



THE CORD

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



Santa kneeling at
the Manger

Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 A
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel ~11:15
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00
General Meeting in the Guadalupe Room from 1:00-3:00 PM

Council Meeting will follow at 3:00 -4:00 PM

Future Meetings:
September 6, 2015, Oct. 3, Transitus-4, Gen. Mtg. 2015

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
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In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*



Another Note from the Vice-Minister

Here is something we used to recite at every meeting, and should be prayed and meditated on by every member whether professed or in formation.

The Lay Franciscan's Monthly Pledge, Form I, (community) page 396 Tertiaries Companion (1961) revised 1978

We realize the importance of giving glory to God, of striving for holiness and of working for the spiritual and temporal welfare of others. We see the great value of the Lay Franciscan Way of Life to achieve these all important goals in life. Therefore, we resolve to observe the teaching and footsteps of Jesus Christ according to the spirit and rule of St. Francis.

With God's grace, we will participate as fully and as often as possible in the Mass, the Sacraments (especially Reconciliation), and the official prayer of the Church. We will spend a portion of time each day in personal prayer. And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community.

We will contribute according to our means and time and talent and possessions for the charities of our Franciscan Family. And we will uphold the dignity of every person and the worth of all creation. We will always be loyal to the Commandments of God and to the Church. We will continually try to turn closer to the Lord. And we will use what we have in a spirit of justice, moderation, and generosity.

We will be proud to display the emblem of our membership in the Lay Franciscan Order (SFO/OFS). By our actions and our speech we will set a good example and will strive to be peace-makers in our society, especially within our families and toward those who are poor, sick or disadvantaged.

This we resolve through the help of the Virgin Mary and St. Francis, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The need to pray and meditate on this was never lifted, just over time the fraternity stopped our fraternal recitation of this, along with the ending of the "Chapel," portion of our Meetings. Most of these changes came due to lack of the availability of a chapel, which we now have thanks to OMSLR making the St. Clare Chapel available for our use.



Don't remember where I got it, but just couldn't resist this beautiful picture of our Holy Father and St. Francis embracing. So beautiful.



St. Francis adoring the Infant Jesus.

Note from our Minister:

My dear penitent brothers and sisters,

Please forgive me as this month, I do not have a concise message to deliver to you. Instead, I have a number of topics that I wish to relay.

Over the past few days, several members have contacted me with suggestions for areas in which we might improve as a Fraternity. With this being the onset of Advent and the end of our calendar year, I would like to open this up to everyone, and ask - “*Ok, How Can We Improve?*” We are all brothers and sisters at the same table; each of you is co-equal to one another. You have elected a Council to meet your needs; we are here to serve the Fraternity.

So, please let us know! Feel free to submit any statements, suggestions, or requests to anyone on the Council. If you would like to do so anonymously, you can submit a piece of paper with your comments in our donation box at our next meeting.

On a separate note, you may have noticed - we’re growing! This time last year, I remember how great it was for us to have access to the Luiseño room, and what a tremendous improvement it was over our prior venues. The “Franciscan” in me felt a little spoiled! Today we have a new problem, in that our present home may not be big enough to hold an expanding fraternity like ours. This is the best kind of problem to have! So, be advised, that I am having a discussion with San Luis Rey and will keep you posted as to my progress.

In response to recent attacks in France and continued threats overseas - Please Pray. Ask God to grant our officials the wisdom to do the right thing in a way that will not bring harm to others. As for us, I pray that we - Do Not Give in to Fear. Love Never Fails.

Regrettably, I will not be able to join you at our December gathering. I have come to realize that at this point in my life, I have become a penitent man. And, there are a few things that I simply must do as part of my own walk of faith. In my absence, I would be eternally grateful, if you would take a few moments on December 5th and 6th to recite and pray over Psalms 23 and 26.

I will be praying for each of you, as well as those who are most in need, along my journey.

Your most unworthy,

**David A. Y., ofs
Minister ~ San Luis Rey**

At our Upcoming Meeting We Will Be Discussing:

- 1.) What does the Franciscan Tradition look like when Lay Franciscans take an equal role in shaping the tradition? This Question was on the last slide of Darleen P.' presentation on "Early Franciscan Women,"
- 2.) Chapter 1 of Laudato Si' and, questions 1, 2 and 4, on page 163 of the thicker book.
 - (a) Rapidification: (para 18) The idea that everything is moving along very rapidly today. Human change is happening faster than the slower speed of biological evolution. This is brought on by rapid communication, travel, and data flow.

I know that some don't wish to participate in the discussion of Laudato Si', for personal reasons and I won't require those persons to provide input in this discussion.

Let's pray for all our veterans!!!

God Bless America!!!,

Thank you Lord for watching over all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Marines.

"Let Us Pray For All Veterans Living and Deceased"



Why is our Flag Red, White and Blue?

Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, explained the significance to Congress when he presented the seal. "The colors," Thomson said at the time, "are those used in the flag of the United States of America. White signifies purity and innocence. Red, hardiness & valor, and Blue... signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice."

Anniversaries of Profession



12-10-2006 Penny J. (7 years)

Memorials



December 4, 2002
December 29, 1998

Mary P. Ryan M.
Mae C.

