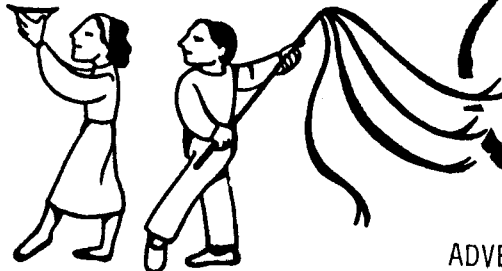


The Franciscan Times



ADVENT, 1989

Thanks to everyone who has sent in material for this issue of The Franciscan Times. Some people want to know when the deadline is. This publication doesn't really have a deadline. It gets put together when time allows, and there's no telling when that will be. So if you have something you'd like to have included, just send it along, and it will get in the next time the Times goes to print. The address is:

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ADVENT AND THE SFO RULE

Advent, the season of preparing for the Coming of Jesus, the Christ, begins on Dec. 3. Where will Jesus come from? Where will we find him? Where do we look for him? Article five of the SFO Rule answers these questions for us. We can find him in every man and woman (our "brothers and sisters") in the world; in reading the Bible, especially the Gospel; in the teachings of the Church; in the Liturgy of the Eucharist; and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Art. five is based on Francis' "Testament." The list there is more specific. We continue our search for "the living and active person of Christ" as he exists today:

- in persons we don't like or don't want to like (lepers);
- in churches, which are signs and symbols of his Presence;
- in priests, theologians and preachers;
- in every man and woman;
- in his Word: the Bible, the readings in the first part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours (Christian Prayer);
- in his body and blood which we receive and adore at Mass;
- in a particular closeness with our fellow Franciscans;
- in work.

May we earnestly begin our search again this Advent by looking in those unexpected places and persons.

*Submitted by
Helen Webb*

Fr. Roy Gasnick, OFM
Mid-South Spiritual Assistant

Dear Joanne,

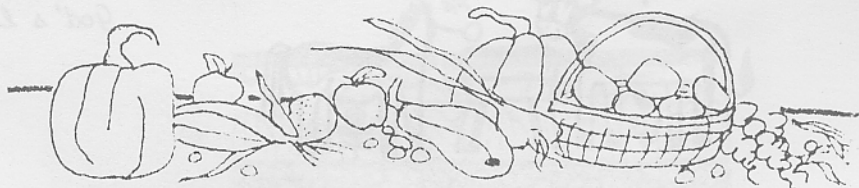
The notice in the last Times of John Betton's Memorial window at St. Mary's indeed stirred happy memories. We met John when he attended the International meeting at Bishop's Ranch in 1976 (he had died by 1988). He stayed with us afterward in our Palo Alto home, attended our local Third Order Fellowship (an extension of the New Umbrian) at George Grey's apartment in Palo Alto, and my husband and I took him to the airport to return to England on Thanksgiving morning.

On our trip to England in 1978, we visited John and Marjorie and family in their home, the Deanery just behind the church (with old tombstones between!). We also attended ^{their} Sunday services, with other Franciscans of First and Third Orders. It happened to be the celebration of their Harvest Festival, same hymns and decorations as our Thanksgiving!

John's title was "The Venerable", as he was Dean of Hadleigh, and he was Third Order Chaplain for England for many years. A precious, gentle, humble man - in my view, an ideal image of a Franciscan. The window is a fitting tribute to this quiet, remarkable man - thanks for your article. I've sent a copy of it to Marjorie, with letter and copies of the enclosed picture of John, taken in front of our home as we left for the airport. Perhaps Franciscan Times readers might like to see a photo of the man honored by the window.

Peace and all good,

Betty Aurnehart
TSSF



Meditation On A Man Who Stopped A Convoy In May

*Why did you stand and have your say?
For, "He who fights and runs away,
Lives to fight another day!"*

*But, No! You had to have your stay!
Standing alone to their delay,
An indomitable force, you could not sway!*

*Didn't you know their way?
Some would say, "You fool!"--- I daresay!
Stop! They may, but for long?---Nay!*

*Can't you remember "Confucius Say",
Was quickly replaced by "Mao Zay"?
Or can't you remember either--- in their day?*

*Were your hormones pumping that May,
So that your mind was in disaray,
Of the sunlight filling the day?*

*Your brain so awash it could not say,
Think or deliberate on which way?
Or did the sun shine too brightly towards your way?*

