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List of friars with substantiated accusations

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Current members

(Fr.) Arthur Cooney

(Fr.) Leopold Gleissner

(Fr.) Mel Hermanns

(Fr.) Joseph Smetana

(Fr.) James Wolf

(Fr.) Robert Harrison

(Fr.) Gus Cops

Deceased members

(Fr.) Benedict Adams (2002)

(Fr.) Baldwin Beyer (1999)

(Fr.) James Buser (1979)

(Fr.) Clarence Grosser (1989)[***](#)

(Fr.) James LaReau (1987)

(Fr.) Gale Leifeld (1994)

(Br.) Matthew Migan (1958)[***](#)

(Fr.) Austin Schlaefter (1992)

Deceased members

(Fr.) Wendelin Shafer (2005)

(Fr.) Hilary Zach (1997)

(Fr.) Bertold Ascher (1967)

(Fr.) Roman Ament (1984)

(Br.) Francis Mary Sparacino

(Fr.) Elmer Stoffel (1992)

Former members (deceased)

(Fr.) Jude Hahn (2008)

(Fr.) Emmet Hoffman

Former members

(Br.) Thomas Gardipee

(Br.) Leonard Gibeault

(Fr.) Donald (John Baptist) Kurcz

(Fr.) Robert Spader

(Fr.) Kenneth Stewart

(Fr.) Dennis Druggan – The finding regarding D. Druggan was made upon a preliminary investigation by the Province (2013). He has maintained his innocence.

*** Transferred to Province of St. Mary (NY) in 1952.

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