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Next Meeting:
Sunday, Feb. 10th
@ 12:30 p.m.

Newsletter of the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, St. Katharine Drexel Region
Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saxer Ave. & Rolling Rd., Springfield Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19064
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Our February Gathering

We will hold our monthly gathering on Sunday, February 10th, 2012 in Conway Hall. **IMPORTANT: Please remember that we now gather at 12:30.**

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation to attend the monthly meeting, please call Pat Simon at 610-352-5390

"And we will be involved in the monthly meeting as an act of worship and a building of community."

--from The Lay Franciscan Monthly Pledge

Don't Forget

- To sign the attendance log
- Petition slips
- Pennies for missions and flip tops off aluminum cans

St. Francis Inn Needs:

- Laundry Soap
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Travel-Size Toiletries
- Disposable Razors
- 13 gal. & 30 gal.

- Trash Bags
- Lots of Prayers

Service Opportunity

Our Fraternity is in need of someone to take the responsibility of keeping our members list updated. Please let council know if you are interested.

Fair Share

There will be an extra small envelope in your January and February newsletter for our Fair Share Contribution to allow you to pay in two installments. The Fair Share will remain the same at \$30. The Fair Share is not meant to be a hardship on anyone. If your financial circumstances makes it hard to pay please let a council member know.

Newsletter Production

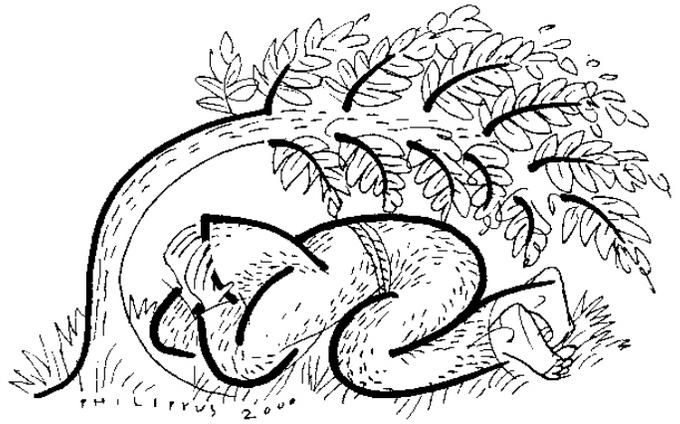
Terry Ritter has volunteered to stuff the envelopes and mail the newsletter every month using the materials that Marie Gilligan has printed. Thanks so much to Terry and Marie for making sure this communication channel stays open for all of our brothers and sisters.

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On the Web

Don't forget that the fraternity newsletter is available at our website as soon as it is finished (usually about a week before our next meeting). The website is also a great resource to share with someone who might have an interest in joining the Order.

The web address is: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.com/>



Formation Information

Our February ongoing formation session will focus on Franciscan poverty and will use the handout that was distributed at our January gathering. If you don't have the handout but have web access, you can download it from this page on the fraternity's website: <http://www.stfrancisfraternity.org/ongoing-formation>.

In March we are planning on returning to the Cangelosi paper called *Profession in the SFO: Gift and Commitment*. This is also available on the website and Lee will have copies available at the February gathering.

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From *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*:

10. Uniting themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed his will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfil the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions.

11. Trusting in the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of "the Beatitudes", and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

12. Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.