*In any event, you have gone away.
For some--- you went astray;
For others, you're a martyr of the "true way".*

*After all, who knows what you weigh?
Much for some, for others less than... Nay!
God alone is judge... we will have no say!*

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LORD
MAKE ME
AN
INSTRUMENT
OF THY
PEACE



"The Cherry Tree"

*Our garden has a flow'ring cherry tree,
Oh, how I wish you all could see!
The Sparrows chirping so nice as can be!*

*Their song at morning light,
Makes your life downright upright!
The day's domain gives way to night,*

*And somber grows their strain,
As tomorrow brings again,
God's little angels--- in refrain!*

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"The Church needs Franciscan evangelization. Theirs is the legacy of St. Francis' popular approach, of going into the marketplace and speaking to people in their own language and on their own terms. The creativity and commitment by which the Franciscans touched the hearts of the people of the Middle Ages are equally capable of reaching the unchurched and alienated in our own times."

from a SFO newsletter quoting "The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops".



Your God is King

THE SOUTH-EAST FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP



...has several meetings to report on. In July they met at the home of Fr. Sam and Jessie Hale in Islamorada. The photo on the left shows the participants in that meeting: Seated -- Elaine Scofield, Diane Darrah (with her new profession cross), Dee Dobson (Guardian - with Hiram, the Hales' dog), the Rev. Louise Baker. Standing -- Phyllis Kissel, Jerry Graniero, Betty Melpha, Fr. Sam Hale and Jessie. Ray Darrah was the photographer. Fr. Hale celebrated the Eucharist, at which Diane received her profession cross, and it was a happy and meaningful celebration of much joy. They had a lovely lunch prepared by Jessie and had a round of bubble to celebrate all.

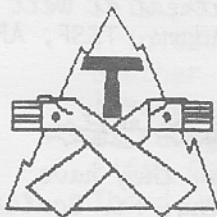
In September, they met at the oceanfront condo of Jerry Graniero at Miami Beach -- a delightful setting.

Bill and Dee Dobson's home was the scene of the October meeting. Elaine Scofield was professed and the Rev.

Louise Baker, Margarite Witzig, Dee, Fr. Sam Hale and Diane Darrah renewed their vows. Anna Pruett renewed her novice vows. After a lovely meal of stew, salad, biscuits and key lime pie, a round of bubble and a toast to newly-professed Elaine, the group adjourned.

Fr. Sam Hale has retired from his ministry at St. James the Fisherman in Islamorada. He and Jessie are now free to travel and do many of the things they wish to do. The Fellowship is always glad when they can attend the meetings.

"Cheerfully submitted by Diane C. Darrah"



**FRANCISCAN FELLOWSHIP
OF LA VERNA, T.S.S.F.
Cincinnati, Ohio**

Br. Robert Hugh, SSF and Sr. Cecilia, CSF led a retreat on Franciscan Spirituality recently for the Fellowship in Cincinnati. The retreat was held at the Convent of the Transfiguration.

Dorothy Adams, Suzanne Jackson, Alan Vlach, and other visitors were especially welcomed.



Costa del Sol - Central Florida



The San Damiano Costa del Sol (Central Florida) Fellowship is quickly growing and full of excitement! We meet every other month in various locations from the east coast to the west coast of Florida. We usually begin with Holy Eucharist, have some topic for discussion, and conclude with lunch.

Our number has grown, and we are thrilled to be starting novice classes in June. These will be held every month, which will entail more traveling, but everyone is excited to enter into this new venture. Ken Watts will be the Formation Counselor for six postulants and novices with a few more planning to join the class by the fall. We'll keep you posted on how it goes.

Our Lenten Retreat conducted by Br. Jon Bankert, SSF was a beautiful way to begin the season. Next year's will again be held at St. Leo Abbey.

We are looking forward to the Southeast Convocation being held in September. Some of us will "van pool" it to Atlanta - sounds like fun!

