

2022 OFS-USA Quinquennial Rooming Options

Please read this over, and if you have further questions, let us know. *Please allow 4-5 days for us to get back to you due to the many inquiries we are receiving.*

FIRST,

- If you have booked a room by yourself, consider "the Franciscan approach" and double up with a roommate. Your new roommate could become a new friend!
- To arrange a roommate you could contact your Region for a list of those in your area who are attending the Q.
- Send an email to ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com and if we hear of someone looking for a roommate, with your permission we will share your name and email address.
- If you need to cancel a room at the Sheraton, please contact the Q Committee -- not the Sheraton.

Here are all the options available at this time.

1 - Reach out to your local or regional fraternity and find out if someone who already holds a reservation at the Sheraton would like to have a roommate to share the room and the cost of the room.

2 - Consider staying at the Franciscan Renewal Center (the "Casa") in Scottsdale. It is a 20-30 minute drive to the Sheraton. We have reserved rooms there for you. See details below.

3 - Research other hotels or Airbnb rentals downtown. See lists and websites below.

4 - Consider staying at the Mount Claret Retreat Center <https://mtclaret.org/> in Phoenix. See details below.

5 - Consider accepting the generous invitation to stay in the home of a local Franciscan brother or sister who plans on commuting during the Q. If interested, please send an email to: ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com for details.

Although unlikely, there is also the possibility that additional rooms may become available if someone cancels. In this case, we would contact you and let you know.

Here are some details on the above options:

The Franciscan Renewal Center (the "Casa") <https://www.thecasa.org> "Casa"

We have booked 40 rooms at "The Franciscan Renewal Center" in Scottsdale, Arizona. This wonderful retreat center (affectionally known as "the Casa") is truly a wonderful place (*see photos on the last page of this flyer.*) Many members of the National Fraternity have stayed here, and we have used it for many events. It is very comfortable, and very beautiful.

We have designated a member of our Order to be the "Casa Coordinator." The Casa Coordinator will be staying at the Casa, not the Sheraton. He will be there on site to greet you, assist you, and make sure that you have a wonderful experience at the Casa.

How would it work for you to get to the Sheraton each day? If you are driving to Phoenix, you would drive directly to the Casa, and check in there, and then drive back and forth to the Sheraton (about a 20–30-minute drive.) If you are flying to Phoenix, you would need to use a taxi, Uber or Lyft *to get to the Casa* – but we hope to arrange carpools for the daily commute to the Sheraton.

I am sure you have many other questions. We will help you. Let me just say first that we truly believe that staying at the Casa will be a very good experience, in spite of the little inconvenience of not being able to stay at the Sheraton.

If you are interested in more information about the Casa, please send an email to:

ofsusa.qcongress@gmail.com

Please include your phone number. The Casa Coordinator will contact you.

Please DO NOT contact the Casa directly. They do not have the staff to handle the phone calls.

Reservations must be made through our OFS Casa Coordinator.

Hotels or Air BNB near the Sheraton

Here is a list of some of the hotels that are in the downtown area. We list these names as possibilities and do not guarantee there are rooms available. We are unaware of the price of rooms. (Remember -- if you could share a room, the cost is cut in half.) You will need to contact one of these hotels directly. If you are flying to Phoenix, we can provide ground transportation from the airport to the Sheraton – but you would be responsible for transportation from the Sheraton to the place where you are staying.

There are MANY hotels in the Phoenix area – some are less costly than others. Following we have listed the name and phone number of a few, as well as the distance from the Sheraton:

Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix Downtown – distance to Sheraton - .2 mile or 5 minutes walking
77 E Polk St, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Phone: (602) 710-1240

Weston Phoenix Downtown – distance to Sheraton - .2 mile or 4 minutes walking
333 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Phone: (602) 429-3500

Hyatt Regency Phoenix – distance to Sheraton - .2 mile or 4 minutes walking
122 N 2nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004
Phone: (833) 456-0772

Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Downtown -distance to Sheraton .3 mile or 6 minutes walking
15 East Monroe, Phoenix AZ 85004
Phone: (602) 343-0006

Hyatt Place Phoenix/Downtown – distance to Sheraton .5 mile or 11 minutes walking
150 W Adams St, Phoenix, AZ 85003
Phone: (602) 388-4888

You may want to consider an Airbnb, or a hotel other than the ones listed above.

Here are some websites to check:

<https://www.airbnb.com/downtown-phoenix-az/stays>

<https://www.hotels.com>

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NOTE -- *If booking on one of these sites and you do not have a vehicle, make sure how far the room is from the Sheraton Downtown.*

Again, you would be responsible for booking your room, and for your own transportation.

If you are flying into Phoenix, we can provide ground transportation from the airport to the Sheraton – but you would be responsible for transportation from the Sheraton to the place where you are staying.

Mount Claret Retreat Center <https://mtclaret.org/> in Phoenix

4633 N. 54th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Phone: (602) 840-5066

Mount Claret Retreat Center is another lovely retreat center and is 10 minutes from the Casa and 20-30 minutes from the Sheraton.

As of March 10, 2022 the following rooms were available.

1 Casita (2 bedrooms 1 Queen/2 Twins) @ \$106.00/night

2 Rooms with 1 Queen bed @ \$56/night per room

3 Rooms with 2 Twins beds @ \$56/night per room

You would be responsible for booking your own room and providing your own transportation from the airport to Mount Claret and also to the Sheraton each day. Car pooling may be an option.

Franciscan Renewal Center "The Casa"

