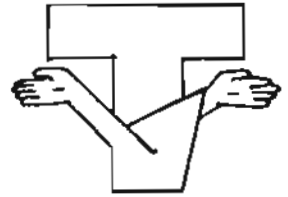


# Information Sheet



## JANUARY 1985 SUMMARY OF CHAPTER ACTION

The annual meeting, the Chapter, was held at Little Portion, October 10-12, 1984.

Present, ex officio    Dee Dobson - Guardian  
                                  The Rev Robert Goode - Chaplain  
                                  Alice Cordtz - Secretary  
                                  GlenAnn Jicha - Women's Formation Director  
                                  The Rev Alden Whitney, M.D. - Men's Formation Dir.  
                                  Marie Webner - Fellowship Coordinator  
                                  Sr. Cecilia, CFS - Provincial Minister  
                                  Br Robert Hugh, SSF - Provincial Minister  
Present, elected        Gretchen Good-Pankratz        Teresa Rogers  
                                  The Rev Kale King                The Rev Masud Syedullah  
                                  David Nard                        Mickey Ibara  
Also present            Br John-George - East Coast Visitor  
                                  Jacqueling Richards - representing the Caribbean  
                                  Carole Watson - Bursar  
                                  Br John Charles, SSF - Archivist  
                                  The Rev Dorothy Nakatsuji  
                                  Br Dunston, SSF  
                                  Andrew Wilkes

Dee Dobson was reelected Guardian.

### Those elected to Profession:

Louise Staggs	Clair Mahon	David Ryniker
Phoebe Armstrong	Beverly Hosea	The Rev David Spencer
Paddy Kennington	Martha Castleberry	The Rev John Bennett
JeanCarr	Barbara Wilbur	Winston Williams
Pamela Mongoo	James Spencer	

### Withdrawn:

Elizabeth Perine                        The Rev Warren Tanqhe

### Lapsed:

Michael Davis

### Recognized:

Joachim J. Bakey

Comprehensive and carefully prepared reports were given by those attending. Some highlights will follow, members who wish to receive full copies of the Chapter minutes and Statute changes, please send the request to the secretary. It will also be good to know that the cost of coping each set of minutes and full reports is \$8.25, a donation with each request would be appreciated.

Growth and its attendant concerns and promise was interwoven within many reports.

Guardian Dee Dobson stated: "We have 767 in membership...3 lapsed, 17 withdrew, 34 noviced, 21 professed and 3 departed this life"

With each report the issue of more money to operate the order was made. Dee stated: "of the 700 or so members, just under 300 are pledging with this growth we are using more materials and postage to supply members." Br John George noted that if each person would pledge \$10.00 a month we would have a budget to operate and have money for outreach as well.

The budget committee worked on a stewardship letter to be sent out to the membership.

An increase in Area Conferences which greatly increase our Province wide communication was reported by Marie Webner.

Br Robert, Minister Provincial, spoke to the equality of the three orders and of the equality of the four persons who are at the head of the Orders: Br Robert Hugh, SSF, Sr Cecilia, CSF, Mother of the Poor Clares and the Guardian of the Third Order, Dee Dobson. He stated that these persons are together responsible for maintaining the unity of the whole society in the Province.

The Chapter ratified this change, the language of the Statues will be (have been) changed to show this change.

Cannonical recommendation: Chaplain Robert Goode will send a letter to Bishop Sheridan, Chairman of the House of Bishops for Religious Orders. He will refer to earlier correspondence and will ask for a report on the progress at the past meeting on our request to be recognized under section A and part B of Canon 27.

Minister General, Br Geoffrey, stated he would like to suggest that an Inter-Provincial Chapter of the Third Order take place in 1986. He noted that the Constitution states "that the Minister General may call an Inter-Provincial Chapter at the request of two or more of the Provinces."

The Rev Robt. Goode, our Chaplain here in the American Province, stated "I say once again that we are well past the time that we should have a paid full time Chaplain and possibly a paid full time secretary." All agreed.

Br Dunstan, SSF, offered his resignation as Assistant Chaplain to the Third Order. His resignation was accepted. Br Dunstan was presented a Third Order Profession cross in honor of his many years of effort. Fr Goode said "(he) has wrot a good work in the Lord...Dunstan should hold a shining place in that small group of Friars who have had a very special part in the building up of the Third Order." Br Robert Said "Dunstan has offered a notable ministry to our Third Order in the West Indies, and there is no way another friar can fill those shoes."

Chapter voted that Dorothy Voigt, Assistant Secretary, be instructed to put on the back of the report form: 1. date of annual pledge 2. are your pledged contributions current?.