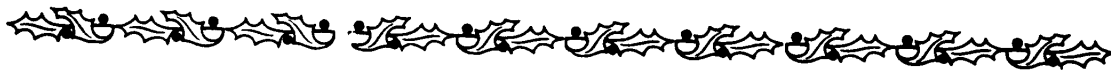
THE JUNIPER BRANCH



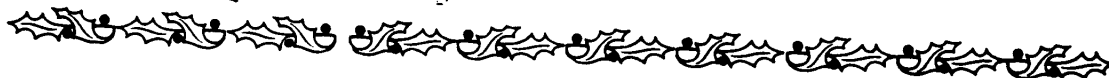
A DAY OF RECOLLECTION was held in August at the Holy Trinity Monastery in Petersham, Massachusetts. The Juniper Branch told some of the early history of this group: Mona Hully became friends with some Maronite Franciscan when they lived in a very humble dwelling in Rockport. Later they moved to Petersham, to gain the greater solitude necessary for them to maintain their radical Franciscan lifestyle. Communication was maintained over the years, and the love and respect that the little Third Order group and these Maronite Franciscan shared

was not lost. Two members of the Fellowship had had recent contact with the Monastery, and it was decided to have the Day of Recollection there and renew fellowship with them.

A communion set was recently given to the Brother Juniper Fellowship by Fr. Stephen, MS, Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette in Ipswich, Massachusetts. It is made of rough ceramic.



THE HEART OF TEXAS FELLOWSHIP held their annual Franciscan Retreat at Well Spring Center in late September. Retreat leader was Dorothy Adams, TSSF, AFD. The theme was "Quiet Listening."



THE EAST TENNESSEE FELLOWSHIP has chosen that name, even though they have one member from Southwestern Virginia. At a spring-time meeting, Fr. Boulet reviewed the book, Francis de Sales and Jane Frances de Chantal.



THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LIVING ROSARY

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The Third Order is continuing the work of Don Carlson's Fellowship of the Living Rosary.

The new name of the Fellowship will be THE THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN CROWN ROSARY. The emphasis appropriately for Franciscans will be praying the Franciscan Crown Rosary. The Crown will be prayed frou months of the year. The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady will be prayed one month of the year. The seven remaining months will be praying the regular Dominican Rosary in order to encompass all the Mysteries of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

There are Seven Decades in the Crown and Sorrows, so the 6th day meditations during the Cominican Rosary month, the Order will be meditating on St. Clare and her devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, on St. Francis and his seeing God the Creator in all created things, and his devotion to the Wounds of Christ. The 7th day meditation will be the honoring of the Mother of God in the Anglican Communion by saying the prayer for Our Lady of Coolidge, written by Marie Wedner.

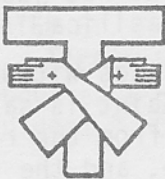
The monthly intentions will be for all three Orders and Associates, vocations to the three Orders and Associates, world hunger, world peace, and joy in all the Orders and Associates of the SSF.

The Rule will be to offer the continuous intention for that month and to pray 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, and 1 Gloria after each assigned decade of the Rosary daily.

In a seven day period, the Community will have prayed the seven decades of the Rosary as a Living Fellowship -- a sign and symbol of continuous prayer together.

If you are interested in being a part of this Rosary praying community within the Third Order, please call or write to Diane Sipes at the above address.

This photo, from the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago, shows Brother Dunstan and Mavis John, lay apostolate. This is at St. Gregory's church in the Fifth Company, Trinidad. The Third Order has given financial assistance to this church.





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Hawai'i, who died on St. Mark's day, 1885.*

The Rev. Robert "Gooch" Goode reported to Chapter. Under the heading "Live and Learn Dept." he said, "We are apparently very well fed Franciscans or we are all 'big-boned' -- We have sold only one or two small or medium T-shirts. In fact all L and XL are gone. We have about \$358 worth of S and M shirts which are unsold and represent our profit. I plan to have a 'sale' on these. In the future, I'll order only the larger sizes."

Either that, or you'll have to recruit more women the size of Dorothy Nakatsuji."

No information was received as to the price of these "sale" shirts -- so you are advised, if you are small, to write and check it out.

Also, he wrote: "CARDS are now available in an assortment with one or two new designs available done by moi, as well as the former ones. Price and final info will be available for next newsletter..." No prices known as yet, so you can write and ask about that too.

A VISIT TO ASSISI (Continued)

by John Metcalfe

As the priest came down from the altar at the conclusion of the Mass, he turned to my wife and myself and said "wait." Then preceded by his small altar boys and carrying the chalice, he disappeared through the side door of the Portincola.

Shortly thereafter, the Brother reappeared and we learned he had spent several years in England as a boy, and had also been an interpreter to the British Army during World War II. After that he had become a Brother and priest in the Order of Friars Minor.

