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Meeting Minutes of the Foundation of the Order of the Leaf

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<u>Item 1. - Report from Buildings and Grounds Committee</u>

We still are looking at a number of sites. Mostly as reference at this time – the current committee favorite is Site 6 and then 2. Site 6 would require significant expenditures in rezoning and construction to become fully operational, where Site 2 is an already established as Church property and thus would simplify start-up operations.

- Site 1 Established Church- site is on and off the market running about \$499,000. This is three buildings, two obvious
- and a third fellowship hall hidden from the main street. Everything looks to be well kept, however it is a classic building green technologies would be difficult to incorporate easily.
- Site 2 Established Church, located in downtown Maysville, has recently come on the market for \$176,000. Has a large sanctuary with some office space and nearly no parking or other grounds (apx .55 acre). This is another classic building and green technologies would be very difficult to deploy.
- Site 3 Residential and Commercial complex located near the downtown area of Maysville. Current land/building values of about \$130,000/acre in the area, this would need to be purchased and re-zoned and then cleared and rebuilt estimated costs could negate this plan, but the location is perfectly sited.
- Site 4 Established Residential complex located in downtown Maysville. Currently a single family house on about five acres of land. The listed asking price is \$450,000. We would need rezoning but the location is near Site #3 and the space and historical nature of the property could fit well into some of the future plans for the Abbey.
- Site 5 Established Residential complex located in downtown Maysville. This is currently a single family house on a little over two acres of land. It is currently on the market for about \$400,000 and we would need rezoning to make it work for the Abbey.
- Site 6 Abandoned Subdivision. This is a large area (apx 70 acres) just outside of town. The only improvements are a single paved street. It is unclear what the intentions are of the land owner but the Abbey could use the size of the property to expand in several directions. There is a further advantage of not being in the middle of downtown with limited parking and the advantage for wedding parties and receptions not being constrained by local pouring ordinances.

We are, of course, awaiting more financial data and commitments before committing any resources towards any of these properties.



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Item 2. - St. Joan Project.

There has been much discussion about the continuation of this project. Recently Rev. Catherine Graham has incorporated the project into a new non-profit called "Humanity Road" with her sister outside of the Abbey's formal structure.

Where as, the St. Joan Project is a wonderful addition to the world of disaster relief and;

Rev. Graham and the Volunteers of the Abbey have done a good job and good service to the world and to the Abbey with this project;

We the Foundation of the Order continue support the principle ideals involved in the project;

yet it is determined that the Abbey hereby terminates the St. Joan Project as an official outreach project of the Abbey.

Abbot (Acquiesco), Claustral Prior (Acquiesco), Sub-Prior (Abstergo)

Item 3. - Vicar of Outreach, St. Joan.
Whereas the St. Joan Project has been terminated, it is thus that

The title of Vicar of Outreach of St. Joan shall be retired.

Further, Rev. Catherine Graham is commended for her service to the Abbey in this role, yet

The title and position has been struck from the rolls of this Order. *Abbot (Acquiesco), Claustral Prior (Acquiesco), Sub-Prior (Abstergo)*

Item 4. - Application for an EIN

Fr. Geof Franklin reports that the application for an EIN was completed on the 19th of March, 2010 and the Abbey received its EIN. The IRS form letter was accepted by the Financial Committee and filed for future use.

<u>Item 5. - Application for a chequeing account.</u>

Sr. Barbara Franklin reports that an application to open a chequeing account at Pinnacle bank has been completed and that an account for the Abbey's General Fund has been opened.

Item 6. - Election to the Class of Friar.

An petition for election to the Class of Friar was put forth by Sr. Barbara Franklin. In special session on the 28th of December, 2010 Sr. Barbara Franklin was elevated and confirmed as a Friar of the Order of the Leaf.



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Item 7. - Petition for Ordination.

Sr. Barbara Franklin, a Friar of the Order of the Leaf in good standing presented a petition to the Foundation of the Order for Ordination as Minister of the Order of the Leaf. Her petition was approved and Sr. Barbara Franklin was Ordained and Confirmed as a Minister of the Order of the Leaf on the 28th of December, 2010.

Item 8. - Award of Title.

In recognition of her years of service and dedication to the Order of the Leaf, Sr. Barbara Franklin, a Friar of the Order of the Leaf, was granted the title of Wedding Officiant.

Item 9. - Statement of Faith.

A discussion revolving around the current Statement of Faith resulted in no changes at this time. However a special committee was formed with Fr. Geof Franklin and Sr. Barbara Franklin to research and reflect on the current Statement of Faith to determine if changes were needed in the Statement or in the Order.

<u>Item 10. - Notice of Foundation Meeting Changes.</u>

Fr. Geof Franklin proposed that an annual meeting be changed to a bi-annual meeting to better keep up with the Directorial needs of the Order. The proposed change was to hold a spring and fall meeting.

Abbot (Acquiesco), Claustral Prior (Acquiesco), Sub-Prior (Abstergo)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned submits these Minutes upon this 23rd day of March, CE 201
Father Geof Franklin, O.L., D.D., N.P.
Abbot