



## 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: **BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY**

Gathering Place, Address, Phone: **MAGI HALL AT EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL PARISH,  
200 HARBOR DR. N. VENICE, FL 34285**

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: **1ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT  
09:15AM AT MAGI HALL**

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: **3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 1:30PM AT  
MAGI HALL**

- Were there any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2024? {NO} {YES}; If not due to an official election, give reason for change: **ELECTIONS IN MAR'24**

### 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. **YES**  
**DEACON JIM HANKS AT EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL, VENICE, FL**  
**708 CAPISTRANO DR. NOKOMIS, FL 34275**  
**PH (941) 480-0667 EMAIL: jimhanks@juno.com**
- In what year did this assignment begin?  
**SEPT 4th, 2013**
- 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.
- How many of your local fraternity gatherings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year?  
**10**
- How many local Council meetings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year?  
**0**

## FORMATION INFORMATION

- List all the books and other materials used for initial and ongoing formation:
  - INITIAL FRANCISCAN JOURNEY, FUN MANUAL, BIBLE DOCUMENTS & REFERENCES AT THE END OF THE CHAPTER, ENCYCLICALS
  - ONGOING FORMATION FRIDAYS, FORMED, FRANCISCAN MEDIA
- What topics in the *FUN Manual* or *Franciscan Journey* have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?
  1. CHAPTERS ON ST. FRANCIS + ST. CLARE SPIRITUALITY
  2. SECULAR OFS RULE
- How often has your fraternity discussed the status of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
 

TWICE, - NEED TO HELP THE NEEDY WITH DONATIONS, VOLUNTEER
- What initial goals has your fraternity set as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
 

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO BRING BAGS OF FOOD, CLOTHES ETC., MENTIONED BY GEM APOSTOLATE, LCA NOKOMIS FOOD PANTRY IS OUR 1ST + 3RD THURSDAY COMMITMENT - ABOUT 8+ VOLUNTEERS
- What goals has your fraternity reached as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
 

GET THE WORD OUT AT EVERY MEETING, DAYS + TIMES, FREE T-SHIRT TO BE WORN TO IDENTIFY OURSELVES AND THE JOY IT BRINGS TO THOSE WE SERVE
- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter? ☒ {NO} ☐ {YES}
  - If so, how often is it published?
  - How is it distributed?
- With whom do you share your newsletter (bishop, Regional Executive Council, your Family Councilor, etc.)?
- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?
 

GEM (GUADALUPE EPIPHANY MISSION) - QUARTERLY LCA FOOD PANTRY (LAUREL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, NOKOMIS) - 1ST + 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH + THE SOUTH VENICE FOOD PANTRY
- Describe the activities (Mass, prayer services, etc.) your fraternity attends outside the regular MONTHLY gathering times.
 

PARTICIPATED IN EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL'S MINISTRY FAIR SATURDAY + SUNDAY AFTER MASS - MADE CONTACT ON SIGN UP SHEET AND DONATED A BASKET OF STUFF FOR RAFFLE WINNER, VOLUNTEER AT LCA NOKOMIS FOOD PANTRY TWICE A WEEK + ATTEND 1ST SATURDAYS ABBACY + MASS



### JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

- Describe the personal contact you have had with the youth in your area this past year.  
NO - NOT SAFE APPROVED
- Who is the current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?  
AGNES CARRASCO
- How many 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 + CARRASCO

- List your Fraternity "JPIC" projects and activities for 2024.

1. LAUREL CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY  
2. SOUTH VENICE FOOD PANTRY

- Describe your participation in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2024.

1. MINISTRY FAIR HEAD AT EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL, VENICE, FL  
2. DEACON JIM HAWKS TALK AT THE PULPIT AND MAGI HALL

- Describe the activities you have done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity.

APRIL 21, 2024 - SUSAN H + PAT D. - OFS PROFESSION  
MANY WERE INVITED - BEAUTIFUL WITNESS

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2024 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? 2024 - MANY MEMBERS (9) ATTENDED REFLECTION DAY AT DAYSPRING, 2 - AGNES REID/MARY BARRIOS ATTENDED WINTERPARK ANNUAL RETREAT
- What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2025?  
OFS PROFESSION IN SEPTEMBER '25

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

APPRECIATE QUICK RESPONSE + UNDERSTANDING AND HEALTH CHECK EMAILS

- Describe any difficulties you have had connecting with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity.

YES. THANKS TO MARK BANSBACH AND RACHEL AHERN - FAMILY COUNCILORS AND SHEILA SOLOMON, AND PAT WOLFERT, TOO + JEANE SWAINOS ESPECIALLY

- What has been your fraternity's greatest challenge this past year? + ALL OF COURSE DR. JANICE TRYING TO COMMIT ON CERTAIN DAYS, NOVELLO FOR OUR FORMATION FRIDAYS + OTHER DAYS
- What are your fraternity's strongest asset(s)? TOGETHER

1. PARTICIPATION IN ONGOING FORMATION GROUP SESSIONS  
2. HOSPITALITY SHARING + SPENDING TIME SOCIALIZING

- How many in person gatherings have you had this past year? 12 OFS COUNCIL + FRATERNITY MTGS
  - About how many members attend in person? TRY COUNCIL MTGS +
  - How many attend through some electronic means? 22-24 AT OFS FRATERNITY MTGS
- 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)?  
MARK BANSBACH AND RACHEL AHERN CHECK ON THE STATUS AND INFORM US OF FAMILY ST. THOMAS MODRE MEETINGS VIA EMAIL
- How often have you or your delegate attended your family gatherings this past year? + PHONE UNAVAILABLE ON THOSE DAYS - NONE ATTENDED - WE GOT THE AGENDA
- How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?  
YES, VISITS, PHONE, EMAIL
- How are you keeping in touch with your Active-Excused, Lapsed, or Temporary Withdrawn members?  
YES, VIA PHONE, EMAILS + VISITS
- When was your last profession? APRIL 21, 2024 How many were professed? TWO
- Is your Come and See brochure available in another language? NO  
Do you need the Essential Documents in another language? NO
- How many members received and read the one printed copy of the TAU-USA, the National Fraternity's newsletter? ALL EXCEPT FOR 3 CANDIDATES - CONNECTED ALL TO THE ONLINE WINTER ISSUE 2025
- How many members received and read the 3 electronic copies of the TAU-USA? FEW  
Do you provide a printed copy for those members without email? NO
- 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)? NO

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:**

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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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