Fr Goode requested letters or remembrances of Br Paul, SSF. He is working with Emily Gardener Neal to prepare a work for publication. (Please send all items directy to The Rev Robert Goode, P.O. Box 608, Eagle River, WI 54521)

Br John Charles, SSF, spoke on how to make use of the Spiritual Director. Glen-Ann Jicha accepted his offer to assist with the revising of the Counselors Handbook. The Handbook committee is: Chairperson: Glen-Ann, Committee: Gretchen Good-Pankratz, Mickey Ibara, Fr Goode, Terry Rogers, Father Alden Whitney. Br John Charles requests a copy of all material printed by the Third Order for the Archives of which he is incharge.

Marie Webner, Fellowship Coordinator for the American Province, told of her geographical trouble shooters. The extreme problems of Fellowships go to Marie herself, the other minor problems go to this newly formed group. Information can be gotten from Marie Webner: 2119 S Campbell Ave., Tucson AZ 85713. Marie stated tht the enthusiastic increase in area conferences greatly increase our province wide communication. Discussion was held on the importance of the Guardian, Dee Dobson, the Chaplian, The Rev Robert Goode and Marie being present at as many conferences as possible. The importance of the First Order presence was also emphasized by all present. The presesnce of the Formation Directors, Glen-Ann Jicha and The Rev Alden Whitney, M.D. was discussed, Glen-Ann has been able to attend some conferences, she reported that much good work was done with individuals and in meetings with groups. Many questions answered and problems solved. Discussion about funds to allow these leaders to attend more meetings was held. There are 39 Fellowships, The Convenors Handbook has been revised

Glen-Ann Jicha, Women's Formation Director reported: "I have around 35 Novice Counselors, 77 Novices, 28 Postulants and 13 Aspirants. The Novice letters have several new chapters with more to come with the goal of 30 chapters. The Counselors Booklet is being revised and is now in te hands of the Chaplain for final rewriting. She commended the work of Assistant Formation Directors, Mickey Ibara, TerryRogers, Gretchen Good-Pankratz and Maryann Jackman.

Men's Formation Director, The Rev AldenWhitney, M.D., reported: "I have 50 Postulants, 48 Novices and 19 Aspirants. I have 30 counselors and the help of an excellent secretary, Mildred Perez.

Carol Watson, Bursar, submitted her report and:the 1984 budget. It was notex that we need to awaken the membership to the fact that money is needed to administer the Order.

Sr Cecilia, CSF, Minister Provincial of the First Order Sisters and our West Coast Visitor, presented her report. Sr has traveled to Oregon,Vancouver, Washington and visited with lone tertiaries in Northern California and the Fellowships in those places. She has attened the Convocation in Northern California and meetings in San Francisco and Carmichael. She states about her work in Africa: "It was particularly inspiring to join wth Tertiaries in a Third World Country and again I was reminded of the joy and privilege of belonging to a world-wide family." Sr Cecilia has taken on the secretaryship of the Associates.

Br John-George, SSF, East Coast Visitor (taken over from Br Justus, SSF) reported that he has seen many advances in the last five years in the Third Order. "The new handbook, regional gatherings, the way the Third Order relates to its own growth is inspiring...".

The Chapter requested Br Robert Hugh, SSF and the Rev Robert Goode attend the coming General Convention as Franciscan Representatives.

The Rev Masud Syedullah, chairman of the new By-Laws Committee will complete the changes in the by-laws and send the copy to Dee.

Librarian Pat Mahon (not able to attend) sent her report: 800 books have been listed by Rosie Mcferran, book loans are going well. Request a book from Pat at: 1990 S.E. Mulberry Ave, Portland OR 97214.

Jackie Richards of Trinidad and Tobago reported on the Caribbean and South America: "The visits of The Chaplain, Robert Goode, Guardian Dee Dobson and Br Robert Hugh, SSF were too short, the contact and support given the Third Order was more than one can imagine...We ask your prayers for our continued growth and a deepening of our Christian witness during this time of industrial unrest

and economic crisis through which our country is undergoing and which is affecting the lives of our citizens...communication with the tertiaries in South America is very difficult."

Chapter was asked to recommend a person for the post of Minister General. A committee was formed: The Rev Robert Goode, Dee Dobson and The Rev Kale King.

Dee Dobson presented the draft of the new Third Order Brochure. 1000 will be printed. Andrew Wilkes presented a comprehensive report on our rate of growth.

David Nard, TheRev Masud Syedullah and their committee presented the draft of a Franciscan Song Book. The committee was given permission to proceed.

Resolutions and Thanks: Thanks to: Br Mark Francis, Guardian of Little Portion for the excellent hospitality, Helen Webb for many years of devoted service, Janet Hunt, our Chaplain's Secretary, Mildred Perez, Alden Whitney's Secretary, Br Dunstan for his 30 years of service to the Third Order, also a letter of appreciation to Br Geoffrey, Minister General, telling him of appreciation of his nurturing of the life of the Third Order during his many years in office.

