



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
Five Franciscan Martyrs Region

Florida, South Georgia, Lower Alabama

www.ffmr-ofs.org

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:

Blessed Solanus Casey

Meeting Place, Address, Phone:

Magi Hall, Epiphany Cathedral Campus 200 Harbor Dr. N., Venice, FL 34285

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place:

1st Saturday of every month 9 AM at Magi Hall

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time:

3rd Sunday of every month 1:30 PM

Any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2023? (NO) (YES)

If not due to an official election, give reason

for change: Councilor Marie Rasch deceased/Marianne Niedospial replaced her for 2 months

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION

Does your fraternity have a SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT YES X NO

- Name Deacon Jim Hanks
- Address 908 Capistrano Dr. Nokomis, FL 34295
- Phone 941-480-0667
- Email jimhanks@juno.com

In what year did this assignment begin? 2018

Was he/she formally assigned by your provincial? yes

How many of your local fraternity meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? 11

How many local council meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? 0

List all the Books used for initial and ongoing formation:

- INITIAL Franciscan Journey, Poverty and Joy, FUN Manual, Catechism, Bible, references at the end of chapters, especially encyclicals

- ONGOING

FORMED, Formation Fridays, St. Anthony Messenger, The Rule

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

Many especially discussions of the Rule

- How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris?

Not sure - maybe two

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

We identified an apostolate and had good discussion about what members are doing and can do.

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

No

- How is it distributed?

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

- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate? Contributing to the parish GEM (Guadalupe Epiphany Mission) quarterly and the South Venice Food Pantry monthly.

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

No.

JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL 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?

Agnes Reid

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

Zoom meeting - Agnes Reid

- List your Fraternity "JPIC" projects and activities for 2022.

South Venice Food Pantry

- Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2022? Explain:

GEM through Epiphany Parish

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

Explain: Attendance at Ministry Fair. Talk by Deacon at Magi Hall.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? Day of Recollection sponsored by San Damiano Fraternity

Held Regional meet at Epiphany in October

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

Profession for two candidates

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

Availability of Council members is appreciated.

- 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?

Participation in activities. It's hard to get members to commit to doing things. The same few volunteer.

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

We have a few new transfers since Covid who seem to be bringing the rest of the group together. They socialize more and participate more in discussions.

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

We do not meet electronically.

- 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

- 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?

Don't know how often but I've spoken with or emailed Councilors as needed. They have always responded and I would not hesitate to reach out to them.

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

Someone has attended every meeting.

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

By phone. A few in-person visits were made.

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

In. 2022 - two people were professed.

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?

Because we have so many retired members I would not like to see an increase but I understand that it may be necessary.

- 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:**

**Karen Rooney, OFS
Regional Treasurer
1315 Mirror Terrace NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Cell (863) 224-5919
karenrooneyofs@outlook.com**

****PLEASE MAIL YOUR ANNUAL REPORT TO:**

**Jeane Swaynos, OFS
FFMR Regional Minister
216 East Sweetwater Creek Drive
Longwood, Florida 32779
Cell 407-462-0808
swaynos@cfl.rr.com**