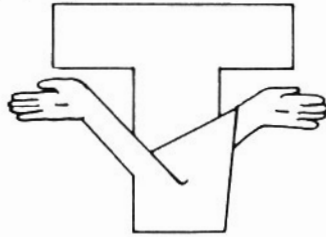


Information Sheet

February 1984



PROFESSIONS

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| Edward Medina, Jr. | October 4, 1983 |
| Ewan Alexander Macpherson | November 3, 1983 |
| Drew Perry | November 6, 1983 |
| Katherine Palmer | November 20, 1983 |
| Stephen Jay Waller (Rev.) | November 30, 1983 |
| Sally Dohoney Waller (Mrs. Stephen) | November 30, 1983 |
| Milan Schmidt | December 1, 1983 |
| Harold Reese Gillespie, Jr. | December 4, 1983 |
| Ann T. Walton | December 22, 1983 |

ORDINATIONS

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| Alden Whitney (Priest) | January 8, 1984 |
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DEATHS

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| William L. Carr | November 19, 1983 |
| Br Mark Charles, S.S.F. | January 23, 1984 |

From the newsletter of the First Order of the S.S.F. of the American Province:

"Brother Mark Charles (aged 39 - born: April 28, 1944) died January 23rd of a pulmonary gastric by-pass surgery. Up to that point all indications were that it had been entirely successful, and Mark was very hopeful for the future and in good spirits.

The funeral took place at the Cathedral in Minneapolis on Friday, January 27th, and many of his friends and fellow-workers at St. Mary's were present, besides our friars and teriaries. Br. Robert celebrated the funeral liturgy and took the ashes to Little Portion where they will be interred during the provincial Chapter in May when most brothers can be present."

(also)

Brother Lawrence's sister, Mildred Huff, died January 17th.

PLEDGES

The 1984 pledges are needed. Send them in to: Carole Watson, 962 W. Acadia Drive, Tucson, AZ 85706.

NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand 1983 Third Order Chapter was held in Wellington on October 8, under the chairmanship of Dorothy Ridley, Guardian. Br. Leo represented Br. Brian. An amendment to the statutes was made changing the name from "The Pacific Island Province" to "The New Zealand Province". A new area has been created in Nelson. The next General Chapter and retreat will be held at "Arahina", Marton, from 20th to 25th of November, 1984. Br. Brian has been asked to conduct the retreat. Greetings and Love are sent to all of us.

AUSTRALIA

The Provincial Chapter meeting was held February 3 - 5 at Brookfield Friary. The next General Chapter is planned at Vision Valley just outside Sydney, on January 4 - 7th, 1985. Greetings and Peace are sent our way.

FROM THE MINISTER GENERAL'S NEWSLETTER, JANUARY, 1984

SOUTH AFRICA

"...Another joy was to preach in Soweto at the Church where Bishop Desmond Tutu officiates. The sheer joy that bubbles through the service is so impressive, especially after the Gospel and after the act of communion and this from a people who are denied any political rights in their own land..."

ZIMBABWE

"...The country has been stricken with three years of drought - the worst in fifty years. So everyone was praying for rain, and thankfully rain has been falling in various parts of the country. The hope is that this year there will be really good rain...The Third Order is rather spread out these days. There are small groups in the Mutare - Bonda area in the north by the Mozambique border and at Harare, but by far the largest and most vigorous group is at Bulawayo. Jason and I were whipped off early the morning after we arrived to a beautiful little retreat centre at Chokwa near Bonda. This place, set in most beautiful mountain country and with a difficult access road...was attacked and devastated during the war. It has now been bought by a lady who, with our Tertiary, Penny Went, is rebuilding it and developing the land. It is a beautiful and holy place..."

ZAMBIA

"...I arrived in Zambia shortly after the election and so there was still plenty in the shops and the general atmosphere settled and tranquil...I stayed at the Deanery in Lusaka on arrival.. I saw some of our Tertiaries for a short time on Friday evening, and a group from the Copper Belt drove the 200 miles to join us...I spent Monday and Tuesday seeing Tertiaries at Kitwe and Ndola....Christopher Kaoma came 60 miles from Mufulira to be with us.

MINISTER PROVINCIAL (CONT.)

"...But, oh what a sorry state the country is in - worse even than last year...People have to que for days for petrol... The currency has been devalued about 1000%...most of the people are hungry..."

FRANCISCAN AID

Quoted from the European Province phamplet:

"...Is a fund of our world wide Franciscan family where we can share what we have with those personally known to us in Third World Countries who are in real need but who on the whole would not be helped by other and larger relief organizations. The Minister General of the Society of St Francis, Br. Geoffrey, admisisters the Fund which is held by the Third Order of the Society. the Minister General's travel and Expenses in identifying the needs are paid for from the Central Fund and not from Franciscan Aid..." Here we send our gifts to Dee Dobson, Guardian.

FROM OUR PROVINCIAL CHAPLAIN, THE REV. ROBERT J. GOODE, JR.:

A partial list of Area Chaplains:

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| Texas and Oklahoma | The Rev. Masud Syedullah |
| Mexico and Central America | David Catron |
| The Yukon and Part of British Colombia | Will Drake |
| Illinois and Indiana | Jack Couch |
| Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., and the Virginias | The Rev. Jack Stapleton |
| Idaho, Montana, Wyoming | The Rev. Kale King |
| Central Florida | Russell Northway |
| All of Eastern Canada and Michigan | The Rev. Ewan Macpherson |

RETREATS

San Francisco
March 9-11
El Rancho Del Obispo
5297 Westside Rd
Healdsburg, CA 95448
\$60.00

Kansas
March 9-11
Bethany Place
835 S.W. Polk Street
Topeka, Kansas
\$40.00 Br Justus, SSF Leader

PEN PALS ?

Janet Neal writes: "...I am eager to correspond with and get to know members..." If you like to write letters and would like a pen pal write to Janet at 5709 N. 10th Road, #2, Arlington Va 22205. Seems like a nice idea.

OF INTEREST

Joanne Maynard wrote a thought provoking piece for the Living Church's January 22nd edition. It was entitled Falling Snow and was placed in the honored First Article spot.

DIRECTORY

The 1984 Directory is under way. There are many address changes. THE DEADLINE FOR CHANGES IS MARCH 10th. Please mail to: Alice Cordtz, 122 N Main Street, Cloverdale, Ca 95425. We hope to have the Directory in your hands in April. (or so..)

It was with surprised pleasure to find I had been elected Secretary to the Third Order, with Dorothy Voigt as Assistant Secretary. Dorothy lives about three hours away, not far for California, and we plan to meet often. Our work will be divided. Dorothy will handle mailing out and reprinting all the Novice materials. She will do the final typing for the Directory and she and I will proof it and assemble it for the printers. She will then, label, sort, bundle, seal and mail the Directories to Joanne Maynard who hold the Third Order's Bulk mailer, so, the Directories will have a Montana postmark. I will do the other parts of the Secretaries job. I find it a very enlightening work, many, many letters, inquiries, requests, and some very interesting mail from foreign places. Dorothy and I will do our best. Helen Webb leaves a fine legacy of routine and instructions, and a very large pair of boots!

As Ruth Grooves of Kansas recently wrote: "...I am beginning to see just how much Helen did by herself..."

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Address correction requested