The Rev Goode named those who had died this past year and some whose death had been belatedly reported: The Rev Donald Seaver, John Thomas, Joe McCoy, Ken Kox and Bill Carr.

Some things I personally remember: the beautiful spoken words of both Br Robert-Hugh and Br John George about the equality of the Orders - Dee's constant calm and affection, Gooch's humor, Sr Cecilia's words--arrows to the heart, meeting all the ones I had been writing to and being so delighted with each one. The love in the eyes, Mass, Br Stephen's special last moment, laughter with Br Mark at his bountiful table, the place itself, the Sisters next door and my special Siser, Mary Catherine, being there as well, resting under a tree and being loved by three big gentle dogs(!) Br Cameron and the Opossum, Dunstan's Cross, early in the morning with Glen-Ann and Marie and the trip back with Sr Cecilia on the red-eye flight.

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It is Directory time again. PLEASE SEND ME ANY CORRECTION OR ADDITION YOU ARE AWARE OF BY MARCH 15th. Check your name, address, and add your telephone number if you want it in the directory, send it for the records if you will. Also a member suggested that we clear the directory by having the name of the person only, such as: Alice L. Cordtz instead of: Alice L. Cordtz (Mrs. William). He felt that the state of marriage or not is specious. So do correct your name if it is not the way you want it to be. Please also check your status in the Order.

JIM DU BOIS entered the larger life on January 12. Maryann Jackman said "Jim glowed with the light of Christ...every one around him felt loved and warm all the time"

Isolated tertiaries who wish to participate in a fellowship by mail, please contact Fellowship Coordinator Marie Webner.

A typewriter is needed in Trinidad, contact Guardian Dee Dobson for details.

Guardian Dee Dobson is visiting Trinidad for a Convocation.

Sr Cecilia, CSF, is the new Secretary(head) of the Associates: Society of St Francis, 1842 40th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122.

## Convocations:

South Central Third Order Convocation (the First one)      Respond to:  
 May 10 - 12, 1985      Evelyn Mackie  
 Our Lady of Sorrows Convent      224 W. Edgewater  
 BrokenArrow, Oklahoma (near Tulsa)      BrokenArrow, Oklahoma 74012  
 Approximate Cost: \$75 per person(meals and lodging)  
 Retreat leader: First Order Brother or Sister  
 Please register as soon as possible. (from Anita Catron, Convenor Austin Fellowship)

Pacific Northwest Convocation (the first one)  
 Vancouver School of Theology  
 University of British Columbia Campus  
 June 21, 22, 23 1985  
 \$65.00 Canadian dollars, this encludes all meals plus afternoon tea on Friday. (!)  
 50 spaces available.  
 Respond to: Cynthia Green,Secretary  
 Companions of St. Francis  
 8222 18th Avenue  
 Burnaby, B.C. Canada V3N IK3

From Joan Powers: Madeleine L'engle will conduct two retreats for men and women  
 at Dekoven Foundation in May. DeKoven Foundation, 600 21st Street, Racine WI 53403.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE PLEDGE CARD AND MAIL WITH CORRECT POSTAGE TO BURSAR, CAROL  
 WATSON. OUR GROWTH IS A GIFT, A CHANCE TO LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, JOY AND HUMILITY -  
 TO SHARE OUR JOY OF CHRIST WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. PLEDGING WILL HELP US  
 WITH THIS COMMUNICATION. AS DAVID NARD SAYS "ANYONE CAN HONK, IF YOU LOVE JESUS, PLEDGE"

THE FRANCISCANS  
 Alice L. Cordtz  
 26835 Madrone Drive  
 Cloverdale, CA 95425

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THE THIRD ORDER  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS



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MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

GOD'S PEACE TO EACH OF YOU.

ST. FRANCIS, TRULY SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS of his time, responded swiftly and dramatically to a new enthusiasm for the truth of the Gospel.

We, too, as Franciscans, are called to that same compulsive desire to serve the needs of our day through the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year your Chapter, meeting at Little Portion Friary, has felt that Gospel call and sought to respond in new and exciting ways.

We have also faced, with some pain, the fact that there is an immediate need to evaluate our common life and the commitment we bring to one another.

In order to put life into the Gospel through the ministry of the Third Order, we must realize the need for more financial resources.

One of our painful revelations was that out of 767 persons affiliated with the Third Order, only 275 have made and kept pledges to its life and work.

something is dramatically wrong! Part of our rule provides for a specific commitment to pledge for the support and work of the Order.

For the past several years, we have cut back programs and trimmed down budgets in an effort not to overextend our resources. All this at a time of unprecedented growth in new vocations seeking to join our way of Gospel life.

