

# KNOW YOUR HISTORY - MEET YOUR HISTORIAN

by Dianne Ambrose, OFS National Historian



Greetings Brothers and Sisters

My Name is Dianne Ambrose, OFS. I am a member of the San Damiano Fraternity in Athens Ga. I have been professed since Dec 9, 2007. I am also lucky enough to serve the Brothers and Sisters of St Francis Region as Regional Formation Director. I have served my local fraternity as Formation Director and Vice Minister. I am a retired Social Worker from the State of Georgia. I am a widow of seven years and live with my 15 yr. old rescue one eyed black male cat, Mr. Zeke. I have served other national organizations as Georgia State Historian.

I am very pleased to now have been appointed to serve you as your National Historian.

I would like you to send me what's going on in your region and your local fraternities. Please send me your regional newsletters or/ and items from your local fraternities about what you are doing. I would also like to receive any links to your regional or local fraternity websites. as well as any books or publications you have produced. You may send these items to me at

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Last year, I met with Sharon Deveaux, our National Archivist at St Bonaventure University during the week of June 12-16, to become familiar with our archives. I attended the Secular Franciscan Conference at St Bonaventure University July 21-23. I got to meet the other Regional Formation Directors at the Regional Formation Directors Gathering in St. Louis, Mo. August 17-20. I enjoyed meeting and learning from all my Brothers and Sisters at these workshops and getting to know more about our local, regional and national fraternities.

I was able to spend the week of New Year's with our National Minister Jan Parker in St. Louis at her home and in the beautiful cathedral. We worked on transferring all the necessary information I need to start writing the history from 2007 to the present. And this southern girl got to play in the snow and get out in zero temps. We also sent a big pack of information to the National Archives.

We are very fortunate to have our history from 1917 to 2007 recorded by our former National Minister and National Historian Bill Wicks, OFS, from whom I have gleaned valuable knowledge of our history.

*A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States* is available in a four-volume set, Item # 410 from Smoky Valley Printing. Detailed ordering information is at the back of the *TAU-USA*. The National Executive Council has graciously provided a 30 percent discount the History

I look forward to writing our history and getting to know all of you and what great things you are accomplishing.

I especially want to hear how you are celebrating our 40 years of our Rule.

Peace,  
Dianne Ambrose, OFS National Historian

