

Let us serve like Jesus - Let us Journey together

**Local Councilor(s) at Large**

**OFS General Constitutions Article 50** **(Whole Council)**

1. It is the duty of the Council of the local Fraternity: - to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining them in their witness and commitment in the world; - to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the Fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.

2. The duties of the Council are also:

a) to decide on the acceptance and admission to Profession of new brothers and sisters33;

b) to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt subsequent measures;

c) to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the Fraternity;

d) to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the Statutes;

e) to decide on the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and economic affairs of the Fraternity;

f) to assign duties to the Councillors and to the other professed members;

g) to request from the competent Superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as Assistants;

h) to perform such other duties as are required by these Constitutions or which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.

One or Two Councilor(s)-at-Large, are elected and voting members of the Council and shall carry out the duties of their office as determined by the provisions in the General Constitutions. In addition, the Councilors at Large will:

1. Bring issues, questions, and/or concerns from the local fraternity members to the attention of the Minister and the other members of the Fraternity Council.
2. If needed, fill the vacancy and assume the duties of the Council member who is no longer able to serve within their Fraternity Council.
3. Perform such other duties that the Minister may designate in support of our local fraternities.