



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Five Franciscan Martyrs Region

Florida, South Georgia, Lower Alabama

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22 - professed
3 - Candidates
 $25 \times \$60.00 = 1,500.00$

Annual Local Fraternity Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2024

Complete *and* approve at a Fraternity Council Meeting *and* submit before **February 14, 2025.**

(Attach additional pages if there is not enough space.)

This may be completed by editing the file and sending the completed, saved report to the Regional Minister.

Name of Fraternity: Maximilian Kolbe fraternity #51-13401.

Gathering Place, Address, Phone: St Ann's Church/ Education Building, 28 Dogwood Trail, DeBary, FL.

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: 1st Friday of the month at 12:30pm, In the parish office at St Anns

Gathering Day(s), Time: 3rd Saturday of the month. 8:30- 9:30 is initial formation and 9:30 to 12:00 PM is the Fraternity Gathering.

- Were there any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2024? {NO} {YES};X If not due to an official election, give reason for change: Yes our Formation Director has stepped down due to illness the council has elected..... temporarily to fill in until our election in 2025.

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION

- Does your fraternity have a Spiritual Assistant? If so, please provide name, address, phone, and email if not already provided with Council contact information. Our spiritual assistant is KarenSzczeniak OFS, # 386-822-9050 karenofs@gmail.com 1409 Cottage Hill Dr. DeLand, FL 32724.
- In what year did this assignment begin? 11/6/2024
- Was he/she formally assigned by your Provincial? {NO} {YES}: X If so, list the name of the Provincial who made the assignment and the obedience to which you are bonded. (Appointed by Fr. Gene Pistacchio OFM, 11/6/2014)
- How many of your local fraternity gatherings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year? ALL

- How many local Council meetings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year? ALL

FORMATION INFORMATION

- List all the books and other materials used for initial and ongoing formation:
 - INITIAL: The Franciscan Journey Book by Lester Bach OFM
 - ONGOING: Through the year: 52 Steps to Conversion from Saint Francis of Assisi, written by members of the Confraternity of Penitents.
- What topics in the *FUN Manual* or *Franciscan Journey* have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation? We incorporate the Formation Fridays, from the FUN manual into ongoing formation when able.
- How often has your fraternity discussed the status of *Instrumentum Laboris*? Three times a year, at the start of the new calendar year when we are planning our calendar for the year, after the regional meeting and at the end of the year, to discuss are outcomes.
- What initial goals has your fraternity set as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*? To network with other nearby fraternities. Reinforce and expand our Formation team
- What goals has your fraternity reached as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*? We have reached both goals. We had a "Day of Reflection", with Little Flowers Fraternity in Daytona Beach, with all those in Formation along with their formators. We assisted Lady Poverty with the Greccio Service and got together to pray for peace. We have expanded our formation team. And we currently have seven people in initial formation.
- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter? {NO} {YES}X
 - If so, how often is it published? Monthly
 - How is it distributed? Email and snail mail
- With whom do you share your newsletter (bishop, Regional Executive Council, your Family Councilor, etc.)? Our Regional councilor Larry Bleau OFS

- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate? Franciscan Family Apostolate and Amazon relief. Most of our members participate.
- Describe the activities (Mass, prayer services, etc.) your fraternity attends outside the regular gathering times. We meet for a Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant after our December gathering.
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- JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS
- Describe the personal contact you have had with the youth in your area this past year. No contact this year.
- Who is the current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity? Kelly Otero OFS (Minister and regional councilor)
- How many in your fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings? I attend the Youfra zoom meetings.
- List your Fraternity "JPIC" projects and activities for 2024. "Year of Prayer" "Franciscan Saint Minute" emphasizing Franciscan virtues.
- Describe your participation in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2024. None
- Describe the activities you have done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity: Word of mouth. Bulletin insert and Come and See literature in all the catholic churches in the area.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2024 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? Day of reflection with Little Flowers Fraternity. Patriotic Rosary and participation in the Regional Family Gathering. We had a profession this year.
- What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2025? "Year of Jubilee" also we would like to attend mass and eucharistic adoration together outside of the meeting.
- Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council? Not at this time

