June Elections
Meeting time: 11:00 AM at usual meeting place at St. Christopher Catholic Church on Sunday, June 11th.

Due to the pandemic, the elections for council positions has been moved up. Some council members have served for more than 10 years at one stretch. It is time to elect a council to serve for the next three year term.  It is extremely important for all members to attend this meeting. Those who are in formation may not yet vote or stand for office, but it is important for you to attend also. You will be able to see and understand the process of elections. It is interesting to note that our elections are conducted in much the same way as are elections for all church offices, including that of Pope. Of course, we won’t have white smoke. Please try to be at the meeting to elect or to support the servant-leaders who are standing for office.

Council Meeting
The council will meet at the Wurzel home on Friday, June 9th at 6:30 PM.

Invitation from the OFM
Our OFM brothers have invited us to attend Liturgical Celebrations with Minister General Massimo Fusarelli, OFM who is visiting from Rome. Please read the email that was sent out by our regional minister. If you plan to attend, you need to let our fraternity minister, Denise Leslie, know before June 14th. She will need to know which celebration you plan to attend so that the cooks can plan for dinner. The dates are:
- Monday, June 26 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, CA
- Wednesday, June 28 at the Old Mission Santa Barbara, in Santa Barbara, CA
- Thursday, June 29 at San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside, CA

FYI: Mission San Luis Rey is the closest to us.

Letter to My Brothers and Sisters

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Father’s Day to all our Fathers living or deceased.

I saw on You Tube once again from the Catholic Talk Show a great topic honoring Jesus Christ. The Show was called, “5 Things You Didn’t Know About the Crucifix.”

1. **What was the type of wood used to make up the Crucifix?**
   It is made up of 3 types of wood: cedar, pine, and cypress. A lot of early fathers expressed that Seth, Adam and Eve’s son, was sent by Adam to the Garden of Eden for a special oil that was there so he could bless himself prior to his death. The Angel guarding the Garden of Eden would not allow him in. God, in His mercy, gave Seth 3 seeds to be buried in Adam’s mouth at his death. These seeds were cedar, pine, and cypress. Since Adam lost salvation by a tree, now salvation would come from a tree.

2. **What does INRI mean? What language is it? Why was it put on the Cross?**
   INRI means “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.” It is written in 3 languages—Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. The
languages are considered holy languages. INRI was Latin. It was put on the cross by Pontius Pilate as a form of mockery to Jesus.

3. **What was the weight of the cross?**
   It debated whether Jesus carried the full cross or the cross beam only. Jesus was a robust strong man, being a carpenter’s son. Either way, the weight of the cross was extremely heavy, especially after all He went through prior to carrying the cross. Researched by Charles de Flora who did many tests coming up with the weight as: Full Cross—220 lbs., Cross Beam—75-125 lbs. Remember we are all baptized by the mystery of the Cross. Jesus said, “Take up your cross and follow me.” Remember Jesus’ cross is worthy of adoration.

4. **Why do Catholics have Christ on the Cross?**
   Cannon Law requires all churches must have a corpus on the cross at the front and center of the church. We, as Catholics, worship Jesus on the cross, never forgetting all He did for our redemption.

5. **Every time you pass by a cross or see a cross there is a prayer you should say.**
   The prayer is “Prayer before the Crucifix.” If this prayer is said after communion, you can receive a Partial Indulgence. On Fridays during Lent, if said after communion, you can receive a Plenary indulgence. (You must follow the necessary practice for these indulgences.) Reverence of the cross is a bridge to heaven. The cross also helps us overcome our fear of death and embrace our human suffering.

Hope to see all of you on June 11th at our Elections.
Your servant minister, Denise

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**Bl. Raymond Lull**

Raymond was born in Palma on the island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean Sea. Even though he had earned a position in the king’s court, he was inspired by a sermon to dedicate the rest of his life to working for the conversion of the Muslims in North Africa. To this end, he became a Secular Franciscan and founded a college where missionaries could learn Arabic in order to be able to work in the missions. He retired to solitude and spent nine years as a hermit. While living in solitude, he wrote on all branches of knowledge and earned the title “Enlightened Doctor.”

He then travelled through Europe to interest popes, kings, and princes in establishing more colleges to provide future missionaries. In 1311, the goal was achieved when the Council of Vienne ordered the creation of chairs of Hebrew, Arabic and Chaldean at the universities of Bologna, Oxford, Paris, and Salamanca. At 79, he went to North Africa in 1314 to become a missionary. An angry crowd of Muslims stoned him in the city of Bougie. Genoese merchants took him back to Mallorca where he died. He was beatified in 1514, and his liturgical feast is celebrated on June 30th.
Thank You

Edison T. Marshall, Jr.
May 14, 1932-May 8, 2023
Thank you all who came to Edison’s celebration of life, who sent prayers, and who offered support in any way. Though our hearts are breaking, your presence and prayers gave us great comfort. This good and decent man gave of himself continually. He always gave generously of his time, talent, and treasure. He especially loved reaching out to youth. Many thought of him as their Grandpa. He always supported me in my faith and as a Franciscan. We will miss him, but I feel blessed to have brothers and sisters who are truly family to me.
With love, Dixie

Please Pray

Dear God,
Please touch and heal those who are sick, suffering or struggling tonight, and give them your nearness, in a welcoming light.

Mary Harr-healing
Joe Leslie-health
Julie Bash-healing
Bill Bash-healing
Sun Paek-recovery from cancer
Bob Day-healing from fall
Edison Marshall-repose of soul

Marshall family-comfort and strength
Nadia Esmeralda Stratulat-repose of soul
End of abortion
End to fighting in the Ukraine
Thanksgiving for all of our blessings

May Birthdays
5/9 Marta Victoria
June Birthdays
6/26 Barbara Turkowski

Anniversaries of Profession
May
5/4/03 Janet Serros
5/4/03 James Harr
5/20/06 Agatha Borne
5/19/18 Steve McBee
June
None