

**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**

**216 East Sweetwater Creek Drive**

**Longwood, Florida 32779**

**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:** St. Francis of Assisi / Clearwater

**Meeting Place, Address, Phone:** St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen. 1345 Park Street, Clearwater, 33756. Minister accepts phone calls at (727) 492.5666

**Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place:** Usually the 1st or 2nd Thursday of the month at a Council member’s home.

**Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time:** The 2nd Saturday of the month at 12:15 at the St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen in Clearwater.

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 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: The Franciscan Journey
* ONGOING: To Set Themselves Free
* What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?
	+ Structure of the Order; Franciscan Theology, Tradition, and Spirituality; Nature of the Secular Franciscan Order; personal and “Illustrated Lifeline of St. Francis.”
* How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris?
	+ Never.
* What initial goals has your fraternity made as a result of Instrumentum Laboris?
	+ Council has endeavored to keep Fraternity members active in a group ministry, make themselves more visible, and bring guests to meetings.
* Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter and how often is it published?
	+ We do. It is written by the Minister with submissions (few) from members of the Fraternity.
* How is it distributed?
	+ It is sent by email to 14 members and mailed by USPS to 10 with no electronic connections.
* Have you thought of sharing your newsletter with the bishop, regional executive council, etc.?
	+ No. But we should probably send it to the REC.
* What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?
	+ We support the Farmworkers Self Help group in Dade City with food staples, clothing, toys for an October Community birthday party, and an occasional check.
	+ About half actively participate in the collection of items.
	+ 6 members actively communicate with this community and deliver items.
* Does your fraternity attend Mass or prayer services outside the regular meeting times?
	+ We have Mass, but it is within the meeting when available.

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

* Have you had personal contact with the youth in your area this past year? Explain:
	+ No. We are still looking for opportunities.
* Who is your current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?
	+ We do not have 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?
	+ No.
* List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2023.
	+ None.
* Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2023? Explain:
	+ No. We are not aware of any opportunities.
* What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity? Explain:
	+ We are encouraging each person who attends to bring a new friend each year.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

* What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)?
	+ Blessing of the Animals, The Transitus (this year we celebrated with St. Anthony of Padua and felt that we made strong connections with the members; we hosted).
* What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2024?
	+ The same.
* Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?
* Have you found it easy to connect with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity?
	+ Absolutely. I feel that our Region excels in this.
* What has been your fraternity’s greatest challenge this past year?
	+ Including a member in a wheelchair who has no transportation.
* What is your fraternity’s strongest asset(s)?
	+ Diversity in age.
* 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?
	+ 4 times since Elections in June, 2023; by letter, email, phone, and text.
* How often have you or your delegate attended your family meetings this past year?
	+ Three?
* How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?
	+ Yes. Minister makes home visits when able. Only two other members accompany me, on occasion.
	+ Also, one of our secretaries calls them each month.
* When was your last profession? How many were professed?
	+ November, 2018. Two. Yikes!!!

**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?**
	+ I know that our members will struggle with this, but I think a $10 – $15 increase is fair.

*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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