Accepting our offer of breakfast, the Friar led us from the Basilica, across the street to a "Trattoria," which was presided over by a huge man, flanked by his wife and mother-in-law, whom he bossed about with imperial profundity. When he heard the Friar and ourselves speaking in English, he stopped in his arm-waving, bellowing rumpus, and looking at us with a puzzled frown, he said, "Hey, where are you folks from?" in American-accented English. It seemed he had been a prisoner-of-war in a camp in Michigan for four years and had been assigned to the commissary where he had picked up a copious vocabulary from the truck drivers, food salesmen and army guards -- not all of which would be acceptable in polite company.

After breakfast, the Friar took us on a tour of the Basilica, through the little stone hut "The Little Portion," as St. Francis called it. Then across the church to the entrance of the chapel where St. Francis received the Stigmata -- the five wounds of the Crucifixion of our Savior, the chapel surmounted by a great painting of the Saint being ministered to by Our Lady and the Angels, in the paid and ecstasy of the Five Wounds, he had just received. Hence the name "Our Lady and the Angels" of the Basilica.

He then led us to a lower level to see the "Garden of Roses Without Thorns," where in an agony of temptation by the Devil, the Saint is said to have thrown himself, whereupon, it is said, the thorns fell from the rose-bushes; the Saint overcame the blandishments of the Evil One, and the roses have flourished without thorns to this day. Some say the only roses of that variety known to exist.

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We were taken to view the tiny cave where the Saint lived. A great contrast of the simplicity of his life to the explosive opulance that has been built around him.

Hearing the ringing of a bell, our Friar excused himself, as he was called to his duty, and offering us his blessing, left us on sandaled feet, his great rosary clinking against his brown robe.

Some six months later, one of the parishioners of Saint Paul's-within-the-Walls (the American Episcopal Church) in Rome, told us of a Franciscan Friar whose name was Friar Pio, and who bore the wounds of the Stigmata, was to say Mass at the Franciscan church nearby, and suggested we might like to attend. We did, with hundreds of others, to view the Brother, his hands wrapped in bandages, say Mass, supported by two hearty Friars, come down from the altar to sit in a chair to deliver the Eucharist to a solemnly silent and awe-struck congregation, who would touch his blood-soaked bandages lightly before receiving the Host.

As we left the church, we became acquainted with an English lady, who professed the information that the Stigmata, which has been bestowed upon few, had also been given to two English Anglicans -- as also, it is said, to Buddhists, Mohammedans and others. An expression, she opined, of Christ's presence among all people.

(To be continued.)

THE NEW SECRETARY for the Third Order is Jacqui Belcher, 2220 E. Victory Dr., #24, Savannah GA 31404. She's the one to write to for the Basics:

- The Devotional Companion.....\$4.00
- The Way of St. Francis..... 2.50
- The Source Book..... 2.50
- The Peligious Life..... 2.00



THE CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Their newsletter, Chrysalis, reports on the Midwest Convocation, held early in June at Mayslake, an exceptionally lovely and peaceful Roman Catholic Franciscan Retreat House in Oak Brook, Illinois. Besides members of their Chicago Fellowship, Sr. Cecilia, CSF, Br. John Bankert, SSF, and Marie Webner attended. Br. Jon performed two shows -- one on the horrors of war, and one about Noah's Ark.

The Fellowship celebrated St. Francis Day at St. Peter's Church in Chicago, with renewal of vows and reception of postulant Daniel Simons as a novice.

THE ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP...

...CELEBRATED ST. FRANCIS DAY with a Eucharist and the commemoration of the Transitus. Tertiaries and novices renewed their vows at that time. Marie Webner conducted a retreat on December 2 -- "The Joy of Penitence: Reflection on Fruitfulness." One Epiphany, they will meet and exchange small gifts.

* We need to consider often the words: "The Spirit gives life; the letter kills." In our day to day efforts to live our Franciscan vocation let us not become slaves to the letter of the law. For Francis, and for us, the true law is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though Francis may have desired to live the Gospel literally, we are constrained by time and circumstances to live it in spirit. We know that we must extricate ourselves from too literal an interpretation of the Gospel, and, our Rules! Our Rules are not the "goal" toward which we strive. The "goal" is God! The Rule is only one means whereby we go God-ward. Let us go forward in the spirit of peace and charity - charity which does not exclude ourselves! Too often we forget that there is a virtue of self-love....When we realize this more concretely, that is, when we have come to terms and peace within ourselves, we will then be instruments God can use for whatever end. So, dear sisters and brothers, let us live in the Spirit and make our own St. Francis' prayer: "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace...."



