

November 1980

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER & CORPORATION MEETINGS

Elections: Novice Directors: Ken Cox and Glen-Ann Jicha
Secretary: Helen Webb
To Profession: Dorothy Clayburg

Kale King, Corporation President & Treasurer
Ken Cox: Ass't. Guardian, and Corporation Vice President
Dee Dobson & Marie Webner, Corp. members at large

Appointments: Fellowship Coordinator: Roberta Beisel
New Member of Chapter: Deane Kennedy

Ratified: Provincial's Visitors: Brothers John George and Norman Paul

Newsletter change: There will be two publications:

"Franciscan Times" - a magazine, two or three times a year
"Information Sheet" - short reminders, several times a year

Kale King, incoming Guardian, said that the Third Order is somewhat like a child: "First we walk, then we talk". We need to learn more skill in communicating.

John Scott, as outgoing Guardian, reminded us of our commitment to the NFCC (National Franciscan Communications Committee) which represents both Roman Catholic and Episcopal Franciscans.

Gooch (Robert) Goode has given permission for 32 tertiaries to be professed during the past year, and 20 to be noviced. He asked for an increased allowance for secretarial help.

Norman Crosbie, Provincial Minister, spoke of the five Houses of the First Order: Little Portion, Perry Street in New York City, Trinidad, San Damiano in San Francisco, and the Bishop's Ranch in California. The Friars are in the process of adjusting between full-time monastic life in a friary and going out to do secular jobs to earn money. He notes that many Friars do not really know the Third Order. He hopes to be able to travel more by car.

Norman Paul suggests that more stress be made on attendance at Fellowship meetings; and so far he does not know what a Third Order vocation is.

John George has visited four fellowships and come to know most of their members; he plans visits to Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Toronto and Chicago, hoping also to get to Lexington, Atlanta and Miami. He would appreciate hearing what people might like him to do when he visits.

In Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados, Br. Dunstan reports 14 tertiaries, 11 in Guyana, and 3 in Colombia, South America. Of them, 3 are professed and one is about to be.

The Catrons have moved from Mexico to Florida, so there is just one postulant left in Mexico.

Ken Cox, Novice Director has had 79 people under his care as aspirants, postulants and novices, with the help of 19 counselors. Muriel Adey outgoing Novice Director, presented a chart of 72 aspirants, postulants and novices, with 23 counselors. Muriel asked not to be re-elected as Novice Director.

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Coming Meetings:

May 29-June 4, 1981. "The Gospel Now" interprovincial conference at the Hilfield Friary, England. Our representatives: Kale King and Dee Dobson; Muriel Adey, alternate.

Nov. 9 or 10, and Nov. 11, 1981. next Chapter meeting, Seattle.

Nov. 11-15 Convocation at Seattle. Everyone invited.

Franciscan Conference on the Spiritual Life - nice to have some time
Regional meetings - depends on circumstances

Study Material - for postulants and novices: being revised; chairman

Fr. George Metcalf. Send him comments or suggestions. For professed: we would like to have some; Gooch has some in mind.

Statutes Several changes were made, especially to reflect the role of the Visitors as liaisons rather than being in authority. The Guardian-elect will not take office in the future until the Chapter meeting following his election. Kale found it extremely difficult to work before meeting with Chapter members.

Necrology Professed tertiaries who have died since July 1979: Herbery Conley, Dinorah Atkinson, Edward Jordan, and Alice Coey.

Messages

Sister Mary Catherine, of the Poor Clares, who lives at the Ranch now, spoke to us about the history of the Poor Clares in the United States. There is a ministry of prayer (and hard work!).

Sister Cecilia, of the Community of St. Francis, with headquarters in San Francisco, said their main purpose is to be a training house for CSF; but they are available for retreats, missions, talks, etc. They also welcome requests for prayer. The CSF Sisters earn some income by part-time jobs.

Thank You's were given to Muriel Adey for her outstanding work as a Novice Director; to Ruth Groves for taking care of the mailing of the Franciscan Times, to Peg Shall the editor; to Sister Mary Catherine, Sister Cecilia and Norman Crosbie, Norman Paul for being with us; to Gretchen Good-Pankratz, who mails out the novice letters and report forms to counselors; to John Scott for his years as Guardian and continuing help.

Financial Statement of September 1980: receipts \$14,139.85, expenses \$8,475.68, budget for year \$16,800. We expect the receipts to exceed the budget by the end of the year, and smaller expenses than budgeted.

Additional Expenditures authorized by Chapter

\$2,000 toward a car for Br. Norman Crosbie, Provincial Minister
500 Concept House, Miami
500 St. Philip's Mission (to the Indians), northern Canada

It was requested that next year, people gather information about worthy causes well before the Chapter/Corporation meeting.

GLEANINGS FROM NOVEMBER FIRST ORDER NEWSLETTER

Personnel: Edward Thompson withdrew from novitiate. Thomas Bernard transferred to Perry Street House Dec. 27. Norman Crosbie schedule: November-West Coast, December - East January - West Coast. Br. Geoffrey, Minister General: Dec. 8 Little Portion, Jan. 12 Trinidad, Feb. 18 San Damiano, Calif., Apr. Hong Kong, Singapore, India. Apr. 28, Bournemouth, England.

From Auckland. Leo Anthony is the new Guardian of the Friary. The Friary is to be a training house for new vocations from New Zealand. They ask for suggestions of ways to serve the Church in New Zealand.

From CSF, European Province: The 1980 Chapter voted that each Sister would be supplied with a copy of the new Office book. There is to be a Practical Conference on Counseling.

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From the First Order, European Province:

On August 8, 1980, Br. Angelo's mother, Mrs. Laura Deacon, died. In September, Geoffrey was sick with Hepatitis. "Encounter and Exchange", the magazine of the Communities Consultative Council, is strongly recommended for subscription; contact Sister Eileen Mary, SLG, Bede House, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent, TN 12, OHQ. In conjunction with the new edition of the Daily Office (SSF and CSF) there is a revised Calendar.

Budget for 1981, Third Order, American Province, Society of St. Francis

Receipts

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| Fledges | \$16,500 | |
| Gifts | 3,000 | |
| Prior Year | 775 | |
| Reserve | 2,725 | \$23,000 |

Expenses

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| Secretary | \$ 800 | |
| Guardian | 1,000 | |
| Guardian's | | |
| Disc. Fund | 750 | |
| Visitors | 2,000 | |
| Chaplain | 2,000 | |
| Area Chaplains | 300 | |
| Nov. Directors | 300 | |
| Counselors | 250 | |
| Fellow. Coordinator | 250 | |
| Pursar | 300 | |
| Chapter | 6,000 | |
| Standing Comm. | 250 | |
| Non-Franc. Ministry | 500 | |
| NFCC | 400 | |
| Franciscan Times | 750 | |
| Newsletter | 200 | |
| Printing | 2,000 | |
| Stationery | 250 | |
| Counselors training | 500 | |
| Convocation | 3,000 | |
| Interprov. Chapter | 3,000 | |
| Contingencies | 200 | \$24,300 |

Transfers

Tertiaries professed at the Ranch, October 31, 1980

Frances Coulter, Anne Dresskell, Machrina Johnson, Robert Moore, Carole Watson.

A new edition of the Statutes is being prepared. If you would like a copy, write to Helen Webb.