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THE CALL TO SERVICE

“And now I commend you to God
and to the word of God’s grace
which is able to build you up
and to give you an inheritance
with all the saints.” (Acts 20-31)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seemed to me that the abbot’s commendation above is an appropriate blessing for all of you in this new year. And so, I do commend you to God and the word of God’s grace. May you be built up in love and may you live into the inheritance given us in our baptism, which we share with all the saints.



Br. Abbot
Daniel Benedict

It occurred to me just now that the Order of Saint Luke will be 69 years old this year and we are on the cusp of our seventh decade. Each of us has been part of the Order of some portion of the seven decades. In that we share in the inheritance of not only dear and

faithful souls like our founders, Romey P. Marshall, David Taylor, and William Slocum, but others in the Order and beyond who have illuminated the inheritance into which we live day by day.

Let us continue with the sacramental life and live our Rule of Life and Service with grace and intention in this coming year.

Vaya con Dios,

+Br. Abbot Daniel

PS: The spring Council meeting will be in Pittsburgh May 20-22. Please know that all members of the Order are welcome to attend, even if you are not an elected or appointed officer, prior or other chapter representative, canon or past abbot. We worship, share meals together, and enjoy the common life.

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION



*‘Then Jesus
was led up by
the Spirit into
the wilderness
to be tempted
by the devil.’*

– Matthew 4:1
*(NRSV)

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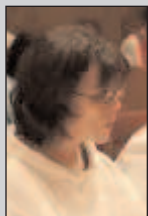
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IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

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Faith communities have fre-



Sr. Heather
Josselyn-
Cranson

quently kept necrologies of those saints who have gone before us. In this manner the Order of Saint Luke remembers these brothers:

Jan. 2: Br. John R. Miller (2010)
West Virginia

Jan. 29: Br. Don Brown (2013)
New Jersey (former president)

Feb. 13: Br. Robert N. Terry
(2012) New York

Feb. 20: Br. Stanley Winter
(2014) Ohio

Feb. 27: Br. Forest Shue (2007)
New Jersey

A request: If you or your chapter are aware of other deceased members of the Order, I'd be grateful if you could send me information (hjosselyn@hotmail.com) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.



HOW TO GET YOUR ISSUE OF THE FONT

By Sr. Cynthia Astle, Editor

Can the Divine exist in Cyberspace, where The Order of Saint Luke's bi-monthly newsletter now lives? We certainly hope so, because during our past six months we've needed divine intervention at times to get it delivered!

In an effort to automate newsletter delivery, we copied names and emails from our OSL active directory to an online email provider called MailChimp. This platform provides free accounts to everyone who needs to send lots of emails, and is especially helpful to non-profit organizations like our Order.

Br. Scott Alford, our Chancellor General, and I update this online list every two months when it's time for the next issue. This is important, because if you haven't sent Br. Scott your annual renewal form, your name doesn't get copied to the mailing list. This means you miss out on *The Font*!

Unfortunately, we have encountered some technical problems with this approach that relate to added security measures for emails. In order to receive the OSL email with the link, you must "whitelist" or approve this email address, spirit60cba@gmail.com. This is now the email address of record for *The Font*.

Address approval is especially important for our brothers and sisters who use AOL as your email provider. Last spring, AOL instituted stringent controls against email addresses coming from the major free providers such as Gmail, Yahoo!, MSN, Hotmail and so on. The Order's email may get through, but it may be going to your spam folder.

The other technical glitch involves some very esoteric controls on computers that most of us don't know about and don't want to know about. If you continue to have trouble getting



the Order's email, and the problem seems to be on your end, the best suggestion I can offer is to get a tech-savvy friend, colleague or relative to check it out for you.

In summary, here's how to get each issue of *The Font* without interruption:

- 1) Be sure to send your updated information to Br. Scott Alford. The easiest way to do this is to send in your annual renewal of vows form each October.
- 2) "Whitelist" or otherwise approve the email address now associated with *The Font*:
spirit60cba@gmail.com.
- 3) If you are an AOL user, be sure to "whitelist" the newsletter address – spirit60cba@gmail.com – in your online email directory.
- 4) Remember when you receive the Order's email to click on the link to download your latest copy of *The Font*.
- 5) If all else fails:
 - a) Get a tech-savvy acquaintance to check your computer for firewalls, anti-virus software or other security blocks on your incoming email.
 - b) Email Sr. Cynthia Astle, *Font* Editor, at spirit60cba@gmail.com, and I will send you the latest issue. But please try the other alternatives first.

