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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey,
Oceanside, CA.
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Next Meeting June 2, 2019

Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 AM
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00 - 1250PM
General Gathering 1:00 - 2:50 PM
Council Meeting follows at approx 3:15PM

Future Meetings:

July 7, 2019 August 4, 2019 ELECTIONS September 1, 2019 October 6, 2019
These are regular monthly gatherings, All dates subject to change

A NEW FILM TITLED
"SIGN OF CONTRADICTION"
INVITES US TO REFLECT ON
THE LIFE AND CHALLENGES OF ST. FRANCIS IN THE ASSISI OF HIS TIME,
PRESENTED BY KARRON ESMONDE

Franciscan Saint for June:

Please note the attachment about St. Pascal, OFM. Pope Paul V beautified Paschal and Pope Alexander VIII canonized him in the year 1690. Pope Leo XIII in 1897 made him the patron of all Eucharistic societies and congresses. He is patron of Eucharistic Societies and congress...

Elections are coming,

We need to be praying to the Holy Spirit for Guidance, both as individuals and as a Fraternity... "Come Holy Spirit, Come" and be our guide in these upcoming elections.

Please no 'politicking,' as Franciscans don't campaign and politic, we accept the will of God... He calls, and we say "Yes Lord, Thy will be done." In less we have a valid reason to decline...

Minister's Note

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Dear brothers and sisters,

This month we gather on June 2, the Sunday when we observe the Ascension of the Lord. In the 5th century, Leo the Great preached that in His Ascension, Christ “began to be indescribably more present” to us.

Much later, in the 13th century, Francis of Assisi wrote how we are supposed to respond to that indescribable presence:

Give praise to GOD because GOD is good;
exalt the LORD by your deeds;
for this reason GOD has sent
you into the world:
that you may bear witness
to GOD's voice in word and deed
and bring everyone to know
that there is no one
who is all-powerful except GOD.

St. Francis of Assisi, *Letter to the Entire Order*

And today – how do *you* bear witness to God's voice in word and deed? Because that is indeed the reason He has sent you into the world.

May the Lord be “indescribably more present” to you this Ascension.

Donna

Image: *The Ascension of Christ* (1304-06), by Giotto (c.1267-1337).



From our vice minister

NOMINATING PROCESS FOR OUR NEW FRATERNITY COUNCIL

This is June, and it's time to start the Nominating Process for a new Fraternity Council. The election will be held at our August meeting.

(1) FILL OUT THE NOMINATION FORM

Every Professed member of the Fraternity is asked to fill out a Nomination form, and return it to the Nomination Team. (Return information is on the Form).

The Nomination Form has blank spaces beside each of the seven Offices on our Council. These offices are Minister, Vice-Minister, Director of Formation, Secretary, Treasurer, Councilor I and Councilor II.

Pray for guidance, meditate on the job of each of these offices, and then Nominate – write in the names of – the Professed Members you believe can fill each Council position.

You may nominate yourself for any of these offices if you are Professed. You may nominate as many members as you like for each office. We ask you fill in the names of at LEAST TWO professed members for each of the seven council offices.

(For an up-to-date list of Professed members, please find a new & revised copy of the Fraternity Roster emailed with this, the June CORD).

(2) SEND IN THE NOMINATION FORM

Then send your completed Nomination Form to a member of the Nomination Team.

You must send in a Nomination Form for your choices to be nominated.

The Nomination Team compiles a list of all the Professed Members nominated for each office.

The Nomination Team notifies each Nominee on their nomination for one or more office(s).

(3) ACCEPT OR DECLINE A NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Once informed they have been nominated, each nominee prays for **discernment**, and then informs the Nomination Team (by email or return mail) that they either **accept** or **decline** nomination for a particular office on the Council by the due date.

Should you be nominated for more than one Office, **discern** for each Office, and **accept** or **decline** each office by the due date. You may accept nomination for several spots on the Council, provided you serve in any capacity you accepted.

(4) THE FRATERNITY GETS A SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNCIL ELECTION

During the month of July, having heard from each of the Nominees as to whether they **accept** or **decline**, the NOMINATION TEAM compiles a list of members who accept nominations for each of the offices.

In order for us to elect a new Council, the Fraternity must have at least one Professed Member who accepts nomination for each office.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE,

Please find a new and revised copy of the Fraternity Roster (emailed with your June CORD) for a list of our Professed members.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

Here is the job description for each Office on the Fraternity Council.