I AM REMINDED OF A RECENT BUMPER STICKER I saw which said, "If you love Jesus...Tithe, anyone can honk."

Well, my brothers and sisters, we have been guilty of honking for sometime now. The time has come to consider our own personal commitment to live the Franciscan way. The example of our Father Francis who gave all --- all for the building up of God's Church.

Every Tertiary has the responsibility to pledge and give to the Order. The degree to which you give is between you and God. The obligation to give something is between you and the Order.

We have seen exciting evidence of our Gospel way during the last year. Regional Convocations fostering a greater sense of community and commonality of our life, increased visits from our First Order brothers and sisters, aid to the seminarians at the Alan Knight Centre in Guyana and new fellowships coming to life in all parts of the province.

These things are only a small part of what we could be doing. Chapter heard the need for aid from the First Order Brothers and from our own brothers and sisters that seek to serve you in our formation program.

We are printing new guides for formation, fellowship and music. We are exploring the need for a full time paid Chaplain who can be accessible to the province for many needs. We continue to talk of a permanent location from which to administer the Third Order.

PLEASE HELP US BIND OURSELVES MORE CLOSELY to one another into the way of St. Francis and our Lord Jesus. Take account of where you are and how you might respond with a new or increased pledge.

The enclosed summary of our budget will show you exciting opportunities for our ministry to the church and to those in need.

This can be possible only by your financial support. Many can give abundantly, all should give sacrificially. Together we can give new life to our gospel call.

Pray my brothers and sisters that your sacrifice and mine might be acceptable in the eyes of God the Father.

Your brother in Christ and St Francis,

David Nard, TSF  
Chapter, 1984  
Little Portion Friary  
Mt. Sinai, New York



THIRD ORDER - PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1985

A. Community

Chaplain	3,500
Area Chaplains	300
Fellowship Coordinator	1,000
Visitors	2,500
Sister Cecilia, CSF	1,000
Regional Meetings	1,000
Scholarship Aid	500
Interprovincial Chapter	500
General Convention	1,000
Reserve for 1985	500
Reserve for Chaplain	2,000
Reserve for Property	2,000
Reserve for Gift Shop	475
	<u>16,275</u>

B. Formation

Directors	3,000
Counselors	100
Training	250
	<u>3,350</u>

C. Outreach

Franciscan Aid	500
Non-Franciscan Aid	500
Alan Knight Training Centre	500
First Order Seminars	6,000
Little Portion Friary renovation	5,000
	<u>12,500</u>

D. Communication

InformationSheet	800
Franciscan Times	1,200
Brochures and Booklets	1,500
Library	175
	<u>3,675</u>

E. Servants

Guardian	3,500
Guardian Discretionary	750
Secretarial	1,800
Bursar	400
	<u>6,450</u>

F. Chapter

Annual meeting:	
Travel	5,000
Accommodations	3,000
Standing Committee	250
	<u>\$50,500</u>

NAME  
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I intend to support the Third Order with \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(check one) \_\_\_ per week \_\_\_ per month  
 \_\_\_ per quarter \_\_\_ per year  
 which makes a total for the year of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date:  
 return to: Carole J. Watson, Bursar  
 962 W. Acadia Drive  
 Tucson, Arizona 85706

1984 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>EXPENSE</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>A. COMMUNITY</u>		
Chaplain	2,000	2,338.79
Area Chaplains	300	36.41
Fellowship		
Coordinator	1,000	800.86
Provincial		
Minister/Visitor	2,500	2,174.32
Sr. Cecilia	1,000	1,000.00
Regional Meetings	1,000	340.80
Scholarship Aid	500	50.00
Reserve '85	500	500.00
Interprovincial	500	500.00
<u>B. FORMATION</u>		
Directors	3,000	2,309.67
Counselors	100	12.34
Training	500	-0-
<u>C. OUTREACH</u>		
Franciscan Aid	500	594.03
Non-Franciscan		
Ministry	500	-0-
<u>D. COMMUNICATION</u>		
Information Sheet	1,000	185.43
Franciscan Times	1,000	1,109.90
Brochures &		
Booklets	800	1,385.33
Library	175	352.05
Subscription	25	-0-
<u>SERVANTS</u>		
Guardian	2,500	3,047.83
Discretionary	500	500.00
Secretarial	1,800	1,303.52
Bursar	1,800	548.69
<u>CHAPTER</u>		
Annual Meeting		
Travel	3,250	4,540.21
Accomodation	3,000	2,300.00
Standing Committee	250	-0-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$28,500</u>	<u>\$25,929.18</u>

1984 expense \$25,929.18  
 1984 income 29,366.61  
 1983 balance 102.33  
 1984 forward 3,539.76

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