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



Coming Meeting
SUNDAY January 5, 2014

Mission's quadrangle.
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Future Meetings:

February 2, 2014, March 2, 2014, April 6, 2014

Christmas Gospel Reading

From the Holy Gospel of St. John, Chapter 1: verses 1-18 NAB

- (1) In the beginning^{*} was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- (2) He was in the beginning with God.
- (3) All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;
- (5) the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- (6) A man named John was sent from God.
- (7) He came for testimony,^{*} to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
- (8) He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.
- (9) The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- (10) He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.
- (11) He came to what was his own, but his own people^{*} did not accept him.
- (12) But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name,
- (13) who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.
- (14) And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- (15) John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"
- (16) From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace,
- (17) because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

(18) No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and HOLY New Year!

A few words from our minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this message finds you full of joy. I write to you during the 2nd week of Advent, a time of waiting in hope for the coming of our Lord. The title of "Secular Franciscan" is something that I greatly cherish. For it reminds me that I am a Religious Man in a Secular World. The few weeks leading up to Christmas invariably bring this to mind more than any other time of the year. The world around us seems to celebrate the birth of an Anointed Child into a Manger a bit differently than we choose to do so as Franciscan Penitents.

However; as Fr. Guinan reminded us, Advent is a time of looking forward to the future! The Council will be looking to expand our area of influence in to 2014 and beyond. First, with our individual formation. Second, as we build community. Finally, as we take our Gospel Lives as a community out in to the world.

We need your input. Please answer the following 2 questions and submit them to any member of the Council; in writing, email, or by phone. (If you require to be anonymous, simply submit your responses in to the donation box at the next gathering.)

- 1) *How can the Council improve? What can we do better for the Fraternity?*
- 2) *How can you improve? What can you do to better support the Fraternity?*

The questions are intentionally left 'open', as we simply seek your unfettered feedback. We request each of you to take a moment to discern and reply back to us.

Please don't forget your sock donations for Br. Benno's kitchen.

May our Divine Master grant us all Peace this Christmas and New Year.

Your most unworthy,
David Y, OFS

Anniversaries of Profession



I have no records of professions in January, so let's take a few minutes to remember our own profession with some thought as to how we are following our Holy Founder Francis.

Memorials



Jan 26, 2004
Jan 31, 1972

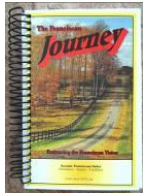
Armando Q.
Raymond L.

Birthdays



Jan 14 Dorothea H.
Jan 19 Sr. Madeline F., OSC
Jan 21 Roger A.
Jan 23 Dorothy J. (94th)

Formation Reminders from Sandy, Formation Director



Next Candidacy Class will be, January 4, 2014, 1:00 PM

General Meeting Jan 5, 2014

Candidacy:

Our December class gave us an understanding of building a more fraternal and evangelical world. On Saturday, January 4th we will engage in dialogue with Chapter twenty-three, Justice and Franciscan Life, Rule 15, Constitutions-article 21.1-22.3. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

To All:

Invite someone you know that might have a calling to the Franciscan Way at our next General Meeting or our Epiphany Party. Orientation classes will start January 4, 2014, 10:00 AM at Sandy's home.

A verse which had been added at a later time, by St. Francis, to the Canticle of the Sun:

Be praised, Lord, for those who forgive for love of you,
and bear trials and tribulations.
Happy are they who persevere in peace,
by you, Most High, shall they be crowned.

God Bless,

Sandy, OFS
Director of Formation

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- Jan 2014 Freeda P. has been diagnosed with breast cancer with some lymph node involvement. Let us pray for Freeda as she grapples with a decision about treatment options. She's been down this road before in caring for her husband before his death, as well as the realization of cancer frequency in her immediate family.
 - Dec/Jan 2013 Barbara U. will be having surgery, and asks prayers for a successful operation and a quick recovery.
 - Dec. 2013, Anna D., for her continuing recovery at the Encinitas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
 - 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 Becket who is dying of cancer
 - 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.
 - Bob P., whose chronic leukemia has come back with a vengeance.
 - Ongoing, All of our Fraternity members, especially the elderly and homebound who can't come to our fraternity gatherings.
- The dates before each entry indicate when the request was first entered into our newsletter.

Remember to pray for your Pastor, and all of our priests, deacons and religious.
Link to the NAB Bible from the USCCB <http://www.usccb.org/bible>

San Luis Rey Fraternity
cordially invites you to join us for our

Epiphany Meal and Party

Sunday, January 5, 2014,
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

in the Retreat Center Refreshment Lounge
at Old Mission San Luis Rey
4050 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA

There will not be a council or general meeting on January 5th. We are gathering with our guests to get to know each other as sisters and brothers in St. Francis and to share in the joy of the Incarnation of the God who became man for our sakes.

For those who wish to bring a pair of socks for the Brother Benno Center in Oceanside, there will be a box available.