



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Five Franciscan Martyrs Region

Florida, South Georgia, Lower Alabama

www.ffmr-ofs.org

March 19, 2025

Dear Fellow Franciscans and Guests,

Mark your calendars!! Our Annual Regional Fraternity Meeting this year will be **May 16-18** at the San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park, Florida (directions may be found at www.sanpedrocenter.org). This visit will be conducted by Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM Provincial Spiritual Assistant for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, and Donna Hollis, OFS, our National Area Councilor. Father Jerome will be visiting various fraternities throughout the region from May 9th through May 24th. This Chapter Meeting is in the middle of those visitations. Thank you for responding to the visit requests in your Annual Report.

Although we have been your Regional Executive Council for two years, this is our first visitation from National Executive Council. It is extremely important that the Minister, Vice-Minister or one of the elected council members attend, as well as the Spiritual Assistant...not just because it is mandated by our Rule and Constitutions, but because we are a family and we need to foster our relationship with the National Fraternity. This happens when you spent time together and share your Franciscan spirituality, visions and aspirations. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to address your needs and goals to our National Visitor and let your voices be heard.

We will also honor those celebrating their **25th** and **50th** Jubilees* as Secular Franciscans and the JPIC Award winner! Come meet and greet the Ministers and Jubilarians from your neighboring fraternities in the region. If the Minister must pass up this wonderful opportunity, then please send a delegate from the fraternity Council, normally paid for out of the fraternity common fund. *Official* delegate means: the elected vice minister or another member who was specifically selected by the fraternity Council for this purpose. **This official delegate must bring a letter stating that they were *officially* delegated by the Fraternity Council, so they may vote.**

The registration form for the annual meeting follows. It may be duplicated, for others in your fraternity. Please register and pay in full by April 25th. Please note that paid registrations canceled after May 7th are non-refundable. We'd appreciate you making your checks **payable to FFMR-OFS**.

Please refer to the end of the Annual Meeting Agenda for a list of the items you need to bring with you.

Registration and check-in will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th. Dinner will be served at San Pedro on Friday at 6:00 pm. Drinks will be provided.

The weekend begins formally with Friday Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. There will also be a presentation by Father Tim Daly, OFS Friday evening when the National Visitor is meeting with your Regional Executive Council. For those of you that have already heard Father Tim speak you will again be inspired. He is a newly professed retired priest and has so much to offer us.

The meeting will conclude with a Mass at 10 am Sunday morning with the San Pedro community

Jeane Swaynos, OFS

Jeane Swaynos, OFS, FFMR Regional Minister

*To ensure that Jubilarians receive their Certificates, Ministers must submit names ASAP to Jeane Swaynos swaynos@cfl.rr.com

Please duplicate this form as needed.

Send Registration Form and check payable to FFMR-OFS by April 25th to:

**Rachel Ahern, OFS
2006 Nugget Drive
Clearwater, Florida 33755
Phone 727-492-5666
email: nycandqingdaomom@gmail.com**

Other Items to Remember:

On Friday:

- Remember to bring a snack of your choosing to share for socials.
- Place your fraternity banner and stand in the Chapel BEFORE evening prayer 7:30 pm.
- Bring your list of deceased members from last year to Evening Prayer in the Chapel for the Commemoration of All Deceased Members.
- Items for the poor soap, socks, new underwear, toothpaste, bug spray, long sleeve shirts (small and medium), deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, belts, backpacks, rain ponchos, crocs, etc.
- List of medicines you are presently taking and any allergies you have. Leave this list in your room
- On Saturday during the Annual Regional Fraternity Business meeting:
 - Remember to bring your OFS Ritual and your Liturgy of the hours or Christian Prayer book
 - Annual Meeting Minutes will be sent in advance so bring your copy if you'd like. (They will not be available nor will they be read; just corrections, etc. taken.)
 - Bring your most Current Roster and give it to Marcia Stamboulian, Secretary. (Be sure it has the name, address, phone # and email of each member along with BIRTHDAY - AT LEAST THE YEAR OF BIRTH.)
 - If the Minister is sending a Delegate, he/she must bring letter of authorization and submit it before roll call.
- ***Emergency Cell: (727) 492-5666

