

**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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**or email to** [**swaynos@cfl.rr.com**](about:blank)**.**

**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: Little Flock**

**Meeting Place, Address, Phone: St. Lawrence Catholic Church Family Center Library, 370 S. Section St., Fairhope, AL. 36532**

**Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: First Sunday of every other month, 2PM, Zoom**

**Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: Second Sunday of the month, 2PM, St. Lawrence Catholic Church**

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

Our Treasurer, John Roan, passed away April 2023. As his wife, also a fraternity member, had assisted him, the Council voted that she assume the position of Treasurer.

**SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION**

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

* Name\_Deacon Kenny Kaiser\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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In what year did this assignment begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_2014\_\_\_

Was he/she formally assigned by your provincial? \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_

How many of your local fraternity meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? \_10\_\_\_

How many local council meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? \_\_\_4 out of 5\_\_

List all the Books used for initial and ongoing formation:

* INITIAL The Franciscan Journey
* ONGOING Live Like Francis
* What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?
* None
* How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris? Usually every other month with an update on The Peace Award and St. Francis Project at our meeting. We are also informed every month on the formation of our members.
* What initial goals has your fraternity made as a result of Instrumentum Laboris?
* To reach out to the youth of our area with the initiation of the Peace Awards and the St. Francis Project.
* To have greater participation of our membership in Formation. Currently each member takes a turn at formation of each Inquirer and Candidate in formation, at least twice a year. We all participate in on-going formation at the regular meeting.
* Continue our strong prayer life with Liturgy of the Hours prayed at most meetings, a Gospel read and reflected on by a member at each meeting with each member taking a turn and a Franciscan Model report given by a member at each meeting. We choose a Franciscan Saint or Blessed and give a report on their life.
* We meet by Zoom on the third Saturday of the month to pray The Franciscan Crown Rosary.
* We participate yearly in the Transitus Ceremony.
* A professed member emails various novenas to all members on at time appropriate intervals.
* A professed member emails the Blessed Mother’s monthly message from Medjugoje to all members.
* The Infirmarian emails all regional prayer requests to the membership.
* We all wear a navy blue shirt with our Fraternity Logo that identifies them as a part of the Fraternity and Order
* A published “Contributors Cycle” ensures the participation of all members in various roles at our regular meetings.
* Members all contribute to a common fund to support and participate in permanent, individually initiated apostolates (i.e. Peace Awards, St. Francis Projects, providing Franciscan books for schools, etc)
* Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter and how often is it published?
* We do not have a newsletter.
* How is it distributed? n/a
* Have you thought of sharing your newsletter with the bishop, regional executive council, etc.? n/a
* What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?
* We have a Mass said every month for deceased members. We participate in the St. Lawrence Christmas Bazaar and donate the proceeds to the two Catholic High Schools, one in Mobile County and the other in Baldwin County, We give a Peace Award at 9 schools and 1 Parish Church and a St. Francis Project at one elementary school.
* We have 100% participation as members donate towards the expenses of the Masses and the awards.
* Does your fraternity attend Mass or prayer services outside the regular meeting times?
* Only at our Day of Community and on days of Profession and members funerals due to the great distance we live apart.

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

* Have you had personal contact with the youth in your area this past year? Explain:
* One of us participated in an peace award ceremony at an elementary school and one of us participated in a Peace Award at a Parish Church.
* Who is your current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?
* We do not have an 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?

No

* List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2022.
* We consider our Peace Award, St. Francis Project and the participation in the Christmas Bazaar
* as JPIC.
* Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2022? Explain:
* No
* What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity? Explain: Our formation director, Brian Doyle, gave a talk on Secular Franciscans at Christ the King.
* We place brochures at our members parishes and we invite acquaintances to attend our meetings.
* We continually have our meeting date listed in the Diocesan newsletter.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

* What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? Day of Community in May 2023. Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Party in December.

We always have a Transitus Celebration in October. Two members attended a family-sponsored Lenten mission in Crestview, Fl. In March, 2023. Two members attended a Lenten presentation given by another member at Christ the King Parish on the Franciscans during Lent, 2023.

* What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2024?
* Profession of two members, February 18, 2024. Rite of Admission, March 10, 2024. Regional Visitation April 20, 2024
* Day of Community at the Visitation Monastery in Mobile, July 13,2024 and another profession on August 10, 2024. Transitus, October, 2024. Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Party in December.
* Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?
* Not at this time.
* Have you found it easy to connect with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity?
* Yes, they are always helpful and accommodating.
* What has been your fraternity’s greatest challenge this past year?
* Attending funerals for three of five members who passed away in thirteen months time and finding the best way to memorialize the two that did not have local funerals.
* What is your fraternity’s strongest asset(s)?
* 100% participation in just about everything with enthusiasm.
* If you are meeting electronically, how many members take part only in these electronic sessions?
* Our Council of seven members and our Spiritual Assistant meet every other month by Zoom for our Council meeting.
* 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 do not forsee a decrease. We use Zoom for our bi-monthly Council meetings and for praying the

Franciscan Crown Rosary together on the third Saturday of the month.

* 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?
* Three times by telephone calls.
* How often have you or your delegate attended your family meetings this past year?
* There have been none.
* How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?
* Yes, our Infirmarian calls them at least monthly.
* When was your last profession? How many were professed?
* February 18, 2024, two new members

**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?**
* **$5.00**

*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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