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



**Important- Please note the following
change in meeting date !**

**- Council will meet in the O'Keefe Room
from 12:00-2:00pm on February 9th.**

**- General Meeting will be held in the
O'Keefe Room from 2:00-4:00pm on February 9th**

Future Meetings:

March 2 , 2014, April 6, 2014, May 4, 2014

**Our most senior member, in longevity, that still comes to our
gatherings. Three cheers for Dorothy.**



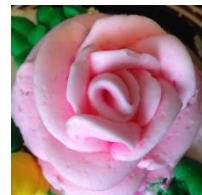
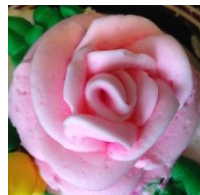
Dorothy in her beautiful prayer shawl.



**Happy Birthday
Mama/Sister Dorothy
94 years old, and 45 of
those as a Professed OFS.
She says "Thank you 'Third
Order' brothers and sisters
for the beautiful prayer
shawl. God bless everyone**

and again thank you.

**Dorothy OFS and daughter
Carol OFS**



Memorials



December 4, 2002
December 29, 1998

Mary P. Ryan M.
Mae C.

Reflection for February

“Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.”

This is the response that we will chant/sing during the ‘Responsorial Psalm’ at Mass on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time (Jan. 19th), and that we should pray every day when we say our morning prayers as we should always be ready to do His Holy Will.

When we stood in front of our Fraternity on our profession day, we proclaimed, “I am ready and willing,” SFO Ritual © 1985 or possibly, “Reverend Father, I ask to be admitted to holy profession in the Third Order of St. Francis, that I may serve God in it till death,” “The Tertiaries Companion, sixteenth edition © 1946. With these responses we declared, “Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.” as we will/did at Mass on the 19th. We should think of this every time we touch our Tau Cross or other Franciscan symbol that we wear daily as a witness to our membership in the OFS/SFO.

We need to remember that the SFO isn’t just a membership in a social club or lodge, but a sacred commitment to God in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. This is a lifelong commitment when we make our permanent commitment/profession of the Holy Rule. I know that when I was 15 and made my profession back in 1965, I didn’t understand what ‘perpetual’ meant, all I knew was that I loved Jesus and St. Francis, and wanted to be with them for the rest of my life on this earth, and for eternity in Heaven.

I know that I am wearing out my welcome, but I have seen too many people join our Holy Order that in a short time after their profession(s) cease to attend the meetings/gatherings, or to wear their Franciscan symbol. All of us are supposed to participate in the formation of the new people in formation, and one way to do this is to wear our Franciscan symbol daily and attend our gatherings/meetings monthly. Now I’ll climb down from my “pulpit,” and ask for God’s mercy for preaching as a non-ordained.

A few words from our minister

As we approach the most sacred of Holidays, I am reminded of how deeply religious the American People have become. As a people, we evidently worship both Celebrity *and* Money. (Ironically, we tend to know everything about the former and almost nothing about the latter.) These are the predominant gods of secular society; we have become a neo-paganist people. And there are few holidays more important to Americans than the Super Bowl! We spend more time preparing for this day than Advent and Lent combined.

We Americans have become an interesting group that spends 6 days a week demonizing a minority, labeled, "*The 1%*". Yet, on the 7th day, we celebrate en masse and adorn the jersey of our favorite demigod, who more accurately belongs in a group of ".1%". We even arrange our priorities and change our church plans, just to schedule time to see them play.

Rome had their chariot races and gladiator games. America has her NASCAR and football. The notable difference for us, is that our games are Corporate instead of Government sponsored. We can so easily dismiss this all as being "just a game". But in 2,000 years, will they know us by the giant temples we filled on the Sabbath dedicated to Qualcomm and Staples? Or, will they recognize our people in how we exchanged our salaries for a branded logo to the goddess Nike?

This is a perfect opportunity for our Fraternity to remember that we are Religious people in a Secular world. We may be from this world, but certainly not of it. Personally, I love sports! Few things exhibit human potential and achievement in a better way. To this day, I get chills when I think about the 1980 Olympic Hockey Team. "*Do you believe in miracles?! YES!!*"

Events like the Super Bowl are a perfect time to cheer, celebrate and spend quality time with our friends and families. This kind of social gathering is what makes us uniquely human. However; Francis reminds us that we are an example of how poverty is a choice path towards salvation and to always remember our focus upon this aspect of Christ.... as most everything else in our Secular lives, is simply - just a game.

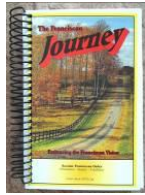
Your Most Unworthy Minister
David A. Y., ofs

Anniversaries of Profession



Feb. 6, 2011	Sandra B. (3 years)
Feb. 10, 2002	Edna P. (14 years)
Feb. 14, 1965	Carol I. (49 years)

Formation Reminders from Sandy, Formation Director



Orientation and Candidacy classes will be at Sandy's
Orientation Class: Saturday, February 8, 2014, 10:00 AM

The second of three Orientation Classes will begin with Chapter Two of "The Franciscan Journey Book," titled, "Three Orders, Structures and Discernment." We will also review Chapter One for the benefit of new additions to the Orientation class. This is an important time of discovery and discernment as applicants become aware of the Holy Spirit working in their lives.

Candidacy Class: Saturday, February 8, 2014, 1:00 PM

We will discuss Chapter Twenty-Four of "The Franciscan Journey Book," titled "The Gift of Work," Rule 16, Constitutions-Article 21.1-21.2. No matter what we are doing, "Franciscans allow the Gospel and their Rule of Life to guide their attitudes and actions," second paragraph, page 264.

Ongoing Formation for all members or our Fraternity:

We will be discussing Paragraph 4 of our Holy Rule at the February 9th General Meeting.

May we continue to pray for our newcomers and our current Candidacy Class.

God Bless,

Sandy, OFS
Director of Formation



Eileen with her best friend Daisy!

Epiphany January 2014



Did somebody say 'food,' can't wait to 'dig in.'



Mystery Person, just who is this awesome lady.



Well the digging has commenced, no 'backhoes' please.



One of our most junior members with our most senior, in age, member.



Sister and the Rev. Pastor of OMSLR enjoying the dinner.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



-Feb 2014, Dorothy J. who has had multiple biopsies for skin cancer on her face and body. Several have been found to be cancerous, She loved the sun when younger, and got too many sun burns, she says use your 'sunscreen,' and wear a wide brimmed hat when in the sunshine. Also that her general health will improve.

- Dec/Jan 2013 Barbara U. thanks you for all of your prayers, as she has had her surgery and is feeling fine.
- Dec. 2013, Anna D., for her continuing recovery at the Encinitas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- Dec 2013, Virginia V., an excused member of our fraternity, who has been unable to attend our gatherings because of almost daily migraine headaches. Requests prayers for healing.
- Aug. 2013, Dorothea H.'s brother, Edward B., who is in poor health.
- Ongoing, Our brothers and sisters who are in formation. We also need to pray that we will get some new inquirers.
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- Dec. 2013, Prayers are requested for the family of Peggy B OFS, the minister of Immaculate Conception SFO Fraternity in San Diego. Peggy's daughter, Julie B., died unexpectedly on November 5th.
- Oct. 2013, Freeda P. asks for prayers for her friend, Joe B. who is dying of cancer
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