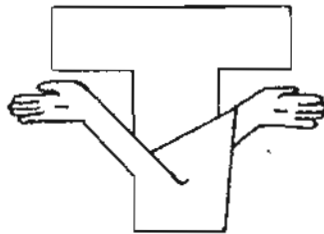


Information Sheet

August 1983



THIRD ORDER CHAPTER

Newly elected members of Chapter are: Gretchen Good-Pankratz, Kale King, Dorothy Nakatsuji, David Nard, Terry Rogers, Masud Syedullah, and Alden Whitney. The ex officio members continue. Included with this Information Sheet is the complete Chapter mailing list. The members are anxious to hear from you with any comments or suggestions.

The Annual Chapter Meeting is November 9-11. Now is the time to send agenda items to the Secretary (Helen Webb, 4008 Buckingham Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207) or to the Guardian (Dee Dobson, 4001 S.W. 5 Terrace, Miami, FL 33134). What are your concerns?

Remember, each year there is an item in the budget for our outreach to a non-Franciscan ministry. If you know of a worthwhile project, please send detailed information to Helen or Dee. At the Chapter meeting, a committee will consider the possibilities and recommend where the money should go.

DATES

- Sep. 9-11 Northeast Conference, Ossining, NY. Registrations: Bob Teudesman at Little Portion Friary, Box 399, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766
- Sep. 30-Oct. 2 Southeast Conference, Augusta, GA. Chairman David Nard. David's new address: 17-H Ascension Drive, Asheville, NC 28806
- Oct. 4 The Feast of St. Francis (How will you celebrate it?)
- Oct. 8 Franciscan Get Together, of First and Third Order, San Francisco
- Nov. 9-11 Chapter Annual Meeting, Little Portion Friary
(Members, think early for best airline rates.)

PERSONAL

- ROBERT HASSERIES - professed 1/13/83
- GRACIELA ALVAREZ Y FUENTES - professed 1/23/83
- EDEAN IWANAGA - professed 5/13/83
- JO-ANN BRANAN - died 6/1/83
- WILLIAM ROBERTS has been appointed by Bishop Protector Paul Moore as his designee to the SSF Board of Directors.
- MRS. KEN (PAT) COX - prayers for healing
- BEVERLY HOSEA - graduation from CDSP
- MICHAEL MUNRO - graduation from CDSP, ordination to diaconate and..
- MACHIRINA BLASDELL - engaged to Michael Munro

FINANCES, June 1983

Income	6527.24	first quarter
	5790.97	second quarter
	<u>3010.92</u>	balance from 1982
	15329.13	

Expense	6072.39	first quarter
	4757.15	second quarter
	<u>3000.00</u>	6-mo. C.D.
	13829.54	

6/30/83 balance in checking account 1499.61

Are you doing your part in the financial support of the Third Order. Checks, made out to Third Order, Society of St. Francis, should be sent to Carole J. Watson, 962 W. Acadia Drive, Tucson, AZ 85706

CALIFORNIA GET TOGETHER

"The Franciscan Brothers and Sisters of the First and Third Orders invite all our associates and friends to join us to renew acquaintances and share in worship." The time is October 8th from 3:30 to 8 p.m., with a 4 p.m. Eucharist followed by a potluck supper. The place is Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, 455 Fair Oaks, San Francisco. For more information, call 824-0288. (from "The Canticle", the newsletter of the Community of St. Francis, 3743 Army Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. Are you on their mailing list?)

OTHER DATES

New York Fellowship - Thu., Aug. 18, 6 p.m. Eucharist at St. Bartholomew's Church; Br. William Lash, guest
Long Island Fellowship - Aug. 20, possible afternoon meeting - ask Bob Teudesman 363-2975. Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Eucharist, Fellowship meeting, and renewal of vows; at St. James' Church, Brookhaven.

SPECIAL NOTE

In the May Message from Hat Rock Valley Retreat Center (P.O. Box 5, Monument Valley, Utah 84536), Joan - recent widow of tertiary Fr. H. Baxter Liebler - says she and Br. Juniper (formerly TSF) have decided to pool their resources and look for another place to live. However, since they were not salaried church workers (nor was Fr. Liebler), finances are very difficult. They have depended mainly on contributions; now, they are needed more than ever. Donations to the Retreat Center (& their support) are tax deductible.

Available from Franciscan Herald Press, 1434 W. 51st Street, Chicago, IL 60609

"I, a Sinner", by Fray Jose Mojica, OFM., opera and film star, joined Franciscan Order in Peru and ordained a priest. A book rich in wisdom and interest.

