

The Porter

St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, MD
Secular Franciscan Order – January 2016

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The Porter deadline for the February issue is February 8th. Please send news, prayer requests, poems, or interesting things that you think other members may enjoy to: Jean Gaes, 1824 Lang Drive, Crofton, MD 21114 or send to jrgofs@gmail.com

Fraternity Meeting



Happy New Year!

**Saturday, January 16th. at St. John the Evangelist Church,
607 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146 in the Youth Room.
All are invited to attend the 8:30 Mass in the church.
Breakfast and our meeting will follow.
Brother Bill Gilham, from Capuchin College in DC, will lead a life issues presentation.**

Refreshments



Glen Burnie will be providing refreshments. Please bring your own coffee cup too! Annapolis will be next. Plan to take the supplies home, restock, & return them at the next meeting.



Hope for All: Don't forget the homeless during these cold winter months! We have a collection basket each month for Hope for All. Thank you for your generosity!

Light House Shelter



A group from our fraternity makes and delivers lunches monthly for the residents. Shelter Lunch Making will be at Joan Kvetkas home on Wed. Jan. 27th at 9:30 AM. We're collecting monthly for the much-needed bus tokens. *We'll provide dinner at the shelter on Tuesday, March 29th.*

Liturgy

The Annapolis group will lead our prayer.

Council Meeting

Will be combined with our Planning Meeting on February 6th at Capuchin College.


Treasury

Common Fund balance \$1671.71

Prayer Requests



For our sick and/or homebound members, for all those in need of physical or spiritual healing, for victims of violence and oppression, refugees, and for the deceased members of our fraternity. Please help us update the prayer list!

	George Ryan 1/7, Debbie Proctor 1/10, Ed Wilbourne 1/16, Tessie Chitty 1/21, Kathleen Sievers 2/10, Mary Jo Johnson 2/10, Joan Kvetkas 2/11
Profession Anniversaries	Lita Milan and Mary Cooke, January 10, 2002; Harry Thompson, January 10, 1991; Margaret Jackson, Feb. 8, 1998; Evelyn Jones formally became an Affiliate on Feb.20, 2010.

Minister's Minute-January 2016

“ Brothers and Sisters of Penance” (see RULE 7), Happy New Year!!!! What do we mean when we say that “Happy New Year”? Did you ever think about that? What is happiness.....Happy are the poor in spirit, happy are those who mourn, those who are persecuted, hunger and thirst for justice etc.- the BEATITUDES. Is this our idea as Seculars of HAPPINESS-- RULE 11? As we reflect on our VISION for our fraternity how do these Beatitudes fit in? As we seek to open ourselves more and more to Pope Francis’ vision for the church—out of the pews and into the world—how does that fit it? As we begin this Year of Mercy how does our call to be merciful to others and to ourselves fit in? As Brothers and Sisters of Penance how are we looking at our role as witnesses to the gospel lifestyle, in a spirit of penance for materialism, greed, purity, justice, peace, unity, compassion etc. How are we being converted? As we look at St. Francis as a role model of poverty and simplicity how are we cleaning out those closets and sharing the clothes and shoes with others, living with less? How are we responding to the hungry children in our midst—1 in 3 Baltimore children are hungry so I heard on TV Are you shocked, I was. Where are they? How can we reach them? What other needs are we seeing? Let’s fill in those vision sheets and share with your Council your thoughts and hopes and dreams for our fraternity. We want to hear the areas where we need to grow and change and what topics you are passionate about.

As a fraternity we are people of routine but routines can be broken but this year we again are having our January fraternity meeting focused on prolife issues. Brother James has arranged for Br. Gilham to come to speak to us from Cap College. Some of you may remember him from years ago at our fraternity. I hope some of you can get to the March for Life this year and if not watch and pray through the awesome coverage on EWTN.

Please keep working on those Vision Sheets. Send them to me (see email address on front of Porter) and I will summarize them for our Council Planning Session Feb 6th. They are very helpful to the Council in planning the upcoming year and making the changes needed in the fraternity. The answers to the questions can be typed right into the sheet, or sent to me 1732 Tarrytown Ave Crofton. More forms will be available at the meeting on Sat. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. pax et bonum, Judith

Don't forget to visit our fraternity website at: <http://stconradannapolis.sfousa.org/>



The Fraternity Council is asking all of us to pray the Angelus together in spirit, each day at noon, to pray for peace. OUR PEACE CROSS IS AGAIN CIRCULATING! PLEASE PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS, REFUGEES, AND ALL THE SUFFERING PEOPLE IN OUR VIOLENT WORLD.



Jubilee of Mercy –began on December 8th. There are so many ways to live it out! Pray the prayer! Meditate on “Moments of Mercy”... and the other links. Read the documents written by Pope Francis that explains this Holy Year here: <http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html> more at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/index.cfm>

Care for Creation



Dec. 2015 Winterization of the garden – notice Joan’s long hair and then look at her today.

In 2016, the plan is to continue with the straw-bale garden, increasing to 82 bales and planning for more double plantings. We plan to purchase a third box of Italian bees, to extract honey from hives #1 and #2, and hopefully produce a swarm or two. We plan to continue with the pollinator garden and possibly add a rain garden in the water runoff area and an herb garden in the water drainage

area. We also are planning to plant 60 bee friendly trees and bushes with a grant from Trees for Sacred Places. We also will continue to work towards making our parish more “Green”.

The Feb 13 meeting of Care for Creation at Our Lady of the Fields will be brainstorming ways to help our parish and communities become “more green,” focusing on education for recycling, reusing, and treating Creation with respect. Over Jan, Feb, and Mar the Ministry will be working on recruiting volunteers to work 4 to 8 bales for 2016, giving their time and talent to “listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” (Laudato Si #49) The focus for recruitment will be through the faith formation office with parent meetings, confirmation classes, and the home school group. The pre-teen and teen groups will be participating in a contest to create a reusable bag for Our Lady of the Fields Care for Creation. Once the plan for 60 trees and bushes is approved by the archdiocesan office, we’ll remove 17 invasive trees for replacement and plant in the fall. There are 4 people from Our Lady of the Fields taking the Beekeeper Course at Arlington Echo and 2 have agreed to help be the beekeepers at Our Lady of the Fields.