



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: ST. JOHN CAPISTRANO (5112101)

Meeting Place, Address, Phone: MOST HOLY REDEEMER, 10110 N. CENTRAL AVE, TAMPA, FL 33612

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: 2ND SATURDAYS, 9:30 AM, SAME AS ABOVE

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: 2ND SATURDAYS, AFTER FRATERNITY MEETING, SAME LOCATION

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 _____ 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 *OSF FUN MANUAL*
- ONGOING *THE COMPLETE FRANCIS OF ASSISI, EDITED BY JEN M. SWEENEY*
- What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?
WE HAVE BEEN USING THE FUN MANUAL BEGINNING → END FOR INITIAL FORMATION.
GOOD CHAPTERS FOR ONGOING FORMATION: JPIC and History of SFO
- How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris?
2-3 TIMES DURING 2023
- What initial goals has your fraternity made as a result of Instrumentum Laboris?
1) PLANNING OUTREACH ACTIVITY - 1YR, 5YR
2) ENCOURAGING APOSTOLATE IDEAS, TO PROMOTE MORE TOGETHERNESS AND COMMON MINISTRY.
- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter and how often is it published?
NO
- How is it distributed?
NO / N/A
- Have you thought of sharing your newsletter with the bishop, regional executive council, etc.?
NO / N/A
- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?
FOOD DONATIONS FOR CHURCH FOOD BANK, MAYBE 30% EACH MONTH
- Does your fraternity attend Mass or prayer services outside the regular meeting times?
MASS BEFORE EACH MONTHLY MEETING (8:30AM)

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?
N/A
- 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.

NO

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

INVITE EPISCOPAL & OTHER CHURCHES TO 2023 TRANSITUS SERVICE. WE HELD THIS AFTER REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MASS; IT WAS MOST WELL-ATTENDED IN YEARS. THE PASTOR LIVE-STREAMED + RECORDED IT!

- What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity?

Explain: VISITED TWO PARISHES AND WORE OSF SHIRTS, RELAXED PRESENCE (NOT SPEECH/MEETING). WE ALSO HAVE TRAVELING ST. FRANCIS STATUE IN FRATERNITY, SHARED TO ENCOURAGE PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? TRANSITUS, FRATERNITY MEMBER'S PARISH FAIR, FRATERNITY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (MUSIC CELEBRATING D-ANTIPHONS)

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

PARTICIPATION IN 2024 DAY OF RECOLLECTION, PICNIC FOR FRATERNITY FAMILY, TRANSITUS, AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR PROFESSION AND MEMBER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

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

NO

- 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?

ATTENDANCE - WE'VE HAD LOTS OF HEALTH ISSUES AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

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

1) DEPTH OF FAITH OF MEMBERS

2) CONCERN FOR NEEDS OF FRATERNITY MEMBERS - WE ARE A FAMILY

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

1-2 EACH MONTH CALL IN TO MEETING (BECAUSE OF ILLNESS)

- 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

HAVEN'T HELD ZOOM SINCE 2021

- 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?

LIMITED CONTACT - EMAIL GENERATED BY COUNCILORS. I FEEL, AS MINISTER, THIS IS AREA I NEED TO IMPROVE UPON.

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

1-2 MEETINGS IN 2023

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

INFIRMARIAN TOUCHES BASE MONTHLY. WE SENT CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS CARD AT END OF 2023.

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

LAST PROFESSION WAS 2013, WITH ONE PROFESSED. HOWEVER, WE'RE OVERJOYED THAT WE WILL BE SCHEDULING TWO PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE NEXT 12-14 MONTHS! PRAISE GOD!

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 RAISE FOR NEXT YEAR; PERHAPS CONSIDER REVIEW/RAISE EVERY 5 YRS.

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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