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The Offices in the Fraternity, Found in Essential Documents of the SFO...© 2000

Article 51

1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the council to animate and guide the fraternity, the minister, as the primary person responsible for the fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the council are put into practice and will keep the council informed about what he or she is doing.
2. The **minister** also has the following duties:
 - a. to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the fraternity and council; to convoke, every three years, the elective chapter of the fraternity, having heard the council on the formalities of the convocation;
 - b. to prepare the annual report to be sent to the council of the higher level after it has been approved by the council of the fraternity;
 - c. to represent the fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When the fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
 - d. to request, with the consent of the council, the pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
 - e. to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence.

Article 52

1. The **vice-minister** has the following duties:

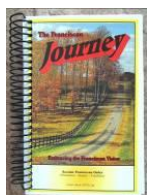
- a. to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
 - b. to exercise the functions entrusted by the council and/or by the assembly or chapter;
 - c. to take the place of the minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;
 - d. to assume the functions of the minister when the office remains vacant.¹
2. The **secretary** has the following duties:
- a. to compile the official acts of the fraternity and of the council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;
 - b. to see to the updating and preservation of the records and the registers, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity;²
 - c. to provide for the communication of the more important facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to provide for their dissemination through the mass media.
- NOTE:** Newsletter editor is **NOT** a part of the secretaries job. (Editor)
3. The **master or director of formation** has the following duties:
- a. to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the council, the formative activities of the fraternity;
 - b. to instruct and enliven the inquirers during the time of initiation, the candidates during the period of initiation formation, and the newly professed;
 - c. to inform the council of the fraternity prior to profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.
4. The **treasurer**, or bursar, has the following duties:
- a. to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the one from whom it was collected;
 - b. to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the fraternity council;
 - c. to render an account of his or her administration to the assembly and to the council of the fraternity according to the norms of the national statutes.
5. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the vice-minister, the secretary and the treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, to all levels.

In addition San Luis Rey Fraternity has anywhere between 2 and 4 councilors that perform various duties such as Cord Editor, Webmaster, infirmerian ... or other positions where their presence at the Council meeting is necessary. These persons are either elected or appointed as necessary. Generally a minimum of 2 are elceted during the Chapter of Elections. (Editor)

¹ See *Constitutions* 81,1.

² Each local fraternity is to have at least a register of enrollments (admissions, professions, transfers, deaths, and every other important annotation relative to the individual members), the register of minutes of the council and the register of administration.

Formation reminders from Sandy Baden, Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, Please call Sandy for more information

God Bless,
Sandy Baden, OFS
Director of Formation

Anniversaries of Profession



Jun. 06, 2004
Jun. 14, 1990
Jun. 21, 1991
Jun. 25, 1978

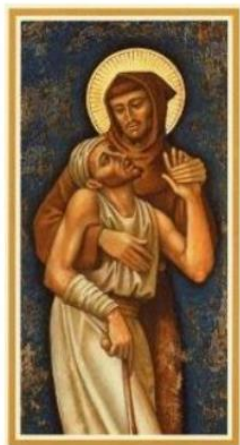
Donna Foley
Prudence Hrisanthopoulos
Karron Esmonde
Eileen Costa

Memorials



June 1, 2000
June 2, 1997
June 8, 2009
June 14, 2000
June 18, 2017
June 28, 1964

Raphael Brown
Ruth Gallagher
Betty Lou Carson
Beverly Raphael Brown
Anna M. Day
Edna May Knox



Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:

- ❖ For the safety of Donna our Minister in all her journeys and endeavors.
- ❖ For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, and all Bishops.
- ❖ For our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, and lay orders.
- ❖ For the victims of war and terrorism throughout the world.
- ❖ For all of our brothers and sisters served by our fraternity's home outreach.
- ❖ For our Fraternity members, our council, in formation, and homebound.
- ❖ Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayer.

Holy Gospel for Ascension Sunday... Cycle "C"

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage

and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



Many Happy Faces!!! Congratulations!!!

Congrats to newly Professed SFO's



SLR members present... How many do you recognize?



The Newly Professed with their Ministers.



May the Lord Bless the newly Professed...



Our newly Professed Secular Franciscans... God Bless Them now and forever.

Thank You Tuan for the beautiful images...



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

Or mail to: Eileen Costa

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Donna Foley, OFS



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