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## Minutes of the 2015 Annual Regional Fraternity Council Meeting

### Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, Minnesota

May 29-May 31, 2015

### Friday May 29

This annual event was opened at 7:00PM by Kim Pappas, Regional Minister. Fifty nine Franciscans, two guests, and one Inquirer, were present for the opening remarks at the annual meeting of the Queen of Peace Regional Council at Christ the King Retreat Center. The current Regional Executive Council was introduced. Fr. James Deegan, OMI, greeted the group and offered the center's hospitality. Night prayer followed. A social was provided.

### Saturday May 30

The day began with Morning Prayers followed by breakfast. The morning session was opened by the Minister Kim Pappas, OFS. The session centered on on-going formation with a series of presentations on the Cantic of the Creatures given by Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv. Fr. Steve is an Associate Professor in the Theology Department at the University of St Thomas and the Spiritual Assistant for St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity.

The afternoon session continued with Fr Mc Michael's presentations followed by a portion the business segment of the meeting.

Discussion of Regional Business: Opening Prayer from the Ritual led by Minister Kim Pappas OSF.

Roll call was conducted. There were 36 of 38 voting members present. A quorum was achieved at 20 members with an absolute majority at 19 and a 2/3rds majority at 25 members.

Fall Gathering Nichole Paladie, OFS provided information about the Regional Fall Gathering in Rochester MN. It will be held Saturday September 19 at Assisi Heights. Speaker will be Sr. Ramona Miller, OSF and her theme will be "Journey with Francis and Clare on the Way to San Damiano". The afternoon session will be on the "Stigmata".

Regional Guidelines Kim Pappas, OFS, led a discussion on the proposed change to the Regional Guidelines. The change will essentially clarify who the region will pay room and board for at the Annual Meeting. Discontinued will be the local Spiritual Assistants and added will be selected personnel and the Regional Council. Discussion followed. A local Spiritual Assistant expressed disappointment. Kathy Taormina, OFS, Regional Spiritual Assistant, provided background rationale by using a CNSA meeting poll of local Spiritual Assistants to communicate the Spiritual Assistants preference to go to an annual workshop. Further background and rationale was provided by Kim Pappas, OFS. See attached. Vote was scheduled for the Saturday business meeting.

Lapsed Status Discussion of fraternity member lapsed status was generated by Kim Pappas that reiterated and upheld the provisions of the General Constitutions and the National Statutes. Advice was offered regarding taking meticulous care in completing the head count numbers in the fraternity annual report, treasurer's report, and the fraternity roster. They must all agree with each other and the National Data Base.

Formation Margi Florence, OFS, Regional Formation Director discussed "Fraternity Development: Tips for Growth". See attached.

Treasurer's Report Kathy Fraser, OFS, Regional Treasurer presented the annual Treasurer's report consisting of the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and the 2016 regional Budget. Vote was scheduled for the Saturday business meeting. See attached.

JPIC A joint presentation given by the Co-Animators of the Regional JPIC effort, Cynthia Gunsolly, OFS and Mary Higgins, OFS focused on the animators needs to facilitate planning and coordination. They require update contact information for the local fraternities as well as detailed knowledge as to what each of the fraternities is doing currently regarding JPIC apostolates. They discussed emerging initiatives on disaster relief and suggested that each of the JPIC persons in the fraternities read and study the JPIC handbook. A power point presentation was offered as being available for the fraternities.

The meeting adjourned for Mass and dinner. Mass was celebrated at 5:00 PM with Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM, Conv., celebrant.

The annual Remembering Prayer Service was conducted at 7:00 PM for the deceased of all the fraternities. Kim Pappas, OFS, will take the names of the Fraternity members deceased during the last year to the National meeting where they will be remembered again.

A social concluded the evening.

#### Sunday May 31

Morning Prayer was celebrated followed by breakfast.

Roll call was conducted. There were 34 of 38 voting members present. A quorum was achieved at 20 members with an absolute majority at 18 and a 2/3rds majority at 24 members. A copy of the roll call for both days is attached.

Regional Guidelines Change: Kim Pappas, OFS, read the proposal. Richard Beal, OFS moved to approve; Louis Alvarez, OFS, seconded. 2 abstained. Passed. Copy attached.

2016 Budget: Kathy Fraser, OFS, reviewed the budget presented the day before and asked for questions. Hazel Martin, OFS moved to approve; Alan Weier, OFS seconded. 2 abstained. Passed. The 2016 budget was approved.

Voting was followed by event announcements.

Janet Dubec, OFS moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Taormina, OFS seconded. All approved.

The meeting was closed with the closing prayer from the Ritual.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gordon Walker, OFS  
Region Secretary