



Footsteps

June 2011

CALENDAR

- Jun 2 Ascension of the Lord
- Jun 12 Pentecost & Fraternity Meeting
- Jun 13 Anthony of Ppadua
- Jun 22 Thomas More, SFO
- Jun 30 Raymond Lull, SFO
- Jul 1 Junipero Serra
- Jul 15 Bonaventure
- Jul 16 Canonization of Francis of Assisi
- Jul 17 NO MEETING
- Aug 2 Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula
- Aug 6 The Transfiguration
- Aug 11 Clare of Assisi
- Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 21 Fraternity Meeting & Summer Potluck Party



Fraternity Council

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| Minister | Rosemary Apodaca |
| Vice Minister | Carol Greenwald |
| Secretary | Melva Simmons |
| Treasurer | Anne Peloquin |
| Formation Dir. | Brian Simmons |
| Councilor | Vacant |
| Spiritual Assist. | Sr. Dolores Fenzel |

THANK YOU 2008-2011 FRATERNITY COUNCIL



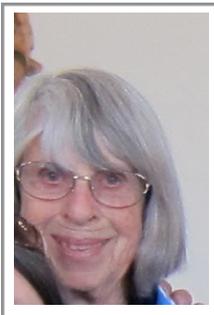
Maribeth Lambert
Minister



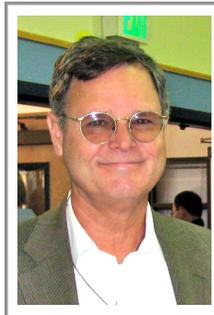
Rosemary Apodaca
Vice Minister



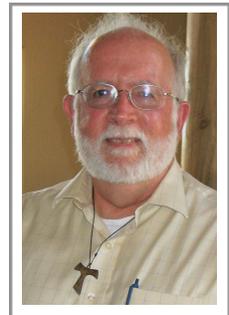
Barbara Muck
Secretary



Alice Sousa
Treasurer



David Lansford
Formation Director



Brian Simmons
Councilor



Cecelia Oshanick
Vice Minister 2008-2010



Thank you dear sisters and brothers
for your dedicated service to our fraternity.

Birthdays

Jun 1 Betty Riedinger
 Jun 16 Mikell Williams
 Jun 13 Genevieve Edwards
 Jun 27 Lita Hebert
 July Calvin Stafford
 July Geraldine Windt
 Jul 28 Ruby King
 Aug Pauline Bigby
 Aug 2 Maribeth Lambert
 Aug 18 Ed Sweeney



Meet our newest candidate in formation
 "Peanut"

Professions

Jun 16 Mikell Williams
 Jul 17 Josi Baraclay
 Jul 17 Jennie Seagraves
 Jul 18 Dee Ferris

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FRATERNITY COUNCIL



Anne Peloquin Treasurer
 Rosemary Apodaca Minister
 Melva Simmons Secretary
 Brian Simmons Formation Dir.
 Carol Greenwald Vice-Minister

During our May Fraternity meeting, Junipero Serra of Carmel Fraternity "celebrated" its Chapter of Elections. Following the determination of a quorum, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, and a reading from Sacred Scripture, voting commenced. With the help of Betty Leaver and Anne La Forge, ballots were tallied and the results announced. Our council members for 2011 through 2014 are:

- Rosemary Apodaca, Minister
- Carol Greenwald, Vice Minister
- Melva Simmons, Secretary
- Anne Peloquin, Treasurer
- Brian Simmons, Formation Director

Although Anne Peloquin was ill and unable to attend the meeting, she was unanimously elected and accepted her position via telephone.

We offer a special thank you to Diane Creedon and Rose Mullinix for their help in presiding over and witnessing the election.

Let us all keep the new council in our prayers so that, guided by the Holy Spirit, they will capture the spirit of Francis and Clare, and fulfill their roles as servant leaders for our fraternity.



Rose Mullinix Diane Creedon

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Paz & Bien

I want to start by thanking Maribeth and everyone in the fraternity for giving me the opportunity to serve. I have watched the SFO's work, serve and laugh for as long as I can remember. It was always a treat for me when the fraternity met up at the old house. I always imaged that someday I would also be in "those" meetings, laughing, praying and doing who knows what else--I never really knew what went on during the meetings.

It's such a blessing to be a Secular Franciscan. Together with the rest of the council, I hope to carry on the wonderful traditions of our fraternity. Of course, you are all invited to sit in on the council's meetings or to share your ideas with us. We all have much to learn.

In the coming months we will be busy meeting with Regional Fraternity members to clarify our roles as host to the annual NAFRA Chapter next October. Please continue to keep us in your prayers so that we may lead with peace, love and humility. I want to thank you all for your support and love, and I pray that I, along with all our new council members, will serve all of you and God with all our hearts.

Rosemary Apodaca, SFO



FORMATION FORUM

Welcome to the first "Formation Forum." The Council envisions this as a regular column in each issue of our fraternity newsletter. Among other things, what I plan to do is to present a preview of what we will be discussing in the following month's ongoing formation discussion, including the sections from the Rule and Constitution and the discussion questions. That way you will have a few weeks to read the materials and ponder the questions ahead of time, which should lead to deeper and more lively conversations. Since we are about to take our summer break, you'll find that information in the August issue of *Footsteps* for the September meeting.

