**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, 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: Lady Poverty**

**Gathering Place, Address, Phone:** San Pedro Retreat Center95 Bishop Grady Ln, Winter Park, FL 32792

**Phone-** [407 671 6322](tel:+14076716322)

**Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place:** 2nd Fridays (typically)@ 6 PM on Zoom. 11 total for 2024. August was cancelled.



**Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time:**

17/7/2024, Peace Pole Service 2/3/2024, 2/4/2024, 3/3/2024, 4/7/2024, 5/5/2024, 6/2/2024, 7/14/2024, 8/4/2024 (Zoom due to Hurricane Debby) , 9/8/2024, Transitus Service 10/3/2024, 10/6/2024, 11/3/2024 and 12/8/2024

* Were there any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2024? {NO} {YES}; If not due to an official election, give reason for change:

## 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.
  + HansD. Huemmer, 2924 Lowell Court, Casselberry, FL 32707 ; Phone- 407-695-0648/407-778-9818 (cell), hdhuemmer@outlook.com
* In what year did this assignment begin? February 8, 2021
* Was he/she formally assigned by your Provincial? {NO} {YES}; If so, list the name of the Provincial who made the assignment and the obedience to which you are bonded.
  + Father Christopher Panagoplos, TOR from the Immaculate Conception Province.
* How many of your local fraternity gatherings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year? 12 meetings- or all of them!
* How many local Council meetings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year? He attended 9 out of 11 scheduled meetings.

## FORMATION INFORMATION

* List all the books and other materials used for initial and ongoing formation:
* INITIAL

FUN Manual- Yes this is being used.

The Journey and the Dream by Murray Bodo

The Franciscan Journey by Lester Bach

* ONGOING
  + TAU USA Articles
  + Secular Franciscan USA resources for the Stigmata
  + Gospels for Lectio Divina
  + Office of the Passion, Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sacred Art,
* What topics in the *FUN Manual* or *Franciscan Journey* have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation? None
* How often has your fraternity discussed the status of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
  + We have an apostolate document the council created in the same spirit and format of IL. It is provided with this report. It was reviewed once this year with the fraternity for our progress. Our Council plans on updating this to the IL format this coming year. I attached the IL worksheet noting our named animator/team leader- Kim Craft. We hope to be in progress with this worksheet in 2025.
* What initial goals has your fraternity set as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?

Based on our Apostolate document only- Focus on Spiritual Discernment, Fraternal Interaction, and an outward missionary apostolate.

* What goals has your fraternity reached as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?

Based on our Apostolate document only:

Spiritual Discernment- in fraternity meetings the following has been highlighted:

* + The Gospels/Lectio Divina, the Rule, individual Spiritual Gifts Inventory, enhancing and emphasizing Liturgy of the Hours, Office of the Passion of St. Francis of Assisi, Office of the BVM, and Franciscan Crown Rosary

Fraternal Interaction- improving the engagement with each other in community

* Sharing Topics at each meeting for small table discussions, recognizing birthdays and profession anniversaries, remembering deceased members each year, prayer requests of our members, and updating the Ladypoverty.org website with events and photos.

Outward Missionary Discipleship

* Public Peace prayer in Sanford, Peace Pole services at San Pedro and Bishop Moore High School, Veterans Apostolate at Greccio (Cards and Needed Items for VA Hospital), Transitus Services Open to All and on Zoom, establishing a Youth Group/Youfra at Bishop Moore High School.
* Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter? {NO} {YES}
* If so, how often is it published? An email with meeting highlights and photos is sent each month after our regular fraternity meeting
* How is it distributed? By email. Any videos or photos are posted on our website (www.ladypoverty.org) for general access. [Home | Lady Poverty](https://www.ladypoverty.org/)
* With whom do you share your newsletter (bishop, Regional Executive Council, your Family Councilor, etc.)? Fraternity and Family councilor
* What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?
  + Peace Pole service and San Pedro with Catholic Schools and UCF- 80%
  + Bishop Moore Peace Pole installment Service-3
  + Christmas Project was for the Veterans at the VA Hospital- Donations of Tshirts, and socks with healing cards- December; All of our fraternity participated.
* Describe the activities (Mass, prayer services, etc.) your fraternity attends outside the regular gathering times.
  + Peace Pole Service on 2/3/2024 with multiple Catholic schools, a representative for Ukraine, and the UCF Jewish community participated. This service was in multiple languages.
  + As a fraternity we have a separate service for Transitus which is also open to visitors. Greccio was celebrated this year during our December meeting.

## JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

* Describe the personal contact you have had with the youth in your area this past year.