"Franciscan Prayer Life," by Ronald Mrozinski, OFM, Conv., about Franciscan houses of prayer

"Francis & Clare", the complete works, one volume, ed. Armstrong and Brady. cloth \$11.95, paper \$7.95

"The words of Francis," an anthology by Meyer, ed. Habig. paper \$6

SOUTH PACIFIC

Australian Province 3rd Order

Chapter met March 5, 1983 at the Brookfield Friary. It was agreed that Papua New Guinea and Melanesia may become the Pacific Islands Region of the Third Order as part of the Province of Australia and P.N.G.

A printed card was distributed, from the Friary, with a special prayer to be used on Fridays for vocations to Religious Orders. There is an intercession list, with names of tertiaries divided among 30 days. The home of Betty Hay, a Chapter member, had recently been destroyed by a bush fire, and Chapter collected a donation to send her.

In 1982 their T.O. General Conference and Chapter brought together the largest gathering of tertiaries and their families, for the first time in Australia. The next is planned for 1985.

Although 19 novice counselors are listed in their directory, the Chapter Minutes have an interesting statement: "Senior Novice Counsellors have not yet been appointed. As the right persons do not appear to be available at present, it was decided to leave it in abeyance." Br. Alan Barnabas, SSF is Chaplain, and the Ven. Thory Bonsey is Assistant Chaplain. Their present Chapter goes out of office in September and they are having an election. The Chapter has 7 ex officio and 4 elected members. The total number of postulants, noviced and professed is 144 Australia, 8 Papua New Guinea.

New Zealand, excerpts from the May newsletter

"The Garden of My Heart"

I searched within the garden of my heart for my Lord, and entered in through the wicket gate where the fragrance of lilies filled the air, and then passed by the Roses of Love but did not find Him there, although both spoke of Him. Then I came to the fountain of life which welled up, displaying many colors as it tumbled down to water the garden. It seemed one must seek the Source itself. Then my eye saw a little path that led to a neglected part of the garden. Here grew the thickets and thorn bushes of self pride and self love; only when the path was cleared did I come to the deep well of my being, and seemed to hear Him say, "It is here that I have been waiting for you to find me"; two hearts beat as one, for the Sacred Heart of Jesus had gathered mine into His; His Love Light shone through the tears of my contrition to form a Rainbow of hope.

- thoughts of a Nelson tertiary

The newly elected Guardian, Dorothy Ridley, made an extended journey to visit as many tertiaries as possible, within two weeks. She says "there is a growing need. As the novices and postulants come to grips with their vocation, and

New Zealand, continued

when in their loneliness they look to the Sisters and Brothers for love, companionship and understanding on the way - we must be there for them. In no way should we be so involved in this and that (in which of course we are properly committed) that there is no time left to take the hand of the younger ones in our family - that is surely part of our commitment." (How are we doing with this?)

Questionnaires were sent to isolated tertiaries asking their suggestions about the problem of isolation. Replies were: visits from tertiaries when they travel, meetings, newsletter or round-robin letter, poster for recruitment, R.C. Secular Franciscan contacts.

What do the local groups do at their meetings? Eucharist, meals, study time, discussion, fellowship. Office, Day of Penitence, renewals, plan retreats, raise money, plan music and drama weekend.

MINISTER GENERAL

Excerpts from June 1983 newsletter

Br. Geoffrey began by visiting the American Province January 10th (and was relieved not to have very much snow!).

Little Portion Friary - 2 professed brothers, 1 novice, 1 postulant. Friars take outside engagements, a prison ministry, do writing, preaching, mission work, edit "The Little Chronicle". The guest house is looked after by a tertiary and his helper.

The Poor Clares - a time of experiment, taking part in charismatic renewal and meetings with other religious. The Poor Clare community includes some called to strict enclosure and some to a less strict enclosure.

St. Anthony's Friary - Trinidad - Moved to Princes Town. Br. Desmond is Rector of St. Stephen's Church, and the Friars live in the rectory, assist in the parish, as well as other ministries and parishes. Br. John Rohim is studying for the ordained ministry at Codrington College, Barbados. A pressing need is for a permanent friary home.

Minneapolis Br. Lawrence cooks at a halfway house, Br. David Burgdorf counsels alcoholics, Br. Mark Charles was working in Alcoholism, Br. Chad cares for house-bound people. All this earns support for living in an apartment; but they need more space.

San Francisco. The San Damiano Friary is the place of the novice training program, including some classes with C.S.F. novices, too. Three days a week are for wage earning. Br. Dominic, professed, continues his nursing study. Br. Derek is Novicemaster. Br. Leo is "anchor" and home maker. Br. Antonio's ministry is with Japanese people in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

C.S.F. Sisters have 2 novices, and various ministries. Sr. Cecilia is a Visitor to the Third Order.

Bishop's Ranch Brothers plan to move to other ministries: Mark Francis to San Damiano and the novice training program; Philip Leonard to become Provincial Secretary; Donald Sullivan to study at General Seminary; Rodney and Lee to live with Donald; John George to a new work in Brooklyn.