St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

November 2024

New Council Elected on October 19, 2024

Pictured (left to right) Leticia Briones, Sofia Villarreal, Adrian Montoya, Frances Lucero, Israela Garcia, Nancy Singh, Tommie Page (seated), Gerry Rohrkemper, Jeannette Schlicher, Gigi Gregory, Brother Gordon Boykin, OFM

The Saint Anthony Fraternity #101 held elections on October 19, 2024. The elections were presided by SFO Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas, Regional Council #75 leaders: Sofia Villarreal, Minister, Gigi Gregory, Vice Minister, Leticia Briones, Councilor #1, and Spiritual Assistant, Brother Gordon Boykin, OFM. Twelve voting members of the Fraternity were present, and cast ballots for each position. Assisting the election were candidates Lisa Barczak (teller), Geri Salazar (teller), and Lisa Trujillo (recording secretary). The elections were conducted in accordance with the provisions of the General Constitution and the statutes. A Ceremony of Acceptance for each of the newly elected officers followed. After the Acceptance Ceremony, the brothers and sisters of the Fraternity congratulated each of the members of the newly elected St. Anthony Fraternity Council.

The new Council members are:

Minister	**Israela Garcia, OFS**
Vice Minister	**Nancy Singh, OFS**
Secretary	**Gerry Rohrkemper, OFS**
Treasurer	**Adrian Montoya, OFS**
Formation Director	**Jeannette Schlicher, OFS**
Councilor #1	**Frances Lucero, OFS**
Councilor #2	**Tommie Page, OFS**
Spritual Assistant	**Brother Gordon Boykin, OFM**

Important Dates and Reminders

November

- **Fraternity Gathering**

  Nov 24 1:00 p.m. at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW

  Please bring:

  - Gifts for Infirmarian visits to homebound in December 2024 (see pg. 5.)
  - Donations of non-perishable food for the St. Felix Food Pantry.
  - New/gently used clothing donations for Francis House (see pg. 6).

Hospitality Group 3 will provide the meal for the November Gathering:

Israela Garcia, Felicie Truscio, Adrian Montoya, Frances Lucero, Gina Lubeck, Linda Williams, Nancy Singh

December

- **Council Meeting** Dec 14 10:00 a.m. at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW
- **Fraternity Gathering**

  Dec 22 1:00 p.m. at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW

  Please bring:

  - Donations of non-perishable food for the St. Felix Food Pantry.
  - New/gently used clothing donations for Francis House (see pg. 6).
  - Small gift for Fraternity gift exchange, if you'd like to participate.

  - We will have a welcoming ceremony for Angela Ortiz and Ryan McRae, celebrate the centenary and share reflections on the Creche.

Hospitality Group 1 will provide the meal for the December Gathering:

Ernestine Sedillo, Connie Jo Martinez, Tommie Page, Bill Parras, Ed and Carol Dzienis, Felis Otero-Armijo, Consuelo Chavez, Martha Ramirez, Lisa Barczak

Minister's Message

Thanks, Glory and Praise to Almighty God!

The weather is getting icier and the smell of Autumn is in the air. I cannot help but think that St. Francis was quite possibly already thinking about his plans for the first Creche. I sometimes wonder how long he was ruminating silently about how he would pull it off or I wonder if he just decided on the spur of the moment to pull it together. His actions to "make it happen" were certainly Spirit driven.

Like Francis, how can we bring the Nativity of Christ to others? How can we make it "real" for people who have perhaps lost the true meaning of Christmas and all of the anticipation that comes with the preparation for the birth of our Savior? It is not too early to begin preparing our hearts and our minds for this holy time. I think we should carry this gift in our hearts all year round. HE makes everything new when we go through our daily conversion, and we should receive Christ's birth in our lives with joy all year, every day.

In this season of giving thanks, I encourage every one of us to purposefully gather in our hearts all that we are thankful for as we prepare for family visits and gatherings. I pray that we will all receive our families, friends, neighbors and acquaintances with open hearts, open arms and open minds.

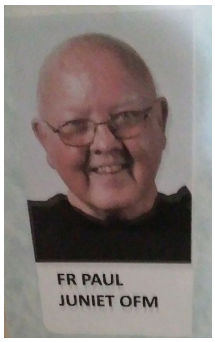
In Christ and Francis,

Israela

In Memoriam

A former Spiritual Assistant for the St. Anthony Fraternity, Brother Paul Juniet, OFM, 85, passed away in Albuquerque on November, 4, 2024.

https://friars.us/article/2024/11/06/br.-paul-juniet--85--passes-away-in-albuquerque