THE MINNESOTA FELLOWSHIP

In June, their program included "A Chaplain's Remembrance of the Normandy Invasion" by Fr. George Metcalf, TSSF.

In October, they gathered at Fr. Metcalf's home for renewal of vows. A report of that meeting says that David Burgdorf compared Donald Trump to St. Francis and gave everyone a good laugh. (Wish we all could have heard it!)

Other programs included Barbara Leonard speaking of "Franciscan Ministry in Public Health" and Julia Bergstrom sharing the key concepts of a Lay Visiting Program, "The Befriender Ministry."

PAT MAHON

The Wasco Electric Co-op Ruralite magazine carried an article about Third Order Librarian Pat Mahon of Oregon. Pat is a writer as well as a reader, and was working, at the time of the article, on a number of books. One is titled Silent Night Quiet Day, which details her experiences of gradually losing her hearing. She is also writing a children's book called Dog's Tale.

Pat was quoted as saying, "I have so many ideas going around in my head that I have to get down on paper. People ask me why I write. I tell them for the same reason a farmer plants. To be a farmer you have to plant. To be a writer, you have to write."



LAMENTATION
(a song)

I have broken my rose-colored glasses.
They lie shattered: their gilded frames
are twisted,
I'm half-blinded by scores of bright
flashes
From light glinting on scattered pink
slivers.
I walk slowly with toes tightly
curled.
My white feet leaving a bloody dew.
My white feet leaving a bloody dew.

-- Nina L. Andrews



FRAGMENT

Morning showed that in the night
Angels dusted wings snow white.
Thickly strewn the flakes in swirls
Fashioned hillocks, broken pearls.

Nina L. Andrews

RESOLUTIONS

A resolve is but a toy
Shiny when new, fondled with joy;
Soon to be broken,
Lost, or forgotten:
Rarely kept to dimly glow
With the mellow hue of age.
"Man these playthings will out grow,"
Said a kindly olden sage.

-- Nina L. Andrews

BOOK REVIEWS

Three valuable resource books for parishes and discussion groups:

- 1) Peacemaking and the Community of Faith: A Handbook for Congregations by John A. Donaghy (\$2.95)
 - 2) Community Action Source Book: Empowering People by Sheila Macmanus (\$6.95)
 - 3) Prayer Course for Healing Life's Hurts by Matthew Linn and Sheila Fabricant (\$5.95)
- All published by Paulist Press -- Available from The Cathedral Bookshop, 515 North Park Ave., Helena, MT 59601

For all who want to be practical about their concern for world peace, Donaghy's book will be invaluable. Prepared by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the book tackles the issues from a spiritual angle and has helpful suggestions for incorporating the concern for peace into both worship and educational programs. It shows how most profitable to engage in action for peace and offers guideline for ecumenical and inter-faith cooperation. This is a valuable list of available resources.

(2) Macmanus gives us a comprehensive list of tools for engaging in action to improve the quality of life. In the Introduction she deals with theoretical and ethical considerations in a way which will stimulate reflection. She then details the operation of the larger organizations at work in this field as well as dealing with many smaller bodies. Her aim is to help us move away from doing good against people so as to become a society which engages in the art of Social planning by empowered people for humane communities." This is a very good resource book.

(3) The third book contains twenty-four spiritual exercises for the healing of the whole person. These may be made either individually or in groups. There are suggested ways for both methods. Prayer as gift is "always healing if we are simply grateful for whatever was given and even for the struggle that teaches us that without Jesus we can do nothing."

Healing as wholeness is the greatest need of many within and outside the churches. Here two experts guide us in the ways of wholeness. A rich reward waits those who faithfully use this book. I am already personally grateful for it and expect to be more so when I finish the exercises properly.



DALLAS FELLOWSHIP -- Plano, Texas

This group has enjoyed programs on the Aims of the Order. Ray Ball was ordained to the priesthood this past summer. He is a postulant in the Third Order. They had tickets and were planning to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury when he visited Dallas in September.

Fr. Ball presented a program on his visit to Russia, and there was time for renewal of vows and selection of officers at their

October meeting.

Evelyn Mackie is the new Convenor, taking over from The Rev. Loyd Morris. Andrea Albright will be program chairman.



