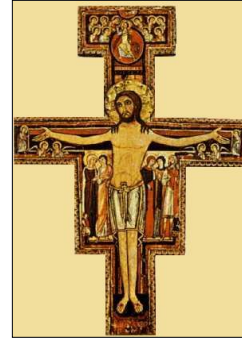


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



January 2011

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
Candidates – Clare Room

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
General Meeting – Clare Room

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our JANUARY MEETING on the 9th - Fraternity Elections!

Here we are – the New Year has rolled around again, and we find ourselves in the 2nd decade of the millennium – Welcome to 2011!

This is our first newsletter of the New Year – and the last one I'll be composing, as my tenure as Minister – and the tenure of our entire Council – comes to a close on January 9th with the election of a new Minister and Council.

Yet this comes as no surprise – we have been planning for this change, as each of us has prayed for guidance on God's plan for the fraternity and for ourselves as members and contributors to life in fraternity.

So before coming to the January meeting a week from now, please be sure to ask the Lord for guidance once again, as we pray His Will be carried out in our election.

This year, the nominating process went extremely well. As we requested, nearly everyone nominated themselves for a position on the Council, before nominating brothers and sisters to fill those seats. This was a good and useful exercise, as it allowed each of you to move into the

positions you'd chosen for yourselves and be there a while.

Eventually, when it came time to accept or decline nominations for council seats, you'd already imagined yourself in those positions, and could make a thoughtful assessment about which seats you might be called to fill. And as I spoke with each of you – most often by phone but sometimes via email, I got a sense of your deep commitment to the fraternity.

I've enclosed a list of Council positions and the members who have accepted nominations for them. If your nominee is not listed here, it is because he or she has declined to be nominated for that position.

Some of us are unable to run for Council now due to health issues or caring for ill family members. Others have served on the Council for some time, and requested a break, and some have schedules that preclude reliable attendance at Council meetings.

May God guide us in this election, and grant His inspiration and guidance to our fraternity these next three years!

Karron's Korner:

All fraternity elections are conducted under the auspices of the Region, to assure they are fair and free, and follow procedures set out by our Constitutions and by National. This year, our Regional presider is Tuan, assisted by Bob. The Church witness is the Regional Spiritual Assistant, Rock.

I urge everyone in our fraternity – eligible voter or not – to participate. Just as we conscientiously made our nominations, it is now time to choose a Council to move us forward in the next three years. It's important to cast your vote – this is your community. And for those who are not yet eligible to vote, to understand the election process.

I leave the Office of Minister feeling that our house is in order. The fraternity is solvent, new members are in training, and we've a great program for initial and on-going formation.

But there is much yet to do. We need to find and foster SFO vocations in younger people. We need to be better schooled in Scripture, in our Franciscan tradition, and to embrace ministries that serve the lepers of our society, even though it's far more comfortable to stay in church.

May God bless and guide the incoming fraternity Council, and may we all continue to grow closer to God through this growing, lively, and Spirit-filled fraternity!

Prayer for Our Fraternity's Coming Election

I thank you, Lord, for making me a Secular Franciscan. Pardon my shortcomings, weaknesses and failures as I seek to lead a Gospel life according to our Rule. Please make me the Franciscan you want me to be.

Jesus, just as I have a body, and my body has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us in this fraternity, in union with you, Lord, form one body. As parts of that body, we belong to each other. Each of us has gifts that you have given us.

If my gift is administration, let me use it for administration; if teaching, let me use it for teaching. If I be a preacher, let me deliver sermons, if an alms giver, let me give freely, if an officer let me be diligent, and if I am to do works of mercy, let me do them cheerfully. Whatever my gifts, Lord let me use them to serve you as you see fit.

Do not let my love be a pretense, but let me love others as a brother or sister should, and give me a profound respect for each of them.

Let me work for you and with you, Lord. Let me recognize in myself and others the gifts that will further your life in our fraternity. Give us the gifts we need to enliven and guide this group. Let us encourage and assist one another in your work. Lord, we give thanks for all your gifts, especially wisdom, knowledge, strength, discernment, kindness and generosity of spirit.

Lord, give me right faith, firm hope and perfect charity, and give me the wisdom and perseverance to accomplish your will. I trust in you and ask for your light.

Jesus, grant that your Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis be alive in our community.

Jesus, grant that we know what you want us to do, that we want what pleases you, and will do what you want for your sake alone.

San Luis Rey Fraternity Council Nominees*

Minister

Tim C.
Barbara F.

Scott H.
David Y.

Vice Minister

Roger A.
Tim C.
Barbara F.
Connie H.

Scott H.
Penny J.
David Y.

Director of Formation

Winnie B.
Tim C.

Eileen C.
Connie H.

Secretary

Tim C.
Barbara F.
Marjo G.

Connie H.
David Y.

Treasurer

Barbara F.
Connie H.

Ed U.
David Y.

Councilor

Roger A.
Winnie B.
Tim C.
Barbara F.
Connie H.
Penny J.

Freeda P.
Elaine S.
Barbara U.
Ed U.
David Y.

***Note:** Though we had a very thorough nomination process, should you feel moved to put someone up for nomination who is not listed here, including yourself, you may make a nomination from the floor on the day of the election. Provided the person nominated is present and accepts your nomination, he or she may run for the Council seat.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, January 9, 2:00pm

San Luis Rey Fraternity General Meeting – Fraternity Council Election

Thursday, January 13, 12:00 pm

San Luis Rey Council Meeting

Saturday, January 8 10:00am - 1:00pm

Women’s Spiritual Day Of Reflection, with Father Larry Dolan, OFM

“Behold I make all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)

At the beginning of a New Year, we will contemplate the tension between the old and the new, the issues of conservative and progressive in the Church and the world today. Our hope will be to recommit ourselves to the Risen Lord who calls us to look forward, not backward. In the words of Fray Junipero Serra, OFM: “Siempre adelante; nunca atras.” Cost \$20.00 includes lunch.

January 15 thru 17 –

St. Francis Region Ministers’ Meeting

with Bob Fitzsimmons, National Formation Director

Marywood Retreat Center, 2811 East Villa Real, Orange, CA.

FRATERNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Minister

Karron E.

Councilor Marjo G

Vice Minister

Timothy C.

Corresponding Secretary

Irene E.

Director of Formation

Eileen C.

Recording Secretary

Penny J.

Councilor

Carol I.

Councilor

Freda P.

Treasurer

Frances G.

Spiritual Assistant

Sr. Madeline

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