November Birthdays

Alcaria Valdez – Nov 21

Treasurer's Report

SAINT ANTHONY FRATERNITY, OFS		
TWO MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2024		
	September	October
MONTHLY NUMBER OF DONORS	14	15
INCOME		
Regular Contributions:	580.00	730.00
Endowment Interest:	87.16	84.36
Exception Income:		
Chapter Donation	43.00	88.00
Subtotal Exception Income (Item 3+4)	43.00	88.00
TOTAL INCOME (Items 1+2+5)	710.16	902.36
Transfer from Savings:		
TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking Acct.) (Items 6+7)	710.16	902.36
EXPENSES		
RECURRING:		
Spiritual Assistant Stipend	100.00	100.00
Council Administration Supplies		
Infirmarian Team (Misc. Expenses)		
Formation Expenses	38.32	44.72
Newsletter Admin. Supplies/Printing	146.00	
Newsletter Postage	38.73	
Website Fee:		183.00
Apostolate: Poor Clares (Donation)	100.00	100.00
Apostolate: Franciscan Friars (Donation)	75.00	75.00
Fair Share to Regional:		
Contengency Fund (Transfer to Savings)	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses:	548.05	552.72
EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES		
Anniversaries registration	120.00	
Anniversaries catering		1,050.00
Anniversaries hall		150.00
Anniversary assistance		50.00
Subtotal Exception Expenses:	120.00	1,250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES (Items 9+10)	668.05	1,802.72
BEGINNING BALANCE (Checking Acct.)	7,026.98	7,069.09
ENDING BALANCE (Checking Acct.) (Items 8-11+12)	7,069.09	6,168.73
CONTINGENCY FUND: (Available Savings Funds)		
Beginning Balance	4,449.15	4,500.47
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividend	1.32	1.29
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	4,500.47	4,551.76

Gift ideas for Infirmarian Visits to the Homebound

We will prepare Christmas gift bags for our homebound Fraternity brothers and sisters at our November 24th Gathering. Please consider bringing small gifts for the bags. Suggested types of gift items include:

- Lap blankets
- Socks or slippers
- Toiletries
- Postage stamps
- Notecards, thank you notes, Christmas cards
- Snowglobes
- Puzzles
- Large print crossword puzzles
- Coloring books, colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Playing cards
- Sugar-free candies

A Prayer of Gratitude

"Wherever we are, in every place,
at every hour, at every time,
every day and continually,
let all of us truly and humbly believe,
hold in our heart,
love, honor, adore, serve, praise
bless, glorify, exalt, magnify
and give thanks to the Most High
and Supreme Eternal God,
Trinity and Unity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
to Him who is Creator of all,
Savior of all,
without beginning or end,
unchangeable, invisible,
indescribable, ineffable,
incomprehensible,
unfathomable, blessed,
praiseworthy, glorious, exalted,
sublime, most high, gentle,
lovable, delightful and, above all else,
desirable, for ever and ever."

–St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226)

All Active Fraternity Members Asked to Complete Virtus Training

- In cooperation with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, for the protection of all minors who may interact with the Fraternity, all active members are asked to complete the Virtus Training.
- Virtus Training can be completed online anytime, or in person. See website for details. If possible, please complete by January 31, 2025. Certification is good for five years.
    - Website: https://archdiosf.org/victims-assistance
    - Go to the left side bar and find " Links" then "VIRTUS Online – English"
    - Direct link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/37415/reg_2.cfm?theme=0
    - Send certificate of completion for Fraternity records:
        - to Jeannette at jgcase@yahoo.com
        - Cc: Minister Israela at director@bailabaila.com

Fr. Oscar Méndez, OFM

Congratulations to Fr. Oscar Méndez, OFM, on his official installation as Pastor at Holy Family Church in Albuquerque on November 3, 2024 by Archbishop John Wester.

21st Quinquennial OFS-USA

July 29 — August 2, 2026

As the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' Transitus is commemorated, the theme of Q2026 is "The Easter of St. Francis: Rekindle the Flame. The "Q" will be held in Lexingon, Kentucky at the Lexington Griffin Gate Marriott Golf Resort.

More information can be found here:

https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/21st-quinquennial-congress-q2026/

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help take Friars to medical appointments. Friars have ordinary mobility issues. Please contact Israela Garcia, Minister, if you can assist.

Francis House

Francis House is a House of Hospitality based in the tradition of the Catholic Worker Movement. Located in Albuquerque's "International District," it provides food, clothing, safety and compassion to Albuquerque's homeless population and others living "on the edge." It is located at 8016 Zuni St in Albuquerque.

https://www.iccabq.org/catholic-worker-houses

a letter from:

Poor Clare Monastery
of Our Lady of Guadalupe
809 East Nineteenth Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Peace and blessings
October 28, 2024

Our dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis,

It was a joy to read about your 70th anniversary celebrations. With you, we thank God for the many blessings that accompanied you throughout these years – and which you now strive to continue to bring alive in the coming years. Our Franciscan vocation is timeless, and as we live it out each year it becomes ever new. May each of you, living stones, be built more solidly on Christ and His Gospel! And may He ever reward you for your continual goodness to us.

The silver jubilee of our Sister Emmanuela in September was a special anniversary celebration for our community. It was a beautiful touch of the divine Bridegroom that Our Holy Father was visiting Sister's native land of Singapore on the very day of the jubilee celebration. What a grace it was to be united with the whole Church in that way! We pray that the graces of our jubilarian's twenty-five years of vows living flow out upon you and all of your loved ones, providing you with everything you need in body and soul. This image on Sister's remembrance card was a deep desire of her heart. We share it with you with much love.

Gratefully, in Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Your Poor Clare Nuns

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Our Mission Statement

We, the fraternity of St. Anthony, inspired by the vision of St. Francis, commit ourselves to the Gospel as our Way of Life; "Going from Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel". We believe that we are called to be renewed continually through the celebration of the Eucharist and go forth to rebuild the Church through our witness.

We are the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis (The Secular Order) in the United States of America. We live our vocation in Our Lady of Guadalupe Empress of the Americas Region. Our Franciscan Community is the St. Anthony Fraternity located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.