Third Order, Society of St. Francis

Fruits of the Loom
Land of the Sky Fellowship

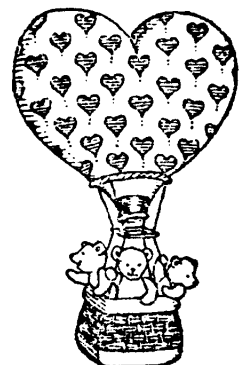
The Land of the Sky Fellowship -- South Carolina -- is an active group which meets monthly and has several new members. Their new convenor is Betty Bell; co-convenor and secretary, Davis Horner; treasurer, Janet Chaudruc.

Davis wrote in their newsletter about his work as a crisis counselor in the relief efforts in Charleston, SC in the wake of the hurricane. "...This is the worst natural disaster, economically, ever to hit the United States... The economic fabric of the South Carolina coast has been disrupted more severely than any time since the Civil War and reconstruction. And as a mental health counselor, I would discern that rebuilding the psychic fabric of this area will be a work involving months and years..." He asks that we join him in prayer for the people of the area.

Their November newsletter had an error. It said that it was I who was looking for contributions for the magazine Pax et Bonum. No -- I edit this, The Times. It's Terry Rogers who is the editor of P et B.

THE SOUTHEAST CONVOCATION was held at St. Ignatius House, Atlanta, Georgia. Over fifty Franciscans and guests took part in the event. Several special guests were present: Marie Webner (assistant Chaplain at that time), Allen Evitts (an actor/storyteller, who delighted the group with "bed-time Bible stories"), Dee Dobson (Provincial Minister), Fr. Stephen Williams (from Christ Church, Greenville), and Brother Donald Sullivan, SSF, who spoke on "Be Still and Know that I am God." He was quoted as having described "God sitting in an easy chair, watching a giant switchboard waiting for us to stop talking so he can have an open line to speak to us."

Alice Wright, Davis Horner and Elsie Amos were professed.



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT CHAPTER

--Joanne Maynard

It was a great treat for me to be asked to attend Chapter at the Franciscan center on Long Island. I had never been there -- or even close. I've never been to a Franciscan spot, and had never met with other tertiaries. So it was all new to me. Also, I realized one night when the wind woke me up, I'd never heard the wind blowing through a forest of trees with leaves on them. Around here, the forests are evergreens. I love to walk, and it was great to walk along the road, up the hill or along the -- I suppose it's Long Island Sound. Carole Watson took me on a walk through the woods. I could tell I wasn't in Montana any more.

Sister Catherine Joy led us in a quiet day, asking "What is your life for? -- It is for breaking your heart for God." She also spoke of the potter, remolding a pot -- and about keys, locks, and breaking locks.

I don't know that I need to tell you what happened in the meetings. It was nice to be at meetings where one didn't have to take minutes or vote. I could just listen and get an idea of what The Third Order is all about.

We had some wonderful meals. I would weigh 300 pounds if I stayed around there very long -- in spite of my walking. It was interesting to meet some of the friars over a meal.

Brother Jon Bankert took Marie and me to see his theatre-in-the-making one evening. The downstairs is the tiny theatre -- enough room for 15. The upstairs is his wonderful work room. There was an egg carton full of puppet heads -- pale skulls with big glassy eyes -- the soon-to-be cast of his Christmas show. I was once a puppeteer, and I have a basement full of similar characters -- so it was specially fun for me.

It was fun to see the people whose names are so familiar, from frequent reading of newsletters. I won't name them, because what if I accidentally left one out?

A real honor was ours when we were invited to tour the Convent of the Poor Clares. No outsiders had been invited to do this before. The sisters were so gracious and full of love. The convent is so -- what? It has such an air of holiness and grace. One could tell that many lives of prayer had been lived here. The library was being cleared out and many books were ready to be given away. Sister invited us to help ourselves, since this would save them packing the books into boxes. Everyone began to browse and choose. I took several very small books -- thinking of the plane trip home. I had a couple of my sons in mind when I chose them. I gave my son Phil a guide to Canterbury Cathedral and the surrounding area, published in 1884. We were especially interested that one of the buildings was called "Maynard's Spital," a place that sheltered four old, sick men and four old, sick women. It had been begun 'way back, by a man named Maynard, "surnamed 'le riche,' the book told us. "I wonder what happened to it," Phil mused. -- none of us Maynards being anywhere near "riche" nowadays. (I looked up 'spital' -- it is short for 'hospital'.)