William Shade is the Youfra animator who has started a group at Bishop Moore High School. The initial group had 10 students. Also our Peace Pole service in February involved the Catholic Schools of St John Vianney, Bishop Moore High School, St. Andrews, the youth group from St Phillip Phan Vin Minh, and a UCF student representing the Jewish community. As part of the service a Peace Pole was gifted to Bishop Moore who had a service and installment in June where at least 20 students were present along with teachers and staff.

* Who is the current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?

William Shade , Vice Minister of Lady Poverty is the animator.

* How many in your fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings?

Those that attended one or more Zoom meetings are the Youth Animator and Vice Minister- William Shade, Minister- Kathy Ramsey and Faith Formation Director- Tony Walters.

* List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2024.
  + Peace Pole Service in February
  + Bishop Moore HS Peace Pole and service in June
* Describe your participation in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2024.
  + The Peace Pole service included the Jewish community.
* Describe the activities you have done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity.

1. We have the Wandering Cross for vocations that is received by a fraternity member each month. The fraternity member then has the responsibility to pray that month for all Franciscan vocations.

2. The Transitus service is posted on the San Pedro website for the general public and we have guests that attend.

3. Fraternity members Tony and Jeanne Walters lead the Hermitage retreats at San Pedro that are open to the public.

4. We have a posting in the Florida Catholic for our fraternity and Meeting time

5. We have our website ladypoverty.org which provides resources and contacts for our fraternity.

6. We assisted with the Retreat leader, Father Nick Mormondo, for the Franciscan retreat at San Pedro- which is open to all to register.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

* What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2024 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)?

1. Peace Pole dedication and multicultural prayer service on 2/3/2024 at San Pedro.

2. Public Prayer for Peace with Maximillian Kolbe fraternity in Sanford – January 13 and April 16 @ 12:30.

3. Stigmata Service with Sacred Art and Visio Divina in our August Meeting

3. Franciscan Retreat with Father Nick Mormando on 10/4-10/6/2024

4. Transitus Service at San Pedro on 10/3.

5. Greccio Service- 12/8

* What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2025?

1. Peace Pole Service- May 10

2. Transitus- Oct. 3

* Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?
* Describe any difficulties you have had connecting with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity. None.
* What has been your fraternity’s greatest challenge this past year?

Our greatest challenge is the aging and health decline of many of our members. The geographical dispersement of our members also makes it very challenging for any charitable service done in the “field”.

* What are your fraternity’s strongest asset(s)?

Our sisters and brothers and their engagement during meetings and discussions. Spiritual topics and faith formation with small table sharing has created a strong sense of community. A council that is working well with each other.

* How many in person gatherings have you had this past year?
* About how many members attend in person? 21 out of 34 Active members. We have had 3-4 individuals where only 50% or less of the meetings were attended. We will be reaching out them for any concerns or assistance they may need.
* How many attend through some electronic means? Typically 1 to 3- Pat Jacks is now on the west coast of Florida- so she only attends via Zoom, anyone else may be due to travel issues or not feeling well enough to come. The only exception was August when we held our meeting on Zoom due to the Hurricane.
* 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)?
  + Several times- phone, text, email and in person.
* How often have you or your delegate attended your family gatherings this past year? There has only been one family meeting- it was attended by myself and 4 other members.
* How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members? These are our Active-Excused members. Reaching out thru email, phone calls and cards. Home visit when possible.
* How are you keeping in touch with your Active-Excused, Lapsed, or Temporary Withdrawn members?

Reaching out thru email, phone calls and cards. Home visit when possible.

* When was your last profession? A temporary profession was held this year- with permanent profession to be determined in 2025. How many were professed? 1
* Is your *Come and See* brochure available in another language? No

Do you need the *Essential Documents* in another language? Spanish would be helpful

* How many members received and read the one printed copy of the TAU-USA, the National Fraternity newsletter? There were no reports of not receiving the Tau printed copy- last one.
* How many members received and read the 3 electronic copies of the TAU-USA?

Do you provide a printed copy for those members without email? The link to the read the electronic copy is sent to members when it is available. No printed copies are currently provided.

* 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)?

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.

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**Also send a copy to your Family Councilor.**

**MAIL YOUR TREASURER’S REPORT AND FAIR SHARE CHECK TO:**

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## 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**

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| **Date** | **Day** | **Morning 9-12** | **Afternoon 1-4** | **Evening 5-9** |
| 5-10 | Saturday |  | Peace Pole-1 PM |  |
| 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 |  |  | X-time TBD |
| 5-20 | Tuesday |  |  |  |
| 5-21 | Wednesday |  |  |  |
| 5-22 | Thursday |  |  |  |
| 5-23 | Friday |  |  |  |
| 5-24 | Saturday |  |  |  |
| 5-26 | Sunday |  |  |  |

If you need additional copies of the treasurer report, follow this link

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