

TRANSFER TO ANOTHER FRATERNITY

1. Before leaving a Fraternity to join another of the same or another obedience, a transfer should be requested.
2. Article 55 of the SFO General Constitutions, provides for the transfer of a Secular Franciscan to another Fraternity as follows: "If a Brother or Sister, for any reasonable cause, desires to transfer to another Fraternity, he or she first informs the Council of the Fraternity to which he or she belongs and then makes the request, including the reasons for the transfer, to the Minister of the Fraternity to which he or she wishes to belong. The Council makes its decision after having received the necessary information in writing from the Fraternity of origin."
3. Some "reasonable causes" to transfer to another Fraternity would be: when a person moves to another area; when it is impossible to attend meetings because of the day or the time of the meetings, etc.
4. Procedure for transferring to another Fraternity:
 - (a) The fraternity member who desires to transfer to another Fraternity must first inform in writing the Council of the Fraternity to which he or she belongs of the desire to transfer to another Fraternity.
 - (b) The fraternity member who desires to transfer to another Fraternity, then makes the request to transfer, including the reasons for the transfer, in writing, to the Minister of the Fraternity to which he or she wishes to belong.
 - (c) In the member's written request for a transfer to another Fraternity, the member seeking the transfer should indicate the name and the address of the new Fraternity to which that member seeks to transfer, including, if possible, the name and address of that Fraternity's Minister.
 - (d) The transferring Fraternity obtains and completes the necessary forms, copies of which are attached hereto, and forwards them to the Fraternity to which the member desires to transfer.
 - (e) The Council of the Fraternity to which the member desires to transfer makes its decision after having received the necessary information in writing from the Fraternity of origin.