

- XIII.** We the Knights of St. Francis of Assisi commend ourselves to St. Clare, the footprint of the Mother of God who imitates the Holy Poverty of Jesus—“the God who was placed poor in the crib, lived poor in the world and remained naked on the cross.”
- XIV.** We the Knights of St. Francis of Assisi submit ourselves to this Holy Poverty which creates brotherhood and sisterhood in our human family. Just as a mother nourishes her child, we siblings will nourish each other in the Spirit.
- XV.** We the Knights of St. Francis of Assisi declare the Archconfraternity of the Knights of St. Francis of Assisi and its Porziuncola as Assisi by the Bay where the word of God is heard and the presence of the Word is lived.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY**

- 1) To become a Knight of St. Francis of Assisi the following requirements should be met:
  - a) 18 years of age unless otherwise exempted
  - b) To serve and not be served. Four hours a month minimum.
  - c) To protect the Porziuncola from all harm at all costs to oneself.
  - d) A knowledge of the life of St. Francis, St. Clare and the pardon of Assisi
  - e) All the faithful who request to be admitted as Members, either personally or through another, is eligible for Membership. There are no special obligations as such. Members can always be members of other religious associations.
  - f) Members, however, are exhorted to :
    - ★ To recite 3 Hail Marys daily, for the intentions of the Archconfraternity;
    - ★ To have an image of Our Lady in their home;
    - ★ To make a donation according to their means.
- 2) Members shall meet once a month on the first Friday of the month after the opening of the Porziuncola on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- 3) Subcommittees will be designed to meet at their discretion. These will include:
  - a) **Protection/safeguard Committee** of the Porziuncola. This will include entrance and exit security checkpoints through the gift shop and monitor spray painting and other environmental incursions.
  - b) **Preservation Committee** to insure sustainability of the Porziuncola.