



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER Five Franciscan Martyrs Region

Florida, South Georgia, Lower Alabama

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Annual Local Fraternity Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023

Complete *and* approve at a Fraternity Council Meeting *and* submit before **February 14, 2024.**

Send to: Jeane Swaynos, OFS, Regional Minister
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or email to swaynos@cfl.rr.com.

Please send a copy to your area Family Councilor, as well.
(Use additional pages and attach if there is not enough space.)

Name of Fraternity: San Damiano, #51-12501

Meeting Place, Address, Phone: St. Mark the Evangelist Church Social Hall, 7081 SE Hwy 42,
 Summerfield, FL 34491, 352-347-9317

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: Last Wednesday of each month, 8:45am, meeting room upstairs
 at St. Mark's Church

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: First Wednesday of each month, 9:00am, after the 8:00am Mass

Any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2023? NO; If not due to an official election, give reason for
 change:

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION

Does your fraternity have a SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT YES ___ NO X ___

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email

In what year did this assignment begin?

Was he/she formally assigned by your provincial?

How many of your local fraternity meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year?

How many local council meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year?

List all the Books used for initial and ongoing formation:

- INITIAL *Franciscan Journey*
- ONGOING We ask members to select topics for Ongoing Formation presentations. This past year none of those topics used books.

- What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?

We have not used the FUN manual, nor have we used *Franciscan Journey*; Council or members determine topics. In the past year ongoing formation topics have been the Rule, evangelizing, conversion, the charisms, Mother Teresa, Eucharistic miracles and the Holy Land.

- How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris? None

- What initial goals has your fraternity made as a result of Instrumentum Laboris? N/A

- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter and how often is it published?

Yes, it is called *The Deacon* after Dcn. Bob Esposito, one of our founding members. We started it in 2022, and it is published bimonthly.

- How is it distributed?

By email to all members who have email, hardcopy mailed to remaining active members who do not.

- Have you thought of sharing your newsletter with the bishop, regional executive council, etc.?

Yes. We have not shared it with the bishop, but we do now share it with our Family Councilor.

- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?

Our main apostolic activity is a monthly sing-along at St. Teresa's Church Food Kitchen, which we call Fools For Francis. About 5 of our members, or 15%, participate each month. We collect food donations for the St. Vincent backpack program for school children. The fraternity contributes monthly to the Friars of the Renewal and the Amazon Relief Program. As a new apostolate, we support a family in India by quarterly donations through the Franciscan Family Apostolate.

- Does your fraternity attend Mass or prayer services outside the regular meeting times?

No, although many members attend Mass together just before our monthly meeting. We did gather for Adoration with others in the parish once this year.

JPIC, YOUNG FRA, ECUMENICAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

- Have you had personal contact with the youth in your area this past year? Explain: No
- Who is your current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity? No one
- Has anyone in your Fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings? Yes, our Formation Director attended the Zoom conferences on YouFra and Formation.

- List your Fraternity "JPIC" projects and activities for 2023. See Apostolic works, above.
- Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2023? Explain: No
- What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity? Explain: We took part in St. Mark's Ministry Sunday and had members distribute brochures after each Sunday Mass. We did this at two other nearby parishes as well.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? Rite of Remembrance for deceased members, Stations of the Cross, Mary procession with Crown Rosary, Day of Reflection (Queen of Peace fraternity also attended), attended 800th celebration of the creche at Greccio at the Basilica
- What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2024? Stations of the Cross, Mary procession with Crown Rosary, Day of Reflection, discussion of our Rule, presentations/discussions about the Stigmata, Rite of Remembrance for deceased members
- Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council? We would like a regular fulltime Spiritual Assistant, as Council has been without one for some time.
- Have you found it easy to connect with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity? Yes
- What has been your fraternity's greatest challenge this past year?

Decreased attendance of members due to serious illness of members and their families. Getting members to feel confident enough to step up to leadership roles or to give ongoing formation presentations.

- What is your fraternity's strongest asset(s)?

Our compassion and prayers for the health and recovery of our members and their family members, the generosity of our members, the cumulative years of professed members, our energetic new members.

- If you are meeting electronically, how many members take part only in these electronic sessions? N/A
- Do you see your ZOOM meetings decreasing over this past year or have they become meetings in addition to your person to person meetings? Explain N/A
- During the past year, how often have you been in touch with your family councilor? Was this connecting to your family councilor through personal contact, zoom, or phone conversations? Once or twice, to resolve matters for Council. We used email.

- How often have you or your delegate attended your family meetings this past year? Once
- How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members? We have an Infirmarian position to take on the ministry of staying in touch with those who are not or can not come to meetings..
- When was your last profession? How many were professed? 10/4/2021, only 1

We may have to increase dues this next year 2025. NAFRA has increased the dues for each member this year to take effect 2025.

- Are you opposed to the increase in dues for our region? No
- We have not increase dues for over 10 years. What do you see as a fair amount for the increase? \$5

Keep copies of this Annual Report and your Annual Treasurer's Report in the Fraternity's records

IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING OR NEED HELP, CONTACT US! WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

****Please mail your Fraternity's 2023 Treasurer's Report and your Fair Share Contribution in the amount of \$55 times the TOTAL NUMBER of Professed and Candidates to:**

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