

**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.***

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***(****Use additional pages and attach if there is not enough space.)*

**Name of Fraternity:** Lady Poverty

**Meeting Place, Address, Phone:** San Pedro Retreat Center95 Bishop Grady Ln, Winter Park, FL 32792

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**Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place:** 2nd Fridays (typically)@ 6 PM on Zoom.

Dates for 2023 were 1/17/2023, 2/25/2023, 3/10/2023, 4/14/2023, 5/12/2023, 6/15/2023, 7/21/2023, 8/11/2023, 9/8/2023, 10/20/2023, 11/10/2023 & 12/14/2023

**Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time:** First Sundays (typically) at San Pedro Retreat Center

Dates for 2023 were 1/8/2023, 2/5/2023, 3/5/2023, 4/2/2023, 5/7/2023, 6/4/20223, 7/2/2023, 8/6/2023 9/10/2023, 10/1/2023, 11/5/2023, 12/3/2023

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

**SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION**

Does your fraternity have a SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT YES\_X\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_\_

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In what year did this assignment begin? \_Feb 8, 2021\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Was he/she formally assigned by your provincial? \_\_\_Yes- by Father Christopher Panagoplos TOR from the Immaculate Conception Province\_\_\_

How many of your local fraternity meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? \_\_12- All\_\_

How many local council meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? \_\_11\_\_\_

List all the Books used for initial and ongoing formation:

* INITIAL
  + The FUN Manual is used for Reference.
  + The Franciscan Journey, Updated Version, Lester Bach OFM Cap
  + Francis of Assisi, The Saint, Early documents
* ONGOING
  + TAU USA Articles
  + Formation Friday emails.
  + Gospels for Lectio Divino
* What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?

It is referenced as needed. We are primarily using the TAU USA articles and Formation Friday emails topics.

* 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?

Not Applicable

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

We do not have a newsletter, however, after each fraternity meeting an email that recaps the meeting highlights and additional information to the presented formation topics are prepared and sent by the Minister to all of the members (excused members also).

* How is it distributed?

The general meeting information is distributed thru email. Any videos or photos are posted on our website (www.ladypoverty.org) for general access.

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

This is not applicable as we do not have a newsletter at this time.

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

Financial donation to Harbor House- January posted for 2022 donation

Apostolic work this year:

1. Installation of first peace pole at San Pedro – February. Funds from fraternity donations.

Financial Support for the Missionary Sisters of Faith in Maui – October; All of our fraternity participated

2. Greccio Artwork and Services at the Mary the Queen of the Universe Shrine – September; December- this was a dedicated group of 6 members.

3. Christmas Project was for the Veterans at the VA Hospital- Donations of Tshirts, and socks with healing cards- December; All of our fraternity participated.

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

As a fraternity we have services for Transitus and Greccio. There are no other regular prayer services that were held in 2023.

**JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS**

* Have you had personal contact with the youth in your area this past year? Explain:

Yes, with Bishop Moore High School students.

* Who is your current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?

William Shade , Vice Minister of Lady Poverty is the animator.

* Has anyone in your Fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings?

Those that attended one or more Zoom meetings are the Youth Animator and Vice Minister- William Shade, Minister- Kathy Ramsey and Faith Formation Director- Tony Walters.

* List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2023.

We have not had any JPIC projects or activities in 2023.

* Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2023? Explain:

Yes. We had an invitation to the general public on the San Pedro event website for the Transitus service where attendees from other faiths (at least Lutheran) were present.

* What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity? Explain:

1. We currently have the Wandering Cross for vocations that is received by a fraternity member each month. The fraternity member then has the responsibility to pray that month for all Franciscan vocations.

2. The Transitus service is posted on the San Pedro website for the general public and we have guests that attend.

3. Fraternity members Tony and Jeanne Walters lead the Hermitage retreats at San Pedro that are open to the public.

4. Our fraternity provided artwork to the Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine that explains St Francis and Greccio for all visitors to the Shrine. This will be used for upcoming years during the Advent and Christmas season. The REC placed Secular Franciscan Brochures at the shrine with the NAFRA website and contact information available for interested visitors.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

* What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)?

1. Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land- Day of Reflection in February

2. Discernment of Spiritual Gifts/Inventory in June

3. Franciscan Retreat on the Franciscan Charisms led by Sister Catherine Noecker in October.

4. Transitus service open to public on 10/3 at San Pedro

5. All Souls- A Place at the Table in November- remembering and honoring all deceased members of the Fraternity

6. Greccio at San Pedro on 12/6, and Greccio at Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine on 12/17.

* What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2024?

1. Peace Pole dedication and multicultural prayer service on 2/3/2024 at San Pedro.

2. Public Prayer for Peace with Maximillian Kolbe fraternity in Sanford – January 13 and April 16 @ 12:30. Tentative on future dates.

3. Franciscan Retreat with Father Nick Mormando on 10/4-10/6/2024- topic to be determined.

4. Transitus Service at San Pedro on 10/3.

5. Greccio Service- date to be determined.

* Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?

We enjoyed the visit of our family councilor Kelly Otero in December and working with the Max Kolbe fraternity

* 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?

A new council with many significant events to plan and coordinate in a short period of time. Fraternity members or new inquirers with physical challenges and concerns.

* What is your fraternity’s strongest asset(s)?

Our strongest asset are our members and their desire to be in community.

* If you are meeting electronically, how many members take part only in these electronic sessions?

Fraternity meetings we have 4 or less join on Zoom, the majority attend in person. For our council meetings, they are primarily on Zoom due to available schedules and will remain for this upcoming year.

* 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

We have kept them available only for those in circumstances where Zoom is the only option. Zoom is not offered as a routine option to the fraternity overall.

* 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?

We have been in contact multiple times this past year. We had a meet and greet in December, and we also had planning calls for the public peace prayer held in January 2024. We had a family meeting in November that was held and was very beneficial.

* How often have you or your delegate attended your family meetings this past year?

The one meeting scheduled this year was attended.

* How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?

We reach out by phone. Cards and notes are sentd for birthdays and holidays.

* When was your last profession? How many were professed?

There were no professions in 2023. Our last profession ceremony was held in 11/6/2022 where we had two newly professed members- Kim Craft and Jane Furnier.

**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?**

The council of Lady Poverty are not opposed to an increase but we hope it will be reasonable.

* **We have not increase dues for over 10 years. What do you see as a fair amount for the increase?** Lady Poverty Council recommends an increase from $55 to $ 60.

*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 2022 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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