The plane trip home was a bit hair-raising, there not being enough time in between getting to an airport and leaving it. But I got home ok -- very glad to have been given this treat by the Third Order.

Joanne Maynard

NEW UMBRIAN FELLOWSHIP

Their newsletter arrived on the day I was finishing this newsletter. There had been no other word from them, so I was glad to get it.

They had enjoyed a Family meeting in November. Fr. John Filler was the celebrant for the Eucharist. It being Veterans Day, they shared some thoughts on the significance of the day.

They are planning a quiet day with the Sacramento Fellowship on March 17, 1990 at Holy Family Center in Pleasant Hill, CA.

Mary Ann Jackman has moved to Coos Bay, Oregon -- 1674 Olive Barber Rd. -- 97420.

They're planning to meet at the Sisters' house in San Francisco in December for a quiet time in the chapel, Eucharist, and potluck supper.

Francis — A Call to Conversion by Duane W. H. Arnold and C. George Fry (Zondervan Publishing. \$11.95)

As John-Michael Talbot, OSF writes in his *Forward*, Francis' name "is familiar to nearly all the Christians of the world. Yet Francis' name, not far behind the name of Jesus, has often been obscured in a cloud of confusion by those well-meaning seekers after God who have sought to justify their own religious opinions by appealing to his example."

Many books about St. Francis make him seem so different from ordinary people, one can hardly relate to him at all, and many times he comes off as just too "sweet" for me to be able to

stand him. In this book, the familiar story of his life is told in a way that makes him feel like a person I might know. The first half of the book concerns Francis' life. In the second, the authors search its meaning for us today.

As one reviewer wrote: "Francis depicts with appropriate simplicity the life of Francis, but more, it offers a sensitive, at times poetic, reflection on what Francis could mean for the modern person who seeks significance to his life in a complex and confused world."

Just a word about the authors: Arnold is Episcopal Chaplain at Wayne University, Detroit, and Fry is Protestant Chaplain at Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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The Lilies of the Field Fellowship, TSSF, Newsletter

Jean Treece was Noviced on August 4 at a get-together that included a feast, birthday celebrations, and fresh raspberries.

Earlier, they had a farewell dinner for the Reginald Halls, visitors from New Zealand, and enjoyed a video of that country. Fr. Allen Hall, returned from the antipodes, later showed his photographs of New Zealand.

Another visitor to the Fellowship was Fr. Carl Andrews, an Ariforce Chaplain. Carl was once stationed at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Montana and so your editor counts him as one of the Franciscans I actually know! After Montana, he served in the outback of Australia. Returning from there, he made a brief stopover in Littleton, where he was curate some years ago. He is now stationed in Alaska.

The Ninth Annual Northeast Conference was held at Graymoor Christian Unity Center in Garrison, NY in August. The theme was Franciscan Joy.

THE NEW YORK FELLOWSHIP....

...met to renew their vows and to celebrate the profession of the Rev. Christina Oosthuizen from Newfoundland on All Saints Day. They gathered in Matthew's lounge at General Theological Seminary, where they were joined by Brother Jon Bankert, SSF. Mother Oosthuizen shared her slides of her recent trip to Namibia where she was part of the World Council of Churches' observation team overseeing Namibia's struggle for independence. Fr. John Anderson passed the role on convenor to Charles D. Bjorlin.



The meeting of the LONG ISLAND FELLOWSHIP was one in which the Times editor actually took part. This was the first time I had ever been able to be at a Fellowship meeting and renew my vows with a group of other Third Order members. It was a wonderful experience.

This took place, as reported in their newsletter, L.I.F. Line, on October 14 at the Friary in Long Island. Chapter had just been completed, and some of the members of Chapter, plus the editor, were still around, waiting (at least I was) to fly home on a Sunday and save on the plane ticket. The Rev. Alden Whitney celebrated the Eucharist, and Marie Webner, the new Chaplain, received everyone's vows. Ken Norian made his profession vows and Alison Trenholme renewed her novice vows.

The service was followed by a wonderful potluck lunch (and here I speak from personal experience).

After their meeting, Jane Ellen Traugott kindly took me on a "tour." We drove into Port Jefferson and I saw cars driving into a ferry for the first time. We visited her parish church and the home of her rector and looked at some interesting shops. All of this was very enjoyable, and I so appreciated Jane Ellen's contribution to my pleasant time on Long Island.