Birthdays



This month, we will think of the most important 'Birthday' Feast on the Church calendar, that of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25, as we have no known member birthdays this month.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



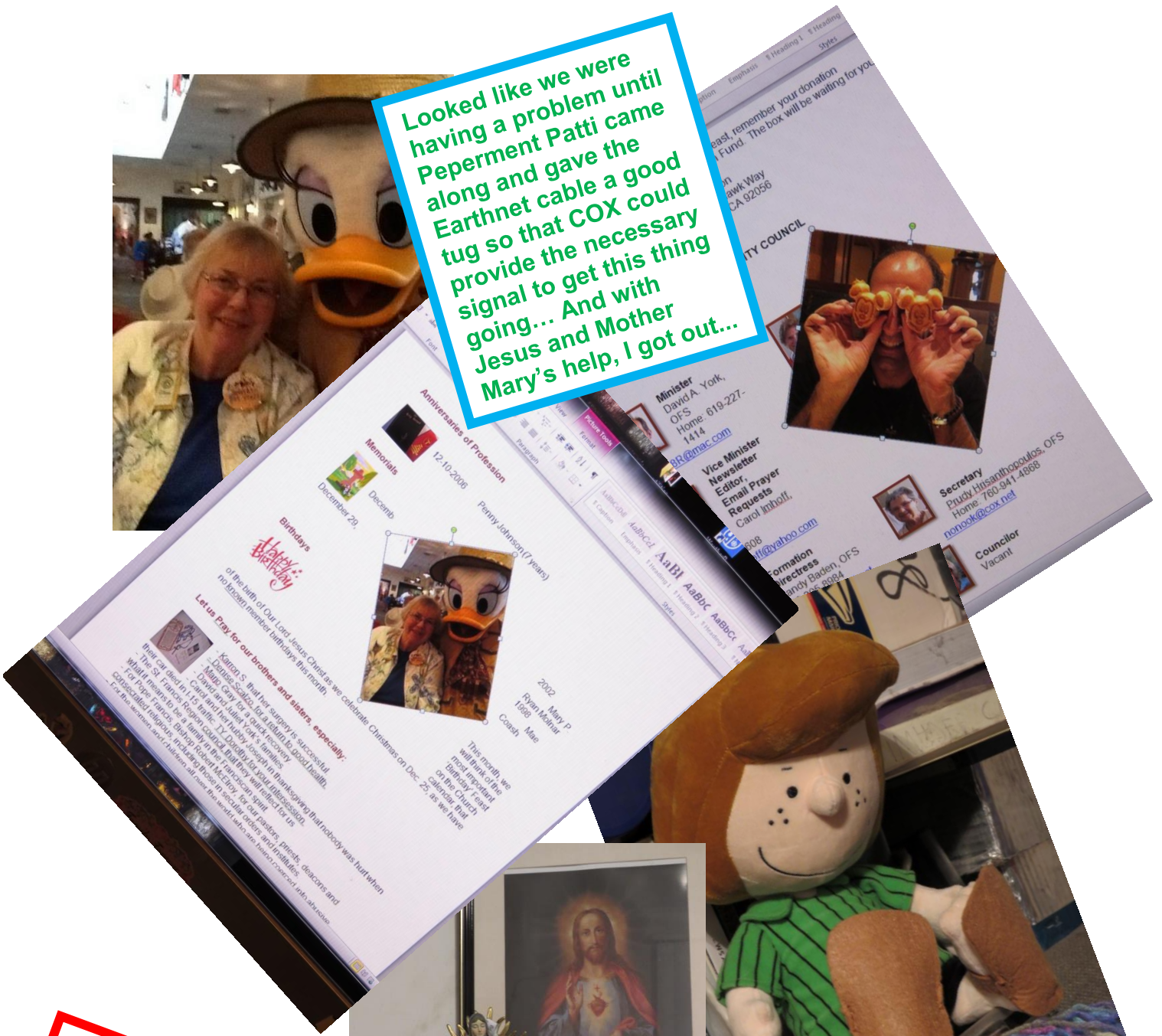
- Karron S. that her recovery will be quick.
- Denise S., for a return to good health.
- Marjo Gray for a quick recovery.
- David and Juliet Y.'s families.
- Joseph I., husband of Carol, as he is having health problems again.
- The St. Francis Region council, that they will reflect for us what it means to be a family in the Franciscan spirit.
- For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in secular orders and institutes.
- For all the victims of the terror attacks and wars all around the world.
- All others who want/need prayers but were too shy to ask.
- All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council members, our brothers and sisters who are in formation and our elderly and homebound who aren't able come to our fraternity gatherings.
- Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.

New, or missing requests, contact Carol I. OFS our Editor.

Photo/Social Page



Looked like we were having a problem until Peperment Patti came along and gave the Earthnet cable a good tug so that COX could provide the necessary signal to get this thing going... And with Jesus and Mother Mary's help, I got out...



I actually thought that I had the "Disney Virus" in my computer until Peppermint Patti showed up...





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INVITATION
To
A CHRISTMAS PARTY



**COME JOIN THE GATHERING TO
CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH AT**

SANDY'S HOME ON

DEC. 12th AT 2:00 PM. WE WILL HAVE

**HAMBURGERS and HOT DOGS provided,
Yes YOU CAN BRING WHAT YOU LIKE...
To our Franciscan family "POT LUCK."
Families, Friends, spouses...ALL ARE
WELCOME,**





Oh, last but definitely not least, remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund. The box will be waiting for you.

Or mail to: Edward

**When you want to publish something in our newsletter, please have it in to the Editor, a minimum of TWO (2) weeks before the upcoming Gathering.
Thank You**