I am also thinking this would be a good space for a Q&A feature. If you have any questions about Franciscan history, Franciscan spirituality, the SFO, or the other branches of the Franciscan family, feel free to send them my way. I don't pretend for a minute that I will know all the answers, but we do have a lot of Franciscan materials (and I am pretty good at Google too), so I will do my best to find the answers. If the questions have general appeal, I will add them to monthly column.

Thanks to all of you for the humbling confidence you placed in me by electing me to serve as the Formation Director for the next three years. I hope to prove worthy of that confidence. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have feedback about anything we're doing in formation (constructive criticism is especially welcomed) and/or if you have suggestions for additional things you'd like to see us do.

Paz y bien, Brian

DID YOU KNOW?

What all these famous people had in common?

- All popes from Pius IX to John XXIII
- Joan of Arc
- Dante
- Christopher Columbus
- Franz Liszt
- Louis Pasteur
- St. Theresa of the Little Flower's parents

ANSWER: *They were all Secular Franciscans*

AROUND THE FRATERNITY

BISHOP GARCIA SELECTS ONE OF OUR OWN

I felt very honored and in awe for being one of the chosen twenty-three who will represent us all on the new Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Monterey. The Diocesan Pastoral Council will serve and advise our Bishop, The Most Rev. Richard Garcia.

Names were submitted by diocesan parish priests at the Convocation of Priests held during the latter part of 2010, and a Day of Discernment for the nominees was held at Madonna Del Sasso Parish on January 15, 2011.

The purpose of this discernment was to allow those of us nominated to learn about the duties of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, to talk with one another, and to reflect as to whether this was an experience that God was calling each of us to do.

On April 18, 2011, during the Chrism Mass at Madonna del Sasso Church, the newly selected Diocesan Pastoral Council was presented to the faithful and blessed by Bishop Garcia.

The Council "Select" will continue in training before our first Pastoral Council meeting with Bishop Garcia. This new journey begins for me and the others very soon--God willing.

Barbara Muck, SFO

FRATERNITY SUMMER POTLUCK PARTY and Planning for the October 2011 NAFRA Chapter

Lets
party!

August 21, 2011
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Francis Retreat



A time for FUN, FRIENDS and FRATERNITY
Bring your favorite dish to share.
No signups. Let's surprise ourselves!



FRANCISCANS IN ACTION



JUSTICE

Franciscan Action Network Offers Training



The Franciscan Action Network (FAN) will offer its national training on integrating powerful action for justice with Franciscan spirituality. The program at the St. Francis Capuchin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin begins Tuesday, July 26 at 9 a.m. and finishes on Wednesday, July 27 at noon.

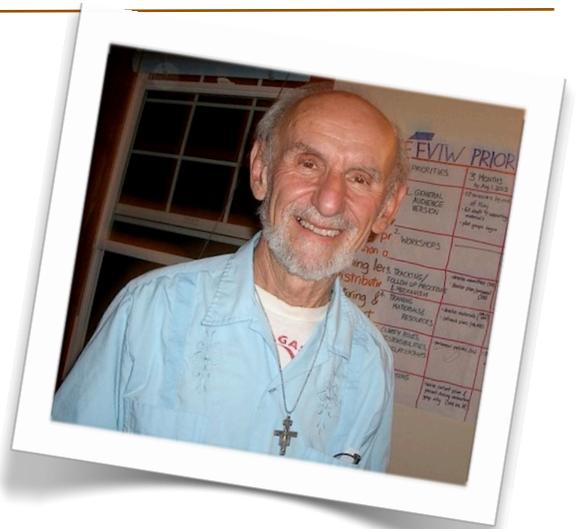
Participants will wrestle with what it takes to create systemic change and will increase their ability to build and lead teams to achieve this change. The training infuses a deep spirituality with effective community organizing methods that have been honed over decades. The cost for the training is \$60, which includes lunch and dinner on Tuesday. (Accommodations are not included.)



PEACE

Welcomed Home Friar Louis Vitale

Franciscan peacemaker and Pace e Bene co-founder, Fr. Louis Vitale was recently released from prison after serving a six-month sentence for engaging in nonviolent action for peace last November at the School of the Americas in Georgia. He was released just days before his 79th Birthday on June 1.



INTEGRITY OF CREATION

The Safe Chemicals Act of 2011 Needs Your Support

Now is the time to be agents of change by asking your Senators to support policy for safe chemicals. Our commitment to chemical policy reform reflects the Franciscan values of care for creation, the dignity of the human person, a consistent ethic of life, and respect for the poor and vulnerable.

The Safe Chemicals Act of 2011 (S. 847) would do the following:

- 1) Require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify chemicals known to be toxic and to enforce their removal from products on the market.
- 2) Require new chemicals to be tested for safety before they reach the market.

You can send an email through Franciscan Action Network's "Action Alert" (franciscanaction.org). Or, you can call Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer at the Capitol Switchboard (1-888-784+0527)

--Franciscan Action Network

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Spirit of God; grant us
the power to be gentle,
the strength to be forgiving,
the patience to be understanding, and
the endurance to accept the consequences
of holding on to what is right.

Come Spirit of God; help us to
put our trust in the power of good to
overcome evil, and the power of love
to overcome hatred.

Come Spirit of God; enlighten us
with the vision to see and the faith to believe
in a world free from violence,
with a new world where fear will no longer lead us to commit
injustices, nor selfishness cause us to bring suffering to others.

Come Spirit of Wisdom and Love.
Source of all good, teach us your truth and guide our action in your
way of peace.