- Describe any difficulties you have had connecting with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity. No difficulties at all.
- What has been your fraternity's greatest challenge this past year? The aging and sickness of our members. The formation director has been ill and unable to fulfill his duties, the formation team has stepped in to provide assistance.
- What are your fraternity's strongest asset(s)? We are welcoming and joyful. The council works very hard.
- How many in person gatherings have you had this past year? 12
 - About how many members attend in person? All our members attend in person
 - How many attend through some electronic means? None
- During the past year, how often have you been in touch with your Family Councilor? How was this done (personal contact, zoom, email, or phone conversations)? Email, personal contact
- How often have you or your delegate attended your family gatherings this past year? I have attended all of the family gatherings this year.
- How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members? Yes through the newsletter, cards phone calls and visits.
- How are you keeping in touch with your Active-Excused, Lapsed, or Temporary Withdrawn members? Same as above
- When was your last profession? 2024 How many were professed? one
- Is your *Come and See* brochure available in another language? No
Do you need the *Essential Documents* in another language? Spanish
- How many members received and read the one printed copy of the TAU-USA, the National Fraternity's newsletter? unsure
- How many members received and read the 3 electronic copies of the TAU-USA? All of our members receive the tau
Do you provide a printed copy for those members without email? yes

- Do you prefer the electronic or printed copy of the TAU-USA (the cost for each printed edition in Spanish and English is \$30,000)? Electronic is fine

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!

Note: You will shortly receive your Fair Share Contribution assessment. Please mail a check along with your Fraternity's 2024 Treasurer's Report to the address below.

MAIL OR EMAIL YOUR ANNUAL REPORT TO:

Jeane Swaynos, OFS (FFMR Regional Minister)
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MAIL YOUR TREASURER'S REPORT AND FAIR SHARE CHECK TO:

Karen Rooney, OFS (Regional Treasurer)
1315 Mirror Terrace NW
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Cell 863-224-5919

karenrooneyofs@outlook.com

Also send a copy to your Family Councilor.

LOCAL FRATERNITY VISITS

Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM, is one of our National Spiritual Assistants and the Provincial Spiritual Assistant for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, which encompasses almost the entire USA. He will be coming to visit our region for a Regional Pastoral Visitation on May 16-18, the dates of our Annual Meeting. He will extend his trip to permit him to personally visit as many local fraternities as possible. During these visits he will meet with the council and, if possible, the local fraternity. He will be arriving on May 9th and flying back May 27th.

Below is a list of dates when he could visit your local fraternity. Please designate three dates that would work for you in ranking order. He will be visiting throughout the week. You will need to schedule your meeting at that time and may need to provide housing for one night for him. You may want to meet at someone's home if the church where you meet is not available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your Provincial Spiritual Assistant, and we will try to accommodate as many fraternities as possible. Please List your first three choices and return it with your completed annual report. Times are flexible, please be specific.

Availability to Meet with Fr. Jerome

Date	Day	Morning 9-12	Afternoon 1-4	Evening 5-9
5-10	Saturday		2 nd choice	
5-11	Sunday (Mother's Day)			
5-12	Monday			
5-13	Tuesday			
5-14	Wednesday			
5-15	Thursday			
5-16	Friday Annual Chapter Meeting	Not available	Not available	Not available
5-17	Saturday Annual Chapter Meeting	Not available	Not available	Not available
5-18	Sunday Annual Chapter Meeting	Not available	Not available	Not available

5-19	Monday				
5-20	Tuesday				
5-21	Wednesday				
5-22	Thursday				
5-23	Friday			1 st choice	
5-24	Saturday			3 rd choice	
5-25	Sunday				

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