Do you suppose our monastic ancestors had this much trouble adapting to the printing press?

FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL

Br. George R. Crisp, OSL, Provincial General
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With the New Year underway, I wish all of you the blessings of God as we live into the new year.



Br. George Crisp

Let us keep one another in our prayers, and pray for the health and strength of the Order. Here are the reports from various chapters and associations, shared on a rotating basis and selected from the reports received this past fall.

The **Albemarle Association** (in North Carolina) meets biweekly for Morning Prayer in conjunction with a Pastor's Lectionary Bible study. The Prior is Br. Kevin Taylor; the Sub-Prior and Chaplain is Rev. Jim Bernacki.

Due to their inactivity, the **Holy Cross Chapter** (in the Great Plains Episcopal area) was listed as "suspended." Br. Richard Zimmerman reported that he is in the fourth year of his retirement as an Elder in the UMC, and is not aware of any OSL activity in this chapter. [P.G. Note: If this changes, please notify the Provincial General.]

Br. Manuel Sardinias reported: "**The New Jersey-Pennsylvania Latino Chapter** has not meet for the last two years" (since 2012). Br. Irving Cotto added: "If there still some interest the chapter might get back into full motion. Members remain active in their respective ministries. Distance and new roles have made it nearly impossible for many of us to stay on track." [P.G. Note: A vote on this chapter's discontinuance will be taken at the May council meeting

unless their status changes.]

As we have for many years, in June 2014 **the St. Francis Chapter** hosted Morning Prayer services in the Lakeside UMC sanctuary each morning of West Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside, OH. Our chapter currently has 11 members. Through our Morning Prayer services at Annual Conference, we connect with other past and present OSL members, and reach out to potential new members. In 2014 our only in-person chapter meeting was at Annual Conference. The chapter stays in contact via email throughout the year. In addition, members of St. Francis chapter plan to launch a weekly prayer service via teleconference. Officers of the chapter are: Sr. Alice Kay Hoover, Prior; Sr. Barb Lee, Secretary.

No report for **the West Virginia Chapter** was received last fall. From their October 2013 report: "We meet at least three times a year but our activity level has been low. At last count I believe we have nine active and 5-10 inactive members. Our officers are: Br. Jeffrey Kanode, Prior; Br. Tim Bleigh, Sub-Prior; Br. Jim Reed, Chancellor."

Perpetual Reminder . . . Please notify the Provincial General: (1) if the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, (2) if you are the contact person and you if you have updated contact information, (4) if you have additional news to share about your chapter or association, and (4) if you change your e-mail address.

FROM THE COMPANION FOR INQUIRERS AND NEW MEMBERS

Since my last report to you, I have responded to six inquiries, and sent out new member packets to a number of new members. They are:



Sr. Stephanie Jo Brown, Edison NJ

Br. Jonathan Carle, Nashville TN

Br. Justin Crawford, Marianna FL

Sr. Sarah Jane Fernsler, Orefield PA

Sr. Ceann E. Hingston, Mays Landing NJ

Br. Christopher Irvine, Jasonville IN

Br. Richard Keeney, Olathe KS

Br. Michael Lado, Orwigsburg PA

Sr. Lizzette Gabriel Montalvo, San Juan, PR

Br. Carmelo Tosado, PR

Sr. Jucy Porter, Madison NJ

Br. Tom Roberts, Weiser ID

Br. Cruz Alberto Negron, Trujillo Alto, PR

Sr. Sandra L. Vickers, Mays Landing, NJ

As you have opportunity, please welcome them into our fellowship.

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REPORT OF THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

Br. David A Eichelberger, OSB

Grace and Peace to you as we celebrate the season of Epiphany. May God be manifested in your lives day by day.

Recently we have been asked to pray for a number of our Sisters and Brothers:



Br. David Eichelberger

Sr. Heather Josselyn Cranson experienced the loss of her mother in November after an extended illness. We give thanks for her life and pray for our Sister and her family as they grieve her mother's passing.

Sr. Sue Moore, our Prior General, spent time in Minneapolis visiting with her brother who was in the ICU in critical condition. Please pray for his healing and that God's strength will support his family.