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Annual Regional Fraternity Meeting *AGENDA*
May 16-18, 2025**

San Pedro Center, Winter Park, Florida

Theme: Listen, Discern, Go Forth

Please Note that All Times, Except Meals, are Subject to Change

		Building/Room
<i>Friday, May 16th</i>		
4:00 pm	Arrival and Check-In	300, Lobby
6:00 pm	Dinner at San Pedro	300, Dining
7:00-8:00pm	Opening Presentation Father Tim Daly, OFS	300, Dining
7:00-9:00pm	Regional Council Board will meet with Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM and Donna Hollis OFS	500, Building
9:30pm-?	Social immediately follows conference	300, Dining
10:00 pm	<i>Optional Night Prayer; Please use your own Breviary</i>	Chapel
<i>Saturday, May 17th</i>		
7:30 am	Morning Prayer – Kelly Otero	Chapel
8:00 am	Breakfast	300, Dining
9:00-10:30am	Annual Regional Fraternity Business Meeting	300, Conference
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open with Prayer from the Ritual – Jeane Swaynos • Roll Call to establish quorum – Marcia Stambouliau – Hand in Delegate Letter • Father Tobias – Opening Formation Prayer • Welcome/Overview of Weekend – Jeane Swaynos • Approval of Minutes (They will NOT be read, only corrections, etc. taken) • Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Budget – Karen Rooney 	
10:30-11:00am	Introduction of Father Jerome OFM and Donna Hollis OFS	
11:15-12:15pm	Mass - Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM	
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch and Break	300, Dining
1:15-4:00pm	Visitation Donna and Father Jerome	
4:30 - 6:00	Family Meeting	Locations TBA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Larry Bleau, Kelly Otero • St. Margaret of Cortona – Jeane Swaynos • St. Thomas More – Rachel Ahern, Janice Novello • Spiritual Assistant Meeting – Mark Banschbach, Willie Guadelupe, Fr. Tobias 	
6:00 pm	Dinner – Blessing by Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM	300, Dining
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer – Larry Bleau	300, Conference
7:15 pm	Regional JPIC Award – Janice Novello	300, Conference
7:30-8:30pm	Rite of Remembrance – Marcia Stambouliau	300, Conference
Making packages for the homeless. These will be given to shelter in the local area. Social to follow.		
10:00 pm	<i>Optional Night Prayer; Please use your own Breviary</i>	Chapel

Sunday, May 18th

7:00 am	Morning Prayer – Mark Banschbach	Chapel
8:00 am	Breakfast	300, Dining
8:30-9:30am	Final Remarks Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM and Donna Hollis, OFS	300, Conference
10:00 am	Mass Celebrated with the local San Pedro Community	Chapel
11:30-1:00pm	Regional Meeting – closing meeting	Library

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The Five Franciscan Martyrs of La Florida: Servants of God, † 1597

*Bro. Antonio de Badajoz, OFM,
Fr. Miguel de Auñón, OFM,
Fr. Pedro de Corpa, OFM,
Fr. Blas Rodríguez, OFM,
Fr. Francisco de Beráscola, OFM*

The following short prayer is recommended for invoking the intercession of the Five Franciscan Martyrs.

O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Fray Pedro de Corpa and his four Companion friars, Blas, Miguel, Antonio, and Francisco, who labored for the spiritual well-being of the Natives of Georgia and gave their lives in witness to the Christian faith. Through their merits and intercession graciously grant the favor I humbly ask of You, so that, for the glory of Your Name, their heroic sacrifice may be officially recognized by the Church. Amen.

(Permissu Ordinarii Dioec. Savannensis)