Susan Greif a safe trip and successful move to her new apartment in Texas. Her new address is 11001 Austin Lane, Austin, Texas 78758. Genny reports that Susan is settling in but having difficulty adjusting to the urban setting. However, Susan does have family nearby, and hopefully she will continue to pop in on our zoom meetings.

Last, but significant, Carole Marsh and Linda Haney have been officially received into our fraternity. Their Rite of Admission took place on October 27th outside in the Franciscan Garden behind St. John the Evangelist Church. Carole and Linda began their Candidacy lesson a couple of months ago. Normally the Rite of Admission should be held at the fraternity meeting; however, due to COVID-19, the Rite may be performed with a small group from the fraternity. Due to preexisting medical conditions of those taking part, attendance was limited to Council members and Emily McGeady.

And yes, it is time to get a new Fraternity Roster out to everyone! It is at the top of my to-do list... right after we have our fraternity ZOOM meeting this Saturday.

News from Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity at Holy Family Parish in Davidsonville: On October 3 they had their elections. (Three years flew by quickly!) The newly elected council is:

Minister – Ron Van Nest, OFS
Vice Minister - Ann Marie Pessagno, OFS
Secretary – Mary Rohde, OFS

Treasurer – Judy Hool, OFS
Formation Director – Jeanne Catrow, OFS
Councilor at Large - Laura Benso, OFS

They have seven candidates who will profess next autumn and two more in orientation just getting started. Michael Meza is their Spiritual Assistant again.

Finally, since November is the month for All Souls Day, we will focus our Zoom Fraternity meeting on remembering and praying for our deceased fraternity members. As part of our ongoing formation we will discuss some end-of-life issues.

Rule 19 ends: "...Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father."

Constitution. Article 27 paragraph 2: "Secular Franciscans should commit themselves to create in their environment and, above all, in their fraternities, a climate of faith and hope so that 'Sister Death' may be regarded as a passage to the Father, and all may prepare themselves with serenity."

Although we are striving to face death with "serenity" this involves preparation in our society. Making sure our wishes are carried out can involve legal forms that may be difficult to understand and which can change over the course of time. In addition, there are the funeral and burial choices/expenses. Death is not simple in America today! Advance planning can ease the stress of those we leave behind. Pax, Joan F.

DECEASED FRATERNITY MEMBERS

1983	Carolyn O'Neil	2012	Mary Ann Ellinghausen
1991	Ed Walcsak	2013	Linda Coyn
1993	Joanne Patmore	2013	Herman Ellinghausen
1998	Nancy Holthaus	2014	Joan Cornell Leckinger
2002	Janet Kuebel	2014	Mary Jeanette Hannon
2003	Dan Kuebel	2015	Helen Brandford
2005	Paul Ralph	2016	Mary L. Cooke
2006	Anne O'Donnell	2016	Anne Mercer
2008	Mary Ellen McGeehan	2018	Barbara Elaine Petrisko
2008	Genevieve Welle	2018	Br. Saùl Soriano, our spiritual assistant at the time of his death
2008	Pat Donahoe	2019	Jane Donohoe
2008	Sherry McGurk	2019	Mary "Rita" Rossi
2008	Marshall Love		
2010	Marie Morris		

Health Care Decision Making for Maryland Catholics

From *Your Catholic Voice*

It's crucial to prayerfully reflect and plan how you wish your health care to be handled before there is a crisis, and to make sure your wishes are known by your loved ones and medical providers.

The Maryland Catholic Conference has updated and simplified our health care decision making resources to help you. This simple document outlines the essentials of our Catholic faith and end of life, and includes an advanced care directive (en español) that you can fill out and use in Maryland. The document has three parts:

- 8 Principles of Catholic Teaching on End of Life Care
- Frequently Asked Questions, and the
- Maryland Catholic Declaration of Health Care Decision Making

English version:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/mdcatholic/pages/311/attachments/original/1599695819/mcc_healthcare_decisionmaking_2020.pdf?1599695819 (spaces are underscores)

Spanish version

https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/mdcatholic/pages/311/attachments/original/1600992848/mcc_healthcare_decisionmaking_2020_espanol.pdf?1600992848 (spaces are underscores)

"In the Gospel, good servants are those who risk. They are not cautious and cautious, they do not keep what they have received, but they use it. Because the good, if not invested, is lost; because the greatness of our life does not depend on how much we hoard, but on how much fruit we bear. How many people spend their lives accumulating, thinking of being good instead of doing good. But how empty is a life that pursues needs, without looking at the needy! If we have gifts, it is to be gifts "

--Pope Francis, from his Homily for World Day of the Poor