Sr. Meredith Sturm, spouse of **Br. Canon W. Brent Sturm** is undergoing tests and awaiting results and potential treatment options for a sudden illness.

Br. Wayne Lee, spouse of **Sr. Barbara Lee**, is undergoing treatment for a serious condition.

Br. Ron Nicholas is recovering from serious bronchitis and complications that affected his back. He also asked for prayers for his wife who is recovering from persistent health concerns.

Br. Doug Webber recently shared the news of the death of his father at age 90. Let us keep our Brother and all his family in our prayers in this time of mourning.

Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards asked for prayers on behalf of his mother who was recently injured in an accident and is undergoing rehabilitative treatments.

Br. David Eichelberger asked for prayers for the family of Rev. Sam Smith, who recently died from complications of an ALS-type illness. Sam was the Youth pastor at Fourth Street UMC in Aurora, IL when Br. David was serving there as Senior Pastor.

Editor's Note: At The Font deadline, **Br. David Eichelberger** reported on Facebook that **Br. Howard Cherry** had undergone emergency heart bypass surgery after a heart attack and is recuperating.

We continue to lift up our prayers on behalf of those affected by recent devastating cyclones in the Philippines.

We share in joy:

Sr. Heather Josselyn Cranson recently announced that one of her hymn texts was selected for inclusion in a new hymnal for labor related matters.

Sr. Cynthia Astle shared the good news that her mother-in-law, **Evelyn Grebe** is recovering from a recent illness.

Br. Geoffrey Moore shared the good news that he was recently elected a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

As we move into the new season of Epiphany, in which we celebrate the presence of the Christ in the midst of the world, let us also remember to pray for those who are

sorely afflicted by current events—those affected by the Ebola outbreak and for their families and the doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers caring for the sick and dying; for the homeless who must face the brutal winter weather with limited resources; for our churches where we lift high the cross and invite one another to follow our Savior's example of compassion for all; and for the millions of refugees around the world.

Together we pray:

Glorious God of all compassion, we praise you and thank you for sending your child to be our Savior. Help us to find new opportunities to help others to discover him in the midst of their every day lives so that they too can be lifted up from the burdens that crush and dispirit them. So fill us with the light of the star of Bethlehem that we may brighten the communities where we live and work. We pray your blessing on the Order and ask that we may continue the work we have begun, to your glory and honor. Sustain our Officers for the work that they have assumed on our behalf. Encourage each of our Brothers and Sisters wherever they may be, so that we may rejoice in our spiritual connection one with another. All this we ask in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.



THE ORDO

Prepared by Br. Jack Fahey, O.S.L.

JANUARY

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| S | 25 | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 26 | The Conversion of Paul W (trans) (comm. Timothy & Titus) |
| T | 27 | John Chrysostom G |
| W | 28 | Thomas Aquinas G |
| T | 29 | G |
| F | 30 | G |
| S | 31 | John Raleigh Mott G |

FEBRUARY

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| S | 1 | 4th Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 2 | The Presentation W |
| T | 3 | Ansgar G |
| W | 4 | Cornelius the Centurian G |
| T | 5 | Philipp Jakob Spenner G |
| F | 6 | G |
| S | 7 | G |
| S | 8 | 5th Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 9 | Hugh Price Hughes G |
| T | 10 | G |
| W | 11 | Fanny Jane Crosby G |

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| T | 12 | G |
| F | 13 | Absalom Jones G |
| S | 14 | Cyril and Methodius G |
| | | Eve of the Transfiguration W |
| S | 15 | Transfiguration of the Lord W |
| M | 16 | G |
| T | 17 | Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard G |
| W | 18 | Ash Wednesday P |
| T | 19 | P |
| F | 20 | Frederick Douglass P |
| S | 21 | Ezekiel Cooper P |
| S | 22 | 1st Sunday in Lent P |
| M | 23 | Polycarp P |
| T | 24 | Matthias R |
| W | 25 | Amanda Berry Smith P |
| T | 26 | Romey Pitt Marshall OSL P |
| F | 27 | George Herbert & Fred McFeely Rogers P |
| S | 28 | P |

Notes on The Ordo:

All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in bold type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day. Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH-APRIL ISSUE OF *THE FONT* FEB. 15, 2015

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Plan now to attend the May Council Meeting at the
Monastery of Saint Paul of the Cross in Pittsburgh, PA

Details coming in the March-April Issue of *The Font*



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